

East Central Region Governance Meeting

August 13th, 2019

1:00pm to 3:00 PM

Agenda

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:** Butler, Colfax, Howard, Platte
 - a. **Not Present:** Dodge, Polk, Saunders, Region 44 – Boone, Merrick, Nance.
- iii. **Approve June Governance Board Meeting Minutes (Action)** -There is not a Quorum and approval of the July Minutes will be tabled to the September meeting.
- iv. **Public Health Report**

Chris reported on the Full Scale exercise in Butler County that included the area hospitals and long-term care facilities with a contaminated water exercise. Michelle Evert of Colfax County was an evaluator for the hospitals. The exercise went well and lessons learned will be in the After Action Report. An additional Full Scale Exercise is in the process of being planned for Polk County.
- v. **Red Cross Report** - None
- vi. **EC-911**
 - a. **Text to 911**

There is now some standardized advertising out available and Tim recommends that this material be used so that language is consistent. There is some possible fall out in surrounding counties – Colfax and Howard due to advertising coming out and these counties are not currently covered. The number of calls is minimal, yet, due to the advertising, some may try to connect with the system and they will be unable to do so, especially people who live near county lines. Colfax County is working on getting the upgraded equipment.
- vii. **Current HSG Grant Progress**
 - a. **LETTP project status**

Chief Deputy Steve Molina said he would be the new Law Enforcement representative; however, he is recently deployed to Afghanistan for the next year. Michelle Evert suggests creating a Law Enforcement working group with each county having a representative. Discussion included there may not be law enforcement funding if county representatives are not making the requests.

Tim will send out a message relaying that the emergency managers are willing to assist the law enforcement group with identifying projects and support them in connecting through the web.
- viii. **2018 HSG Grant Updates**
 - I. The 2015 funds are spent, and there is \$160.00 for NRIN left. For the Citizen Corps, there is \$160.00 which, if not used will be returned to NEMA. There are children's safety coloring books left over for distribution. Michele Evert suggests using the \$160.00 for Citizen Corp for public education outreach by purchasing pencils, drawstring bags, etc. Tim will check with check with NEMA for guidance on how to proceed with Citizen Corps funds that Tom had applied for (2016/17/18?), and since he is now in Dodge County because this is still part of East Central Region.
 - II. There are a number of activities that are taking place in schools especially in Health/Sciences classes that could be considered for emergency management. Ashley Mueller is the point of contact for the My PI that includes CERT curriculum for teen volunteerism.
 - III. The 2018 funds have been submitted and the awards will be coming soon. The Federal level approval is anticipated soon.

- ix. **Regional Communications Projects**
 - a. **Mutual Aid Base Stations** - Tim is working on getting approvals for inclusion of MABS on NRIN and needs to determine how the funding will work. Tim used broad categories for 2017-18 funding in the submitted projects under Regional Communication.
 - b. **NRIN**
 - i. **NRIN Build Out**
This is still going forward, slowly. The eastern part of the state is the current focus. There is remaining equipment in the warehouse. A new radio will be ordered and minimal enhancements are in process. The Howard County connection is being researched for connection and can be completed without too much trouble and getting the required equipment ordered. The Connection from Schuyler courthouse to David City is planned for 2019.
 - ii. **NRIN Fee Schedule**
NRIN Governance Board has been working on a sustainment plan. Tim distributed the fee schedule for county budget planning. EC 911 will be \$20,000.00 annually and can be reimbursed from the Public Service Commission. These costs are considerably lower than other companies and commercial enterprises. The State Patrol wants to put stations on the network for video and that will be potential revenue for the system. A Project Manager is a possibility as this project is growing rapidly.
 - iii. **NRIN Governance update** – The information will be emailed as soon as possible. The Minutes of the NRIN Governance Board are at: <http://homelandplanning.nebraska.edu>.
 - iv. **NRIN** is a subset of Nebraska Public Safety Commission (NPSCC).
- x. **Regional Planning/Training**
 - a. **Regional Planning/Training in East Central – Subcommittee Report**
 - i. Planning Section Chief training. Please distribute in the counties for additional registrations. ,
 - ii. G108 class is being scheduled (Mass Care)
 - iii. Still putting Advanced Professional Series classes on the state calendars based on instructions from NEMA.
 - b. **Regional/Local Exercises**
 - i. Platte County is conducting an Active shooter/Mass Care/Mass Fatality at Central Community College in 2019 that will include a more robust communications plan. This will have a larger focus on mass fatality, testing social media and additional triage with the fire department. The Health department needs to be included for behavioral health as well. Grand Island and Hastings have plans in the future for this exercise. A Family Assistance Center will be part of the exercise! Initially the school will staff the FAC; in multi day exercises, the Red Cross would normally serve in this function.
 - ii. A Full-Scale exercise with Saunders County Medical Center in September. Terry will facilitate the tabletop exercise prior to the full scale.
 - iii. Terry attended the LEDERS Conference exercise. The scenario followed the top down model that is different from the local emergency management model. The ICS worked well.
 - iv. Terry attended a health care coalition coordination course in Anniston, which included the states of Washington, Nebraska and Colorado. Fire, emergency management, hospital administrators and public health professionals were part of the event.
 - c. **Regional/Local Training**
 - i. Annual Citizen Corp Conference is scheduled August 17 – 19th in Bellevue Omaha. A variety of courses and presentations are on the agenda.
- xi. **Update on Meetings**
 - a. **NEMA Updates**
Please check NEMA website for trainings; Citizen Corps conference is this weekend; Homeland Security grant award letters should be coming out soon.
 - b. **Meeting Updates** - None
- xii. **Public Comment - None**
- xiii. **Action Items for next meeting**
 - a. **East Central Governance –September 17, 2018.**