

# East Central Region Governance Meeting

March 14, 2018

1:00pm to 3:00 PM

## MINUTES

**Location:** Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus Nebraska

**Chair:** Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

**Co-Chair:** Michelle Evert, *Colfax County*

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Review of the Open Meeting Laws** - The Open Meetings Law was present for reference.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present:** Platte, Saunders, Region 44, Colfax, Howard
  - a. **Not Present:** Polk, Butler, Dodge
- iii. **Approve February Governance Board Meeting Minutes (Action)** The Minutes of the February Governance Board meeting were unanimously approved: Colfax made the Motion to accept; Region 44 Seconded the Motion.
- iv. **Public Health Report**
  - a. Rob Hotovy discussed the tabletop exercise that is being developed by the ROMRES regional partners. They will be held in Boone and Platte County - Columbus - April 18, 2018; several hospitals and long term care facilities that have closed pods are being invited to meet the CMS requirements.
  - b. The planning has begun and there will be a full scale exercise similar to this in 2019.
  - c. Chris Lawrence reported on the Health Care Coalition exercise they are planning for hospitals and long term care facilities in Butler County; The Volunteer Reception Center Plan that was completed was approved and she offers others to use the plan; the Vulnerable Population report from the state was released and will be distributed to emergency managers. The populations were prioritized for those in most need for at-risk populations especially those dependent on electricity.
- v. **EC-911**
  - a. **911 Center Backup options**
    - i. Tim reported that Grand Island and Howard County intends to join the EC-911 system. Michelle W. will need to discuss this with the Dispatch Center.
  - b. **Hall, Merrick, Howard County**
    - i. These counties will be coming into the EC-911 System soon as well and the switches will need to be moved. The Backup Centers are discussing how they can work together.
- vi. **Current HSG Grant Progress**
  - a. **LETTP project status**
    - i. Letters were sent out on the projects. Michelle Evert asked about the Triage Kits Bob Shepard was to distribute. Tim will follow up on this.
  - b. **Disaster Supplies**
    - i. The Health Care Coalition is making plans for Nebraska's inclusion in the disaster supply chain. Saunders County has hospital supplies that are going to need to be stored and options
  - c. **CPP Funds**
    - i. Tom discussed expenditures for the Citizen Corp. Terry will not need any additional first aid supplies.
  - d. **2015 Funding** - Tim is working on spending the 2015 grant funds for projects that include - extra air conditioner unit parts, and upgrades to 12 batteries at \$200.00 per unit; Sites will be visited for battery installation as well as firmware updates. Each location will have a record of the service calls. Spare parts will be stored in Grand Island for the South Central area. A flowchart is being developed to assist in resolving problems that come up.

- e. There is \$63, 000 of 2016 funds available for projects.
- vii. 2018 HSG Grant Investment Justification**
- a. **Update/Discussion**
  - b. **LETTP project**
    - i. The Narcan project submitted for the Investment Justification was not recommended for funding. Narcan does have an expiration date of 2 years. Fentanyl has been researched and it is a definite threat that can be used to harm in several ways and it does need specific protective equipment and specialized handling. The group discussed methods for addressing this threat in the next funding year to protect officers.
- viii. Regional Communications Projects**
- a. **NRIN**
    - i. **NRIN Build Out**
      - 1. Preliminary plans are to have backup to NRIN for the 911. Each dispatch center would have a black box containing a cellular modem that goes to Verizon, and at each switch station. Wahoo would have a larger box with a cellular modem. This is a "fix" for the non-redundant connection between the hop between the dispatch center and the final ring. The large switches are \$3000.00 per and the smaller ones are \$800.00. Each County dispatch center will need to purchase the smaller boxes.
    - ii. **NRIN Governance update**
      - 1. The group is working on cost effective sustainability plans. There is a meeting with NPPD and Saragon to discuss the longevity of equipment. The plan will include this information to address sustaining the equipment.
      - 2. Terry will need to submit the Boards approval of Tim as the NRIN nominee.
- ix. Regional Planning/Training**
- a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report**
    - i. The funding requested through the IJ's was not fully funded based on the SME voting.
    - ii. NEMA is requiring their personnel be used if they offer classes rather than going outside of the state resources. Michelle Evert has contacted Dave Reisen and Roger Conrad to work through scheduling issues.
  - b. **Regional/Local Exercises**
    - i. Storm Spotter training will be held in Colfax County this evening and next week in Howard County.
    - ii. Region 44 is hosting a Long Term Care Mass Casualty Full Scale Exercise in June and he will need assistance from other counties.
    - iii. Saunders County is hosting a Disaster for Small Businesses exercise for the Chamber of Commerce.
    - iv. August is the scheduled time for an Animal Disease exercise and Chelsea from the Department of Agriculture has yet to get back in touch with the training committee. Michelle will contact her as she has returned from maternity leave.
    - v. Radiation Training was held in Region 44. Tom made some suggestions that this a good training and LEOP's need to include this training, and the group discussed the need to inventory equipment kits to be ready for a response. Debra Robinson and Brian Holtz were the trainers.
    - vi. Tom attended Logistic Section training in Grand Island along with Amy Zeruba which increases those with this training.
  - c. **Regional/Local Training**
- x. Update on Meetings**
- a. **NEMA Updates**
    - i. Sean Runge has taken the director of planning at NEMA. Planning Specialists are being interviewed for the openings.
    - ii. The new planning tool NEMA is evaluating will be featured in a demonstration webinar which is planned with the representative of the company. This tool will be disseminated statewide. There is no specific timeline for roll out on this product.
    - iii. An opening for an Exercise Training Officer is being offered.

- iv. Training protocols for certification of the basic certification program to make it easier to complete by making it more interactive. This includes courses ICS 100 - 800 and 775. The capstone will be 2 day of in person training that includes Nebraska specific information. The Exercise Design class will be offered as a separate course. The Emergency Handbook course will also be offered as a separate course.
- v. The Radiation position at NEMA is being offered again due to a resignation.
- vi. Blue Cell is providing a Advanced Planning Concepts course - April 17 -18, 2018 at the Municipal Services building in Lincoln.
- vii. The Northeast District NACO confab is going to be moved due to scheduling conflicts.

**b. Meeting Updates**

- xi. **Public Comment** - None
- xii. **Upcoming meetings**
  - a. NAEM Conference is next week.
  - b. ICS planning for events will be held next week in Region 44.
- xiii. **Action Items for next meeting**
  - a. **East Central Governance –April 9, 2018**

**Motion to Adjourn -**

Colfax Motioned adjournment and Howard Seconded. Motion carries.