

East Central Region Governance Meeting

May 14, 2018

1:00pm to 3:00 PM

MINUTES

Location: Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14th 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 in the meeting room for reference.
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present**
 - a. Present: Platte, Saunders, Butler, Colfax, Howard, Region 44 (Boone, Merrick, Nance)
 - b. Not Present: Dodge, Polk
 - c. Guests: Patrick Rooney, NEMA; Gary Oswald, Tracy Stevens, Analytikos; Chris Lawrence, Four Corners; Carmen Dickes, 3 Rivers; Caitlin Schneider, East Central; Kate Speck, UN PPC
- iii. **Approve April Governance Board Meeting Minutes (Action)**
 - a. Colfax Motioned to accept the April Board Minutes; Howard Seconded.
 - b. Colfax corrected IS 111 for a course
 - c. Minutes approved.
- iv. **Public Health Report**
 - a. Carmen Dickes reported that there are lead surveillance and detection activities, which is triggered for youth that test over a certain level (5); Positive rabies in a bat with 3 children and the parents at risk were medicated.
 - b. Caitlin Schneider, East Central related that the grant funding for awareness of lead poisoning is also being promoted.
 - c. Chris Lawrence is involved in closed pod training and exercises with long term care facilities; The health Care Coalition is planning an exercise in Butler County for June – Se District; Ebola is back in the news.
- v. **Red Cross Report**
 - a. Gina Troncone reported via phone that the fire alarm program is activated in Columbus.
- vi. **Presentation - Tracey Stevens - Western Institute for Food Safety**
 - a. Tracy shared that she is associated with DHS as an instructor, the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and with Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium She teaches agro terrorism classes; builds core curriculum for agricultural awareness. RDPC has a significant number of funded courses offered free and she promoted all species preparedness; food and agricultural classes, etc. She provided services in grant writing and consulting.
 - b. AWR 328 - All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disaster is a course available.
- vii. **Presentation -Gary Oswald - Analytikos**
 - a. Discussed the products and services of the company – common, economical platform that is cost effective and streamlining for system planning with an open source platform for threat assessment; common messaging and social media resources that can be used on any device to track resources and enhance interoperability.
- viii. **EC-911**
 - a. **Update on May 8th meeting**
 - i. Conference call with Jon Rosenlund at Hall County; changes were made to the agreement that will involve moving the EC 911 server to Hall County (paid for by Hall County), and this will be a backup for Hall County and will move the server closer for improved operations

- ii. Hamilton County is still planning to join the network. Howard County is considering joining the network.
- iii. Butler County requested that everyone attend the July 10, 2018 meeting 10:00 at the Platte County Courthouse Operations room for further discussion on the EC 911 system.
- iv. There needs to be a common method to send out information to all counties; there are some standardized training and public relations materials available from the Public Service Commission to help people become aware of how to use the system.

ix. Current HSG Grant Progress

- a. LETPP project status – A handout was distributed. Most of the funds will
 - i. The Officer Down course may need to be cancelled due to low registrations.
- b. 2015 Funds: The remainder of the 2015 funds are committed for expenses. Tim will notify Julie at NEMA on the updated funding; NRIN funds have been moved into the ID Software expenses; The Training Committee has used all of the 2015 funds and Saunders County will receive \$250.00 for the Print Key.
- c. CCP Funds – Platte County will spend some of this; Tom will be ordering supplies; funds in for the national and state conferences is going to be requested.
- d. Communication funds - Printer clean-up bill is yet to be paid; ribbons and cards will be ordered with the remaining balance.
- e. 2016 - Most funds will be used for the enhancement of the NRIN System; The Training Committee will use \$1300.00 originally allocated for the Mass Fatality Class in the Advanced Professional Series. Michelle has approved this exchange of funds
- f. 2017 – Licenses for Salamander have been purchased, as have the trauma kits from the credentialing budget. Training Committee has allocated the hotel expenses for meetings.

x. 2018 HSG Grant Updates

- a. The Senior Advisory Committee approved all of the funding that was decided from the SME process. Julie stressed that THIRA and how the grants are worded is critical. East Central LETPP project was not approved. The future for

xi. Regional Communications Projects

a. NRIN

- i. **NRIN Build Out** – the build out is in process and closer in the Northeast Region. East Central is next in line. The Colfax - Butler project is still on for funding depending on the election. The eastern end of the region - Dodge County is scheduled as well.
 - 1. Power outages, wind and ice have been experienced and no interoperability issues
- ii. **NRIN Governance update**
 - 1. The Cost Model was developed and approved for counties at the NRIN meeting to connect to the state radio system - \$100 monthly for some counties; \$250 monthly for others; reimbursement through the Public Service Commission and will be based on the current split in the wireless contracts and the call volume, to take place after January 1, 2018.
 - 2. Two methods for billing are being considered – quarterly (in arrears) or annually. As part of the IJ process next year there will be a plan to request for sustainment funding and it is expected that costs will continue to be reduced.

xii. Regional Planning/Training

a. Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report

- i. Michelle requested the Planning Section Chief class; Dave Reisen is discussing the scheduling thus far for June 26-29, 2018 at 6 – 8 PM; Dave is also adding an ICS for Senior elected Officials. Michelle Evert suggested splitting the counties up to offer the classes more efficiently for elected officials. The upcoming county elections will make some changes
- ii. Michelle will pick a date with Butler County to take advantage of this free offering.

b. Regional/Local Exercises

- i. Region 44 - June 26, 2018 – Mass Causality Exercise
- ii. Butler County – Water contamination August 10, 2018
- iii. Saunders County is planning a Tabletop exercise in September, 2018
- iv. May 16, 2018 - Planning meeting with Northeast Community College for the next exercise

- v. Howard County will hold an Active Shooter exercise with the hospital.
- vi. OMMERS Coordinator is retiring.

xiii. Update on Meetings

a. NEMA Updates

- i. The 2018 Grant Guidance is expected by May 24, 2018
- ii. Nikki send out information on an application for faith-based organizations
- iii. New hires in technical hazards and public assistance
- iv. BOLT Planning has a great deal of promise with a good deal of functionality and more streamlined.

b. Meeting Updates

xiv. Public Comment - None

xv. Upcoming meetings

- a. East Central Governance –June 11, 2018
- b. DBH Exercise in Omaha July 19, 2018 to test plans for behavioral health
- c. 16th annual Disaster Behavioral Health Conference July 20. 2018 on Community Resilience.

xvi. Action Items for next meeting

xvii. Adjournment - Colfax motioned to adjourn and Platte seconded. Meeting Adjourned.