

Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management Group
Regional Governance Board
MINUTES – Regular Meeting
November 13, 2014
Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska

Call to Order

Chairman John McKee called the regular meeting of the Southeast Regional Emergency Management Governance Board to order at 10:02 a.m. on November 13, 2014 at the Gage County EOC, Beatrice, Nebraska. The meeting was held in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act was available for inspection in the meeting room.

Board members present were John McKee (Jefferson County), Renee Critser (Nemaha County), Bill McPherson (Thayer County), Sandy Weyers (Cass County), Tim Stutzman (Gage County), Clint Strayhorn (Johnson & Pawnee Counties), Jim Davidsaver, (Lancaster County), Jim Dunker (Fillmore County), and Gary Petersen (York & Seward Counties), Brian Dixon (Richardson County). Also present were recording secretary Jana Gerdes (Nemaha County), Mark Hosking (Deputy Director Lancaster County), and Joe Hawkins (Deputy Director Gage County).

Visitors at the meeting were Julie Mayers (Nebraska Emergency Management Agency), Denise Bulling (University of Nebraska Public Policy Center), Brian Daake (Beatrice Fire & Rescue), Ray Ryan (Lincoln Radio Maintenance) Randy Fischer (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department), Kristin Nelson (Region V Systems), Joseph Wright (Lincoln Public Schools), Jon Sundermeier (Lincoln Police Department), and Charlotte Evans (University of Lincoln Police Department).

Introduction

McKee welcomed the visitors and guests and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Lancaster, seconded by Fillmore to approve the agenda after adding Julie Mayers (NEMA) to the agenda items. Voting aye were Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Thayer, Fillmore, Seward/York, Johnson/Pawnee, Jefferson, Cass, and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Lancaster, seconded by Nemaha to approve the October 2, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye were Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Thayer, Fillmore, Seward/York, Johnson/Pawnee, Jefferson, Cass, and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

Funding Requests & Claims

Mark Hosking gave a quick update about PET forms being needed for any funding requested to reimburse for mileage.

Julie Mayers – NEMA

Julie spoke to the group and explained some of the changes in the grant monitoring process and reimbursement process. PET forms go to both Nikki and Julie at NEMA until the end of the year and then just to Julie after January 1st. Julie also discussed with the group that each county needs to make sure that their grant inventory from 2008 until current is updated and submitted to her. She also explained that every two years your grant inventory needs to be updated and submitted to the state.

Financial Report & Review of Grant Funding

Mark Hosking gave an update of the grant cycles. He reported that FY 2011 and FY 2012 are done and zeroed out, FY 2013 rapping up but not quite zeroed out and ends January 2015. FY 2014 has not been used yet.

Committee/Board Reports – Executive Board

Executive board wanted to note that the month of January will be election of officers and discussion of rotation of member new and old would be wise.

Committee/Board Reports – Communications (NRIN)

John McKee gave an update from Sue Krogman on the NRIN project. He stated that the program was moving smoothly and quickly. Sandy Weyers told the board that a second engineering company will be performing a study on the tower in Cass County to see if the structure will hold the NRIN program. Ray Ryan told the group that there is a NRIN meeting coming up on October 27th and he also explained that the contract with the current company doing the implementation of the NRIN program ends February 15, 2015 and a new contract will need to be signed and implemented. Ray also informed the group that the state could save \$11,000 a year if the TTYs were moved to the NRIN system.

Committee/Board Reports – Exercise/Planning/Training

John McKee stated that NEMA is holding an EM101 training January 20th thru January 22nd. He also talked about an upcoming ID card exercise training coming up for January 13th and January 14th. Denise Bulling (UNLPPC) discussed the upcoming THIRA training and how they would like it handled and incorporated to meet the target capabilities. Denise stated that the THIRA is the building block for the IJ. Mark Hosking discussed and handed out some information on an ICE Rescuer Trainer course being held in Lincoln.

Committee/Board Reports – SENHC Update

Randy Fischer (LLCHD) gave an update about some upcoming trainings that the department will be hosting. He informed the group of the Southeast Health Care Coalition meeting scheduled for the next week and the tabletop training that will be scheduled for March 19th as well as some upcoming NIMS ICS 100, ICS 200, & ICS 700 courses being held in January.

Committee/Board Reports – State Projects Update

Denise Bulling (UNLPPC) gave a brief update to the group of ongoing projects and discussed the upcoming THIRA training.

Committee/Board Reports – Fusion Center Update

No report – no representative of Fusion Center present.

ATAP Conference & Services Report

Joe Wright (LPS), Jon Sundermeier (LPD), Kristin Nelson (Region V), and Charlotte Evans (UNLPD) gave an update and review of the training and work being done with the ATAP program. They all stressed the importance of threat assessments and the need for the training that the ATAP program provides.

Application Process & Language for Regional Funding

Motion by Nemaha and seconded by Cass to approve the previously submitted and changed application for regional funding to include the second signature needed by an executive board member. Voting aye were Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Thayer, Fillmore, Seward/York, Johnson/Pawnee, Jefferson, Cass, and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.

FY2015 Investment Justification Projects Planning

Denise Bulling (UNLPPC) previously in the meeting discussed the upcoming THIRA training and how they would like it handled and incorporated to meet the target capabilities.

EMPG/HS Inventories

No further discussion than what was previously discussed during the meeting.

IMT Discussion & Update

Lancaster County is hosting an IMT Safety course and will keep the group updated on date and location.

Set Time, Date, and Location for meetings

The board scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Service Center, 901 West Bond St, Lincoln, NE.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Lancaster and seconded by Johnson/Pawnee that the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 p.m. Voting aye were Lancaster, Gage, Richardson, Thayer, Fillmore, Seward/York, Johnson/Pawnee, Jefferson, Cass, and Nemaha; nays, none; motion carried.