

# Nebraska Council of Regions (NCOR)

## Minutes

FRIDAY – August 26, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.

Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Training Center

### Opening comments

#### 1. Roll Call

First	Last	Organization	Attendance
Mark	Conrey	Tri-County Region	x
Patrick	Foust	Northeast Region	absent
Pat	Gerdes	Southwest Region	x
Jim	Gerweck	Southeast Region	x
Tim	Hofbauer	East Central Region	x
Pete	Peterson	North Central Region	x
Ray	Richards	Panhandle Region	x
Larry	Thoren	South Central Region	x
Thomas	Schwarten	Nebraska State Patrol	x
Dave	Webb	Nebraska Public Power District	x

1. **Open Meetings Law information-** verification of public notice, availability of copy of law
2. **Approval of Minutes-** Larry Thoren made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2011 meeting noting the change in Larry Thoren's organization. Ray Richards seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus (Patrick Foust absent).

### Discussion Items

1. **Governance/Network Subcommittee Report: Tim Hofbauer, Columbus/Platte Emergency Management**  
The committee held a meeting in Lincoln facilitated by the Public Policy Center and used the Tri-County regional agreement with OPPD to draft an interlocal agreement template that can be used for the Nebraska Regional Interoperable Network project. The final version will be completed in the coming months, pending any input the group would like to submit and review by NPPD. The technical committee met with NPPD and CSI officials this morning to discuss the areas in which network sharing might be possible. The group will hold additional meetings that will likely contribute to the information contained in the draft interlocal agreement template. The interlocal agreement template will formalize existing relationships among the communications regions. On September 1<sup>st</sup> the Lt. Governor will meet with a small group of individuals to obtain input about potential changes in governance structures for Nebraska's interoperability projects. A joint meeting of NWIN and NCOR with the Lt. Governor will be held September 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Regional Interoperability Network Project Update: Rod Hutt, NEMA**  
All materials have been ordered for the pilot regions and construction will begin soon. Once the pilot region is built out and operating properly, the Southwest and South Central regions will be next. Tower studies are being done in the Southwest, South Central, and Southeast regions at this time.

**3. Mutual Aid Project Update: NEMA; Mike Jeffres, OCIO**

Motorola announced that September 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to order any equipment for the Gold Elite Consoles. September 30, 2018 will be the last day of support for these consoles. Several members expressed concern that this would not be enough notice for many locals to obtain equipment needed to implement the technology now being tested in the pilot areas. The group discussed the need for local measures for sustainability and the necessity of having an authority at the state level who can monitor these issues and spread the word to locals across the state.

**4. Interop Solutions/Paraclete Project Update: Sue Krogman, NEMA**

Paraclete training teams recently traveled to North Platte, Ogallala, and Scotts Bluff and training was well received. Trainers will start traveling to the Northeast and Southeast Regions so please let them know if you would like to have a training event. Jim Gerweck added that Richardson County held a three day meeting with Paraclete representatives which was very beneficial. The group learned a lot about Paraclete's capabilities.

**5. TICP/SCIP Revision Project Update: Bob Eastwood, NEMA**

No news on TICPs. Bob Eastwood (NEMA) and Mike Jeffres (OCIO) have been working with the Public Policy Center to propose SCIP revisions.

**6. PPC Education/Outreach Project Update: Janell Walther, Public Policy Center**

The Public Policy Center worked with NEMA and the OCIO to create and send out an informational sheet on Goal 2 with basic steps and FAQs. A newsletter and similar information sheet was also constructed and sent on the topic of narrowbanding. Please continue to share the information of anyone you think should be receiving these newsletters and let us know if you have topics you would like to see addressed in future issues. All information is also available on the website.

**7. NECP Goal 2 Compliance: Sue Krogman, NEMA**

The state of Nebraska went from a 3% completion rate a month ago to a 68% now. Please continue to remind people in your region to complete the on-line tool for reporting as soon as possible.

**8. Narrowbanding: Mike Jeffres, OCIO**

The online tool Office of Emergency Communications has an online service that maps all narrow-banding compliant and non-compliant license holders in a specified geographic area. You may access the information at: [http://www.publicsafetytools.info/start\\_nb\\_status.php](http://www.publicsafetytools.info/start_nb_status.php) (select state and regions/counties). The biggest challenge is finding the right contact information for the license holders to make sure they are aware of the requirements.

**9. SECC Update: Janell Walther, Public Policy Center**

The Emergency Alert System state plan is in the final review stage and should be sent out October 1<sup>st</sup>. The next meeting is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> in Blair. The regions are being changed to mirror the NCOR regions. All LP1 stations will be changed to FM stations to avoid interference. For the system test during severe weather awareness week the state will use a "test event" code instead of a "real event" code.

**Information/Reports (not covered during Discussion Items)**

1. **NEMA**- No additional report.

2. **University of Nebraska PPC:** Janell Walther

The last webinar in our series will be held around the end of September.

3. **OCIO:** Mike Jeffres

The mutual aid frequency tables have been updated using the National references, which will help clarify the frequencies, how they are to be used, and how they are to be named. Mike will send a list of vendors and radio shops to Policy Center and they will distribute that information.

4. **NCOR representatives to N-WIN:** Tom Schwarten

Owen Yardley resigned as chair. We will find out more next month about how the group will move forward.

**Comments**

1. **Member comments**

2. **Public comments**

**Next Meeting** --September 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, location TBD.