

NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING EXERCISE & TRAINING MEETING
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
Region 26 EOC Meeting Room – Taylor, NE

Present:

*Alma Beland-Region 26 Emergency Management
*Doug Fox-Region 24 Emergency Management
*Deb Hilker-Holt County Emergency Management
*Mark Rempe-Custer County Emergency Management
*Linda Lewis-Region 26 Emergency Management
Ashley Jeffres-Loup Basin Public Health Department
Quinn Lewandowski-Public Policy Center
Merci Suarez-Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Chad Boshart-Nebraska Emergency Management
Sue Krogman-Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Walter Kirkland-Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Via Zoom:

*Laurie Hood-Keith County 911
Gary Weaver-Cherry County Emergency Management
Heidi Hostert-North Central District Health Department
*Depicts Voting Members

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Fox at 10:09am. The “Open Meetings Act” was brought to everyone’s attention.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Chairman Doug Fox called for a vote to approve the July 14, 2017 minutes. All aye, one abstain. Chairman Doug Fox called for a vote to approve the Sept 8, 2017 minutes. All aye, one abstain.
3. Old Business
 - a. NEMA
 - I. Sue Krogman – NRIN: Towers needed for NRIN build out was discussed as specifics were noted on current needs.
 - a. The Comstock tower will not work, however Mark discussed putting a new tower at that location. This tower would need two, six foot dishes. NEMA will talk to Cornerstone and get a price on a tower for this location so Mark can talk to his Board.
 - b. A structural Analysis will need to be conducted on the Region 26 Tower south of Taylor. This tower may need two dishes each being three feet.
 - c. The State tower on the north side of Sargent will also be researched but may be too short because of the large hills between the towers.
 - d. MJ Leasing towers are a key component, one being in Garfield County and the other in Custer County. Sue will talk to owners since they have communicated with other communication tower owners. Alma will get her contact information.
 - e. Deb Hilker in Holt County talked about a tower possibly built in her county. Deb requested representatives from NEMA come to the Board meeting to explain the need and process.
 - f. The hop from Dunning to Bassett was also discussed and if it would be possible to negotiate with Radio towers in that area. Space Diversity was also brought forth as an option where there will be microwave

dishes that would both receive and transmit. Space Diversity would require two dishes that would be placed underneath each other to secure the signal reaching one of the dishes. Wind could be an issue as well as big hills. A structural analysis will be conducted and will bring Platte Valley Communications and Cornerstone to the table to discuss these potential problematic issues.

- g. Water towers are also a possibility to be used and Emergency Managers need to be talking to their towns boards about them being used.
 - h. Other discussion was the OCIO, ESI Net, NG911 and First Net wanting space on these towers.
- II. Merci Suarez – Grants: Merci reminded us that starting in 2016 we will not be able to change projects so don't even ask. There is a new NIMS webinar class for local officials to take in place of the IC300 and IC400. NIMS representatives are also encouraging not to take the IC300 & IC400 together but separate them and take an interim class and along with added experience the IC400 class will be more affective to the attendee.

Starting in January Merci will begin the monitoring process as weather permits. The question was raised referring to inventory if it needs to be from the beginning of time to forever. Merci advised to make sure inventory is current and up-to-date, this is due 2018.

Merci also noted that Keith County will have a new Emergency Manager and Jackie Maly and she will be meeting with her to give technical assistance as a new Emergency Manager. This offer was made to anyone at the table needing assistance. She also mentioned that they are working on a workshops for new grant expectations and refresher workshops. These will be half to full day workshop in three (3) different parts of the state and will cover the GMS system beginning to end. Everyone expressed what a good idea this is.

Grant requirements were again brought to our attention by Merci.

- i. Auditor for SHSP (State Homeland Security Program) needs to see paperwork when grant funds are received and when the funds go out which should be within ten (10) days.
 - ii. Requirements for EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) are to have a minimum of three (3) exercises. The exercises need to be exercising an actual plan, not exercise to create a plan. Documents needed at time of audit are the agenda, After Action Report (AAR), sign in sheet, dates and cover sheet.
- III. Walter Kirkland – LEOP: Walter will be working with us on the LEOP's for our counties. He will be communicating by email and phone calls. He also brought up the Debris Management Plan. Contact Walter for assistance. Each county needs their own plan and the incentive to a FEMA approved plan is a onetime two (2) percent cost reimbursement.

Walter also mentioned after the April snowstorm it would have been beneficial to bring NPPD to the table for damages. At least invite them and let them know we want to work together and have it documented they were included in the process.

**Chairman Doug Fox suspended the meeting for lunch at 11:50am.

**Chairman Doug Fox reconvened the meeting at 12:56pm.

b. Grant Status Review

- I. 2015 – Changes were \$162.64 for Caleb, NRIN representative from Keith County mileage. Will continue to use the \$751.21 for mileage until depleted and then can go to the 2016 grant. Tower leases \$2,781.97 less \$1,000 (for the video that will be used for elected officials explaining NRIN) leaves \$1,781.97. PSAP monitor can also be paid for out of this. There is \$6,379.89 uncommitted funds.
- II. 2016 – Expenditures NRIN – paid last month for Keith County and all the tower leases due at this time. 2016 and 2017 will cover leases. Stacen Gross will be a consultant on figuring out cost for use of NRIN as there are people using for free now. It was questioned what will happen when county boards say no to the cost of NRIN. It was stressed to make sure your commissioners go to the NRIN segment at NACO where it will be explained how NRIN can benefit and save money over time. Other agencies that may use NRIN and help pay may include NPPD, DOR, OCIO and Game & Parks. NRIN may also become primary source of 911. Mark DeKraai with Public Policy Center wants from each of us all 911 phone costs. There was some question on what they are going to do as far as text to 911 and what they will pay for after they approve PSAP's.

CERT Funds need to be used or they will have to go back. Laurie Hood advised they are getting a group together and may need equipment in Keith County.

III. 2017 – Only discussion was credentialing supplies.

- c. Credentialing Training – Mark had talked to Shannon DeVaney and Mark Hoskins about doing training. The SE PET Region at Beatrice held training and was reported as an excellent training. The cost would be minimal compared to bringing in other trainers. Will look at January or February for some training. Will discuss in December.
- d. Midwest Card Billing – The renewals for the 02 Track App and Command were discussed. After talking with Natalie at MidWest Cards, it was decided that each County or Region with the 02 Track App will have ten (10) apps renewed, along with the command renewal all paid for by the grant. RapidTag would be paid by the individual departments. A MOU will need to be put in place to use each other's 02 Track App's in case of a catastrophic event. The 02 Track App renewals are \$100 each and the Command's are \$500 each.
- e. CodeRED – CodeRED are conducting training webinars that have been beneficial and would encourage everyone to utilize these trainings. To report on findings from questions in the September meeting: 1. Would it be possible to see a list of those that have signed up. Answer: There is not a list we as users can access but we can contact CodeRED and they will look it up for us. 2. ONSOLVE on texts is deceiving – CodeRED will take this issue back to programming. 3. The recording is not clear if you press a button to hear the message again. – CodeRED will look into this issue.
- f. Finalize Five Year Calendar – It was brought to our attention the items that have been added to the calendar. It was stressed that it has to be on the calendar to receive any funds. The Health Departments asked if their events should be added to this calendar. Heidi has a meeting coming up to go over their calendar and will submit events to them after November 21st.
- g. Other Old Business – Doug thanked everyone for the card he received after his surgery.

4. New Business
 - a. Meeting Dates for 2018 – Because of the NRIN meetings that both Alma and Mark are involved in are set for the second Friday of the month the NC Pet Region will need to change their regular meeting dates. We will meet December 8th and then in 2018 have changed the months to the 4th Friday of every other month. February 23rd, April 27th, June 22nd, August 24th, October 26th, December 28th. (February will be election of new officers.
 - b. Other New Business – Alma will be hosting two (2) weather symposiums in 2018. One in March at Dunning and the other in April at Loup City.
5. Public Health Report – Ashley with Loup Basin Public Health reported that the required exercises for facilities have been completed except for one in her area. The requirement was for a Table Top and Full Scale involving the community. This had to be completed by November 15. The dates to complete these exercises are being changed to January 1 to December 31 for this coming year and forward. Heidi with the North Central District Health Department reported that ROMRS is hosting a Flu Season Testing annual workshop on December 6th.
6. Public Policy Report – Julie Mayer will be reaching out to get names of the 2018 SME representatives. PET SME Group will be Doug Fox, Law Enforcement SME Group will be Wynn Wiens and either Vince Lopes or Barrett. (Doug will contact Vince), Communications SME Group will be Mark Rempe, Citizen Core Cert SME Group will be Alma Beland.

THIRA report was combined 2014-2015 to 2017. The last step will be the grammar and if the capability has more than one (1) target the hardest target for the Region will be picked and be sent to the final THIRA. That will drive what needs to be done. Quinn reported that we have a great start to the 2017-2019 THIRA. Two years from now we will pull this out and complete what needs to be done at that time.
7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm. Next Regular meeting will be December 8, 2017 at 10am at Region 26 EOC in Taylor, Nebraska.

Submitted by
Linda Lewis
Secretary

Board Chairman

Date