

East Central Region Governance Meeting

July 9, 2014

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Minutes

Location: Map Room – Platte Co. Courthouse (basement), 2610 14th Street, Columbus, NE

Chair: Bob Carey, *Polk County Sheriffs Office*

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Law** – The Open Meetings Law was reviewed and a copy is present at this meeting site.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present**
 - a. **Present:** Platte, Howard, Region 44, Butler, Polk
 - b. **Not Present:** Saunders, Dodge, Colfax,
- iii. **Approve June 2014 Governance Board Minutes** - Howard County makes a motion to approve the June Governing Minutes, Butler County seconds the motion; Motion Passes.
- iv. **Public Health Report** -
 - a. Laura reports that West Nile has been more apparent this year particularly in western areas of the state; they are also watching a Shigella outbreak in Lancaster County and in Grand Island.
 - b. Laura attended a web based dispensing course regarding mass dispensing – Dispense-Assist that will have implications on the emergency plans in the future. This format allows people to list their medications online so that they will be available in an emergency.
 - c. Sachin Bagade – There has been an outbreak of airborne infection in 2 long term care facilities. State, CDC and EIS (Epidemiological Intelligence System) are investigating.
 - d. Susan Epps of the Red Cross introduces new personnel – Ken Montgomery. Ken will be in Columbus, Grand Island and other points as necessary as part of Territory 2. Susan will send out the new number for call in for the new answering service for NE Southwest area. The former number was not viable and the call service was discontinued.
 - e. Long-term recovery in Seward is in process and the Pilger long-term recovery will begin this week.
- v. **Review of response to Northeast Tornado** – There will be an additional meeting of the Regional Incident Support Team this afternoon.
 - a. Volunteer agencies and other volunteers came in large numbers, and it is thought that media coverage contributed to this. VOAD did coordination of the agencies and there were not invitations sent out, however many did respond. Samaritans Purse, Tool Bank, All Hands, Team Rubicon, Tyson Foods, Midwest BBQ, Kellogg's, Billy Graham, Team Home Depot, were a few that were there. This was a well coordinated event after the first couple of days. The in-kind donations were phenomenal and warehouse was full and this created a problem dealing with all of the donations of clothes and other items.

- b. The monetary donations process was discussed as needing a plan for future to get a system set up for long term recovery. Lessons learned in previous incidents have illuminated the problem of dispersing funds in an unequitable manner. VOAD wants to make a plan moving forward to manage this. The Long Term Recovery Committee is having difficulty meeting the needs without access to funds.
 - c. For the June 16 & 17 tornados there is a coordinated effort that is being planned.
- vi. **Regional Incident Support Team** – The meeting set for this afternoon. Tim has put together a list of tasks for this group.
- vii. **2014 HSG Work plan status.**
 - a. Tim is in process for the plan. He will send the work plan out to the counties as soon as possible for review and revisions.
- viii. **Regional Projects**
 - a. **NRIN**
 - i. **NRIN Contractor update** – Tim has been meeting with Sue Krogman, the OCIO and with contractors that have been hired to finish the EC Region and the rest of the state. A RFP is going out to finish up the rest of the state. Capitol Towers and Platte Valley out of Kearney are ready to sign contract.
 - 1. Polk County is a priority - there is a plan in place as they are in great need.
 - 2. Linkages need to be sorted out but all in moving ahead.
 - ii. Tower lease/agreements
 - 1. Wahoo water tower agreement is in process and Sanders County is covering the insurance and there will not be any other costs.
 - iii. Each county is asked to budget for NERMA @ \$100. 00 annually for insurance for the System Build Out.
 - iv. OCIO is more involved in the NRIN project; NPPD is back on board since the CSI contract has been terminated. Seward County is still not fully on board.
 - b. **EC-911** – Todd has been handling this project and has been on the conference calls. Polk County
- ix. **Regional Planning/Training**
 - a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report** –
 - i. No report at this time except that the committee is working on trainings.
 - b. **Family Assistance Plan – Develop subcommittee**
 - i. Michelle has sent out the Family Assistance Plan. This was discussed at the previous meeting. This may fall under the Incident Support Team, and it will remain on the agenda. Susan Epps, Laura and Tim have interest in proceeding with this.
 - ii. Howard County is working on a plan for Storm Spotters. At the point in time thunder is heard – lightening can strike. It is preferable that folks take shelter.
 - iii. Platte County sends our warnings if they are within a polygon. They activate the warning and begin sirens.
 - iv. Howard County is working on a process for warning the road crews when storms.
 - v. Polk County is educating the public that the sirens are not for tornados only rather they are for all outdoor warnings.
 - c. **Regional/Local Exercises** - None
 - d. **Regional/Local Training** - None
- x. **Update on NEMA and NPSCC Meetings**
 - a. **NPSCC** – This meeting covered the SRS enhancements.
 - b. **NEMA Update** – Brian Tuma is the new acting director. There is discussion on all of the communication processes taking place in the state ie Paraclete, NRIN, SRS, First Net etc.

- c. The Nebraska School Safety & Security Conference will be held August 7 & 8 in Broken Bow. There is no Registration fee. The Disaster exercise will be held July 24, and the Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Conference will be held on July 25.
- d. NRIN will have a meeting on July 24th at the PPC.
- e. Training to help sponsor Logistics Section Chief and Planning Section Chief trainings are being coordinated between EC PET and SCPETR.
- f. Region 44 brings up the training calendar and the training that is planned in the future in order to coordinate training.

xi. Public Comment - None

xii. Upcoming meetings

- a. East Central Governance - August 7, 2014
Susan Epps discussed a training August 15-16, 2014. She will send the brochure to Tim for distribution.
Handling spontaneous volunteers is another area that needs to be addressed and was discussed as a potential planning
Volunteer Partners were deployed to Pilger and provided some coordination. They are willing to reach out to other counties as necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.