

East Central Region Governance Meeting

March 5, 2015

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. **The Meeting** was called to order at 10:00 AM by Secretary Tim Hofbauer at 10:00 AM. There is currently not a Quorum. Items will be in discussion mode only.
- ii. **Review of the Open Meeting Law** – the Open Meetings Law is posted in the meeting room.
- iii. **Roll Call of Counties Present: Platte, Howard, Butler (Scott Steager– ssteager@butlercountyne.net); Colfax; Boone**
 - a. **Guests:** Laura – Two Rivers Health Department and Sashin – East Central Health Department.
- iv. **Approve February Governance Board Meeting Minutes – No Quorum**
- v. **Public Health Report**
 - a. Press Release – monitoring for Ebola; possible exposure was due to travel to West Africa. A tracking process and plan was put in place for this low risk individual.
 - b. Five exercises for the MRS are scheduled
 - i. Hospital – Medical Response table top exercise on March 12, 2015 for a tornado to exercise community preparedness.
 - ii. Boone and Butler (Annie Jeffery hospital) Counties are hosting the exercises.
 - c. Sashin reported on measles and he distributed posters for measles prevention. Thus far there are no East Central Region cases.
 - d. Sashin also reports that the flu is now diminishing even though precautions are still being promoted.
 - e. The new Health Department building is now in operation.

Laura will check to see what funding is available for EBOLA training through the funding mechanisms.
- vi. **Red Cross Report – Red Cross Report** – Susan Epps sent a report on the updated information from Red Cross to members of the Board.
- vii. **2015 HSG Grant Priorities**
 - a. The Board discussed funding priorities at the last meeting to put together the work plan in preparation for the Investment Justification meeting that will be held late April//early May. Since this year is competitive, the projects need to be in place so that they fit within the state priorities. (See Attachment).
 - i. Paraclete was one of the priorities discussed following a discussion with Alisia (NEMA).
 - ii. Funding for training of Interoperable Communications (10K for a Howard County box set up). The tower selected is in the process of approval and it has some mediation to be done and it will pass the approval process.
 - iii. Sustainability funds for rent and upgrades are also priorities.

- iv. Accountability will also be a priority for badging. Tim remarks that he may be able to reimburse counties for badging costs that has already been expended.
- v. Training for Dragon Fly – an IAP program – and community partners may need to be involved in this training. It has a command Structure and prints out a plan in an event. The previously purchased software will be updated through this project.
- vi. Continued development of the Incident Support Team
- vii. The Hazmat team is requesting training on a piece of equipment (\$6500)
- viii. CERT teams in some counties is also requested.

- b. **LETTP** - Bob Sheppard will compile the information from the county law enforcement to get a plan put together for those funds.
 - i. Air cards will be put into the budget for consideration (\$2,000 monthly) plus training as appropriate.
 - ii. NEMA was not open to continuing to fund projects such as the Night Vision Goggles. In response to this, Tim contacted Brian Tuma regarding the use of funding the Fusion Center regarding the benefits of NIAC and local representation on the HS Policy Group. The outcome of this discussion was positive.
 - iii. Sheriff Sheppard discusses the need for a list of all law enforcement agencies and personnel employed that need night vision goggles and he would like to put in a request that justifies this with data. If numbers justify the need for equipment and are in the AEL this should be allowed.
 - iv. Bob Sheppard thinks that recertification for the trained instructors for Active Shooter is due and he will discuss this with the training agency. Butler County schools want to host an Active Shooter training in the schools through the school. Bob offers the developed exercise information of Scott which will need to be revised.
 - v. Public Health discussed a possible state plan for Ebola transportation project, quarantine and isolation training - supplies, public messages, etc. are possibilities.
 - vi. Colfax County discussed additional funding for thermal imaging in combination with the goggles.
 - vii. The wire cameras that are able to slip under doors are somewhat inexpensive.

viii. **Regional Communications Projects**

a. **NRIN**

i. **NRIN Install update**

- 1. Most of the southern half of EC region has been completed. Testing and tuning for transmission rates for EC 911 is complete, and Tim has sent the necessary reports to the venders. There was a problem with the Colfax county elevator– the breaker is not functioning and is in the process of being repaired. The crew working on the elevator keeps blowing it out and it is impacting the NRIN system. A new battery was installed.
- 2. Grand Island to Lincoln connection is complete

ii. **Tower lease/agreements** - none

iii. **Boone County tower and building** – the building has been purchased and awaiting the tower equipment.

iv. **Mutual Aid Base Stations** – supposed to be hooking Butler County to the base station. Tim will contact the radio service for additional information.

v. **Paraclete** – no new information.

b. **EC-911**

i. **Update on EC-911 telephone install – Call Works was out to install the equipment,**

ix. **Regional Planning/Training**

a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report –**

- i. Michelle of Colfax sent off a request for the railroad training. Response time has been slow to get this project off of the ground.
- ii. Scott will be brought up to speed on the projects.

b. **Regional/Local Exercises –**

- i. Howard County on April 18 is doing a Tornado Drill

- ii. ROMMERS – 72nd Support Team is coming out to do a Hazmat - Hospital exercise in conjunction with Norfolk.
- c. **Regional/Local Training**

- x. **Update on NEMA Meetings**
 - a. **NEMA Update** – We are waiting on the schedule for the IJ to be scheduled as well as funding priorities to be set by the Senior Advisory Committee.
 - b. Congressional issues for Homeland Security have been resolved until September.
 - c. Tim contacted Brian Tuma regarding the Fusion Center regarding the benefits of NIAC and local representation on the HS Policy Group.

- xi. **Public Comment** – no public comment.

- xii. **Upcoming meetings**
 - a. **East Central Governance - April 9, 2015 will be held at the East Central Health Department.**
 - b. **NAEM Conference April 1-3**

Meeting Adjourned – 11:07 AM