

North Central PET Region – Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2012
Huckleberry's Hideout – Broken Bow, NE

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alma Beland at 11 AM and introductions were made for the new attendees from Public Health Departments.

In Attendance: Alma Beland/Region 26, Doug Fox/Region 24, Pete Peterson/Keith County, Shawn Owens/Custer County, Deb Hilker/Holt County, Chris Blaha/North Central ETO, Nancy Parliament/Custer County Communications, Troy Smith/Custer County SO, Denise Bulling/Public Policy Center, Danielle Thoene/Loup Basin Public Health, Ryan Parks/North Central Public Health, Sally Brecks/West Central Public Health, Sue Mulligan/West Central Medical Response System, Tim Romero/Sandhills Public Health.

Chairman Beland asked for approval of minutes. Doug asked for an Executive Session to be added to the agenda. All approved.

Sue spoke to the Board about the West Central Medical Response Team and what they are working on, and how they can help in disasters to support EMS and Hospitals. She brought a triage kit bag to show us what they received funding for to give to the EMS Departments in their region.

Ryan Parks gave an update on the credentialing. Badges were discussed and what we have in the North Central Region for card stock. It was thought that cards had been purchased for Custer County and Region 26 but cannot determine invoice that would have been on. Pete was going to research further. All felt more cards were needed and were to come up with an estimate by next meeting to possibly get more cards with the Homeland Security grants.

Denise Bulling spoke to the board on the outcome of the recent THIRA meeting in Lincoln and TEPW with our five year calendars. Calendars will be updated with the information and changes from the TEPW Workshop.

Pete Peterson displayed our grant statuses. The newest 2012 grant award in the amount of \$167,751.00 was discussed in regards to percentage for Law Enforcement and amounts that are reoccurring for tower rent, Code Red and ETO/Training costs. Pete discussed the final amounts on the 2009 Grant that he was still waiting on a couple of overpayments to be returned and would be complete. The 2010 Grant had an amount of \$388,281.00 and allocated items were discussed and time line. The 2011 Grant had \$253,893.00 that had also been allocated.

Troy Smith and Shawn Owens asked about possibility to help fund tower with CPPD in the Anselmo area to cover a dead spot there for Law Enforcement. Troy will get

Latitude and Longitude of location to see if this will also help Region 26 in the Wireless project. Doug Fox asked for help in funding generator for Keya Paha Court House.

Pete checked with Nikki at NEEMA to get exact grant deadlines as they have changed. The end dates of current grants are: 2010 Grant – 7/31/2013, 2011 Grant – 1/31/2014, 2012 Grant – 7/31/2014. Pete suggested that any projects should have an EHP done in advance of determining what final projects will be funded due to timeframe.

Pete reported on the dissolving of the NCOR and NWIN Committees and the Executive Order from Governor Heineman to form the Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council (NPSCC) to mainly provide direction in planning and decisions regarding development, operation and sustainability of the interoperability in the State.

The Governor asked for a representative from each of the PET/Commo Regions. Doug made a motion to appoint Pete Peterson to the NPSCC Committee and Shawn seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Alma would submit official notice to Lt. Governor Sheehy.

Next meeting date to discuss grant funds was set for the first evening of the NACO Conference in Kearney on Dec 12th in Kearney at the Conference Center complex. The actual location will be determined.

Pete made a motion for Executive Session on personnel at 3:05 PM, Shawn seconded the motion.

Pete made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 3:25 PM, Doug seconded the motion.

After Executive Session it was determined to suspend Chris Blaha from the ETO Position immediately. Doug would take the Board's recommendation to the Rock County Board of Commissioners to terminate employment on Monday November 5th.

The Homeland Security 2012 Microwave Project Funds were then discussed to be MOU'ed to the State since NCOR was dissolved it was up to the Regions to MOU back. Pete made a motion to MOU the funds and was seconded by Deb Hilker. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Alma Beland