

East Central Region Governance Meeting

August 10, 2015

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

MINUTES

Location: Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14th Street, Columbus Nebraska

Chair: Bob Carey, Polk County Sheriffs Office

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, Saunders County

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, Platte County

- i. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM by Chairperson Bob Carey
- ii. **Review of the Open Meeting Law** – the Open Meetings Law document was present in the meeting room.
- iii. **Roll Call of Counties**
 - a. **Present:** Platte, Polk, Howard, Region 44, Colfax, Dodge, Butler, Saunders
 - b. **Visitors Present** – Laura McDougall, Four Corners Health Department; Sashin Bagade, East Central Health Department Susan Epps, American Red Cross; Kate Speck, UN-PPC
- iv. **Approve July Governance Board Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Howard County and seconded by Colfax County. Motion passes.
- v. **Public Health Report**
 - a. Laura reports that they are waiting for West Nile Virus - human cases; As of July 1, 2015 Ebola grant money was received and a plan will be initiated; An exercise for long term care and assisted living facilities will be held on Thursday, September 10, 9:00 AM at the Civic Center in Seward. Laura invites observers and others who have facilities. They will exercise CMS requirements that need to be met by 2016 to assist and demonstrate their plan that is inclusive of the community. Laura also reports that Whooping Cough is currently present.
 - b. Sashin reports that there has been 1 human WNV case in Platte County.
- vi. **Red Cross Report** – Susan Epps reports on VOAD – 2 long term recovery teams are working - one in Pilger and one in Dewitt for the spring storms; Nebraska VOAD will be focusing on MARC – Multi Agency Recovery Center (usually 72-96 hours following an event) trainings will be held throughout the state. This is a model to get recovery off on the right start.
- vii. **Report on grant and demo of Polycom equipment**
 - a. Terry reports that there is a conflict and the presentation will be requested for next month's meeting.
- viii. **2015 Citizen Corp Grant Request**
 - a. Region 44 reports that some changes have been made on the advice of Ryan Lowery for Boone Merrick, Nance and Butler counties for the CERT. The application is being completed by Tom who will also submit the application. Ryan suggested a phased approach. CERT guides are available from Citizen Corp and this was removed from the budget. This proposal is in addition to the funds that are in the SHGP.
 - b. Other counties who may want to implement CERT can access Tom or Terry who are both instructors.
 - c. East Central Volunteer Database – Laura has budgeted for this project, however would like to
 - i. Tom asks where this funding of \$2500 should be allocated – program planning or equipment. Laura stated that it costs \$6600 annually to maintain this list for 4 counties. The Investment Justification was written to enhance the database, and

Region 44 is not currently included on the list. Four Corners and other public health departments handle their databases differently. This funding is intended for Polk and Butler counties. This list originally was put together to share volunteers rather than compete for the same people.

- ii. Public Health has managed this database for 10 years and it is shared with Emergency Manager's. Behavioral Health volunteers are also included in this database. The funding comes from the state preparedness grant which does not cover the entire cost. In the last year it was transferred to a web based format. Laura will attend a meeting on this project in Lincoln Wednesday August 12, 2015 at Region 5 Systems.
 - iii. The funds may be able to be used in all Region counties after negotiation, and discussions need to be initiated. It currently takes over 20K in the southeast health region and they are only funded for about one third of this.
 - iv. The emphasis for this group has to do with sharing volunteers for different events. The database contains volunteers to be called out for events. First responders are also included if they have registered CDL licenses and IT capabilities are included. This product is a collaborative effort between behavioral health and health department to leverage resources. Some health departments chose not to take part such as Three Rivers. Public Health Solutions chose to use the Medical Reserve Corps, which has since collapsed. Since funding has diminished, the functions of the database have also been reduced.
 - v. MOTION for Tom to proceed with the 2015 Citizen Corps grant request for funding the database for was made by Platte County and seconded by Colfax County. Motion passes. Next year other counties will be looked at for additional inclusion.
- ix. **2015 HSG Grant Work Plan - the work plan was submitted**
- a. **LETTP** – Funds will be MOUed back to NEMA for the Fusion Center. Fusion Center is willing to come present to the PET group and area law enforcement. There is a FLO training August 11 & 12, 2015, and Emergency Managers were invited to attend. It was suggested that all EM's invite their law enforcement to the next meeting to participate in a presentation.
 - b. **SHSGP** – The workplan has been submitted.
- x. **Regional Communications Projects**
- a. **NRIN**
 - i. **NRIN Install update** – everything up and running in the Giltner tower and the north part of the south region to complete a redundant ring between Lincoln and Grand Island. There are some "drop offs" due to severe weather. Modifications for weather events are being made. Installation from the Southern part of the region. They are waiting on the Boone County Tower to be complete. The ring to the north and south sides will complete the rings for East Central.
 - ii. Funding will be handled through an NRIN Governance Board for management and maintaining the network. The plan is to have representation on the Board for decisions on funding and operation. If all 93 counties participate or if the PSAPS are designated, this will spread out the funding responsibilities. Public Service Commission funds may also be able to be utilized. Each County is asked to have County Boards sign the interlocal agreement. The plan is to use HS funds for NRIN as long as it is available. East Central is critical to have this now for EC911 to function.
 - iii. **Saunders SBA Tower purchase** – Terry is working on the purchase agreements and the land agreement is going to be executed. Agreements will be made for cost sharing. Dodge County is going to be an end point. Tri County has their own system and they do not want to do cost sharing.
 - iv. **Tower lease/agreements – none at this time.**
 - v. **Boone County tower and building update** – Tom reports that by August 31st the tower will be in place. There is monthly rate in the Work Plan up to \$4800 annually and to purchase the generator. Colfax questions the inclusion of the monthly rate in plan as to a previous vote that included the monthly fee for the Boone County tower. The Work Plan was sent to all Board members and there were no objections. It was suggested that voting on the approval of the plan would handle the necessary

approvals for this project. Region 44 makes a Motion to approve the Work Plan and Dodge seconds. Motion Passes.

vi. Mutual Aid Base Station install update – None

b. EC-911

i. Update on EC-911 telephone install

1. Separate line for phone calls now that the installation is done is causing problems for the 911 Center. The computer generated workstation now has a separate phone that is an extra step that causes them to step away from their workstation. This may depend the type of phone system in the PSAP.

xi. Regional Planning/Training

- a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report** – committee meeting is today after the PET meeting. The workplan is complete.
 - i. **2015 HSG Training Plan**
 - ii. **Regional Accountability Training -**
- b. **Regional/Local Exercises** – Laura has sent out invitations for the long term and assisted living exercise.
- c. **Regional/Local Training - NA**

xii. Update on NEMA Meetings

- a. **NEMA Update**
 - i. THIRA/SPR/TEPW Meeting to be held on October 21-22, 2015
 - ii. Nikki Weber is now a Section Chief
 - iii. Regional THIRA needs to be done inclusive of the 31 core capabilities.

xiii. Public Comment - None

xiv. Upcoming meetings

- a. East Central Governance – Sep 14th 1:30 PM