

East Central Region Governance Meeting

October 19th, 2015

1:30pm to 3:00 PM

MINUTES

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

Chair: Bob Carey, *Polk County*

Co-Chair: Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

Secretary/Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Law – the Open meetings Law was in the meeting room for reference**
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present –** Butler, Colfax, Howard, Region 44 (Boone, Merrick, Nance) Platte.
 - a. **Not Present:** Dodge. Polk
 - b. **Guests:** Sachin Bagade, EC Health Department; Kate Speck, UN PPC
- iii. **Approve September Governance Board Meeting Minutes –** Colfax County motions to accept the September Governing Board Minutes and Butler County Seconds. Motion carries.
- iv. **Update and Presentation on Salamander Products including the Track App.**
 - a. The App is being distributed – there are 10 apps available and Tim asks for consideration to provide one for the HAZMAT team. Tom does want all 3 for Region 44, so there is not an extra one available.
 - b. Natalie Glenn provided information on the Salamander Database ID system. Apps for everyone were reviewed and demonstration included how to use the apps and the management system. Logging in has been somewhat difficult for Colfax County and this was resolved. There is a video on You Tube that will assist in the operations process in the future. Natalie will check Permissions for using the application and it can and it can be operated from computers, tablets, and phones.
 - c. There is a new rule regarding badging for medical personnel to have their position (LPN, RN) larger on the name tags. Salamander is working on this and currently there are “badge buddies” a device that will add this required information that will suffice at this time. There are several operations issues such as printing and rebuilding the templates that Natalie will resolve ASAP.
 - d. Tim asks about training for the group i.e. 2 day training with another region. The cost of Blue Cell for this training is @\$1995.00 daily. Discussions included paring up with another PET Region and inviting the NRAT team.
- v. **Public Health Report -** Sachin discussed 3 West Nile Virus cases in 3 counties; 5 cases of rabies; 2 exposures to bats, 1 case of chicken pox and one case of pertussis.
- vi. **Red Cross Report -** None
- vii. **Report on grant for Polycom equipment -** None
- viii. **2014/ 2015 HSG Grant Status -**
 - a. Not many changes and the award notice is signed so spending can begin any time.
- ix. **Mutual Aid Base Stations –**
 - a. Tim talked to Mike Jefferies regarding the base stations. Some regions more proactive than others such as East Central; as are Southwest and South Central; Ogallala is also

active. The thought behind the Base Stations is that they could monitor calls and in the case of someone passing through similar to the 39-9 system.

- b. NCOR was active in the support of MABS and NIPSE is not at this time. Tim would like to see East Central continue to use this for continuation of the call channels and be able to switch to other frequencies such as UTAC and VTAC. If an incident occurs in a community, communications would be able to be supported. There are some gaps in the installation of the base stations for all counties. Mike Jeffries will do a coverage map so the location of the MABS equipment can be installed.
- c. Thought behind the MABS since 39-9 is nonexistent– was statewide frequency – so mutual Aid Base Stations will take the place on this. This is not being pursued as much as before, however the value of the MABS’s is continuation of the communications. NRIN needs to be installed for this to be usable.

x. Regional Communications Projects

a. NRIN

i. NRIN Install update

- 1. Tim distributed the most recent NRIN maps. The system is now live in the link from York to Osceola giving David City, Wahoo and Osceola redundancy on their 911 system. This one is being shared with NPPD. The southern half of the ring into Merrick, Columbus, Fullerton. Cornerstone has been putting many resources to get the southern part of the area complete and they are trying to get as much done before weather interferes with installation.
- 2. Another 4 – 6 foot dish to the water tower to get to Colfax (16 miles) is going to be necessary. Butler asks regarding next steps and because the MOU is in place all that is necessary is a verbal permission from the county to proceed. Butler County will be responsible for the cost of the dish in the future.
- 3. Sue Krogman wants a \$5K payment for this ring to complete the Fullerton ring from the Region. Colfax asks regarding the original agreement that funds were already allocated for this part of the project. Tim discussed the changes in the project that will save considerable rental funds (\$600.00 monthly).

ii. NRIN Governance Interlocal Agreement

- 1. The current committee is aiming to have the Board in place by Jan 1, 2016 and nominations are due by Dec. 1 2015. The model for sustainability is not yet decided and the NRIN Board will make the decision for the sustainability. Costs will be distributed throughout the state.
- 2. Colfax County made a motion to spend \$5000.00 to put a connecting dish between Colfax and Butler Counties if David City approves putting the equipment on the water tower, to complete a ring for Colfax County on the NRIN project. The Motion was Seconded by Butler County. Motion carries. Region 44 abstained.
- 3. Colfax County suggested we need to change bylaws with an addition for counties that do not make a certain number of meetings by removing voting rights. After much discussion it was decided to not make additions or changes to the bylaws at this time

iii. Tower lease/agreements – none at this time

iv. Boone County tower and building update

- 1. The tower is built.

b. EC-911

i. Update on EC-911 telephone operation – none at this time.

- xi. **Regional Planning/Training**
 - a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report** - Michelle Evert stated after the approval of the grant, Blue Cell will be contacted to schedule classes for Advanced Professional series classes.
 - b. **Regional/Local Exercises** -
 - c. **Regional/Local Training**
 - i. Sachin is interested in a 300/400 class in Columbus, and he is willing to donate the use of the health department as a venue,
 - ii. Tim would like to see classes on accountability using the salamander system, as well as policy and procedures.

- xii. **Update on NEMA Meetings**
 - a. **NEMA Update** – Kate reported on the THRIA – SPR – TEPW meeting to be held October 20-21, 2015.

- xiii. **Public Comment** - None

- xiv. **Upcoming meetings**
 - a. **East Central Governance – November 9, 2015**
 - b. **THIRA/EPW – October 20-21, 2015**
 - c. **Long Term Recovery Meeting November 10, 2015**