

Tri-County (Omaha) Urban Area Security Initiative Working Group Meeting

April 9, 2010, 0900 CST

1819 Farnam Street,

3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE

Meeting comes to order

1. Introduction of members present -

Last	First	Agency	Member
Oltsmans	Steve	City of Omaha	CHAIR
Bowes	Bill	Papillion Fire Department	x
Conrey	Mark	DC 9-1-1	x
Desler	Mark	OPD	x
Lavelle	Larry	SC 911/EMA	x
Moore	Jamie	United Way	x
Pokorny	Kevin	Lavista Police	x
Pour	Adi	DCHD	x
Allensworth	Carol	DCHD	
Betts	Steve	Bellevue Fire	
Braun	Gail	Mayor's Office	
Brazelton	Phil	Washington County EU	
Bulling	Denise	University of Nebraska Public Policy Center	
Crites	Scott	City Finance	
Deiml	Keith	DCEMA	
Dutton	Phyllis	OMMRS	
Finley	Mary	OPPD	
Haese	Terry	Eppley OAA	
Herbert	Eric	Sarpy GIS	
Holaday	Bill	Omaha Police Department	
Lamb	Tom	Washington County Sheriff's Office	
Maher	Barry	DOTCOMM	
Marshall	Lynn	Sarpy EMA	
Orchard	Orin	Papillion Police Department	
Plautz	Eric	DCEMA	
Points	Dave	Washington County Sheriff's Office	
Pook	Bill	Region 5/6	
Ruhe	Phil	Omaha Mayor's Office	
Shiple	Whitney	DCEMA	
Tedder	Dale	Bellevue	

2. Review & approval of meeting notes from the previous meeting

Mark Desler made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Kevin Pokorny seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote.

Discussion Items

1. Status of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Tri-County/Omaha – Larry Lavelle

The MOU for Tri-County/ Omaha will require four signatures, from Omaha and County representatives from Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington. There will not be separate wording for UASI and PET Region funds since all the funding comes from the Department of Homeland Security. The city will continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the funds as outlined in the MOU. Acronyms referenced in the MOU should be noted in their full phrases for at least the first use. A draft of this MOU will be submitted to Nebraska

Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) along with the existing MOU for submission with the 2010 investment justifications for 2010 homeland security (UASI) funds. The new MOU will be brought back to this group for review at the next UASI Meeting. Bill Bowes made a motion to submit the MOU as a draft and postpone the vote for final approval to the May 14, 2010 UASI Meeting. Jamie Moore seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County/UASI management & Administration update– Lynn Marshall
State and UASI area needs and requirements of the 2010 Homeland Security Grant were reviewed at the 2010 Investment Justification Workshop in Lincoln on April 6, 2010. The UASI Investment Justifications will be completed and ready to submit to NEMA on April 15, 2010. Questions regarding the 2010 Investment Justifications can be directed to Gail Braun or one of the Tri-County Emergency Managers.
2. Financial update & report – Scott Crites , City of Omaha Finance Department
The city is completing all paperwork for the 2006 Homeland Security Grants. It is anticipated that 2007 funding will be expended by June 2010. A handbook including all the forms and instructions for purchasing and finance is being completed and will be ready to share at the May 14, 2010 UASI Meeting. Questions regarding grant administration should be directed to Scott Crites.
3. Standing committee reports
Public Health – Dr. Adi Pour: More than 172,000 flu vaccines have been given in the county. There were many lessons learned from the recent H1N1 flu vaccine effort.

Communications – Mark Conrey : Nothing to report at this time.

Emergency Management – Larry Lavelle: Nothing to report at this time.

Law Enforcement – Lt. Mark Desler, Lt. Kevin Pokorny: The Investment Justifications for 2008, 2009, and 2010 are complete.

Nonprofits/Public Entities - Jamie Moore: National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2010, and the theme is “People in Action.” Nebraska has a 39.6% rate of volunteerism, the second-best in the nation.

Fire – Bill Bowes: The Fire Subcommittee is continuing work with other disciplines. Nothing new to report.

Public Works - Scott McIntyre: June 30, 2010 will be the deadline for the 2006 Grant. All pieces are submitted to NEMA for June 30 deadline.
4. Reports from other Federal Grant Programs (coordination is required through UASI Grant Program via the Working Group Structure)
 - a. Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) – Phyllis Dutton
The MMRS Investment Justification is complete and submitted to NEMA. All of the 2007 Funds are submitted except \$47,000. The Investment Justification Workshop was helpful.
 - b. Buffer Zone Protection Programs (BZPP)
Douglas County BZPP is going through a rewrite of their 2008 status report. They are reviewing a list of equipment for possible purchase. All decisions must be complete by June 2010.

Sarpy County BZPP is managed through the law enforcement office. *Sarpy County* completed the assessment to identify the buffer zone in their county. The funds can go towards security improvements in the buffer zones where vulnerabilities exist through the purchase of equipment, increased security, lighting, etc.

Washington County BZPP is working on their third BZPP improvement. The first improvement was to purchase a patrol boat to monitor the OPPD Nuclear Power Plant. Additionally, the purchased a mobile command post which is online and ready for use. *Washington County* BZPP is also assessing the Cargill Plant and reviewing the approved equipment list.

c. Citizen Corps Program– Larry Lavelle

The Citizen Corps program is now under the oversight of NEMA. The Omaha Citizen Corps is coordinating a disaster planning activity at Rosenblatt Stadium in September 2010. NEMA is going to hire a program officer to coordinate the Citizen Corps and the State medical reserve corps (MRC). If you have position suggestions, please contact Denise Bulling at the Public Policy Center or NEMA.

d. Emergency Management Performance Grant (included in EM Standing Committee) – Lynn Marshall

The invitation to apply for the Emergency Management Performance Grant was released last week and is open to counties with full time emergency managers. Forms and attachments must be sent by June 4, 2010.

5. Target Capabilities Workshop

The Target Capabilities Workshop will be held April 28, 2010 at the Scott Conference Center. Emergency Managers will send invitations to stakeholders. At the Workshop, the participants will work on 17 of the 37 total Target Capabilities in a series of large work groups and five standing committees. In small sessions, strengths, weaknesses, limiting factors and more will be examined. A key goal is to help substantiate future grant requests and identify specific areas of need, critical infrastructure or resources, etc., to serve as a basis for future funding requests.

Mark Conrey made a motion to approve facility use costs up to \$2500.00 at the Scott Conference Center. Jamie Moore seconded the motion; the motion was passed by voice vote.

Action Items

1. Endorsement of Bylaws for Working Group

The Bylaws of the Working Group serve as an attachment to the MOU. The proposed Bylaws for the Working Group provide for one representative (via the Chair person) from each standing committee and a representative from the city of Omaha. The standing committee can change the chairs as often as desired.

Mark Desler made a motion to change the Articles 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 of the bylaws to keep two voting members for the disciplines of Fire and Police representing the two standing committees. Bill Bowes seconded the motion. Discussion included expression of concern that other standing committees would not have equal representation; that urban and rural interests should be specifically represented on the working group; that current and proposed representation for police and fire no longer reflects urban and rural interests; that the desire for split representation on fire and law enforcement stems from historical mistrust. The motion passed with four votes in favor of the change and three opposed to the change.

In the Bylaws, the Chair is appointed by the Omaha Mayor's Office. The vice chair is chosen from within the group in the chair's absence rather than appointed by the Mayor as the assumption is that the vice chair should have a working knowledge of the group.

Larry Lavelle made a motion to make the bylaws document title match the MOU ("Bylaws of the Regional PET / UASI Programs Working Group.") Mark Conrey seconded the motion. Discussion resulted in an amendment of the motion by Larry Lavelle to change the wording of the title to the "Bylaws of the Tri-County (Omaha) Region PET / UASI Programs Working Group". Jamie Moore seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

With no other changes or discussion, Mark Desler made a motion to adopt the bylaws as fully amended. Larry Lavelle seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

2. Endorsement of Investment Justifications for 2010 HSGP Grant Submission

Larry Lavelle made a motion to endorse the 2010 Investment Justifications. Mark Conrey seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

3. Adoption of Revised Tri-County/UASI Homeland Security Strategy

Larry Lavelle made a motion that any approved changes in the Bylaws of the Working Group be reflected in the Tri-County/UASI Homeland Security Strategy. Adi Pour seconded the motion; the motion carried by voice vote.

4. Approval of expenditure to cover the costs associated with attendance at the TEPW workshop in North Platte. This item was withdrawn from consideration by Lynn Marshall.

5. Approval of expenditures to cover costs associated with attendance at the 2010 UASI National Conference

The UASI National Conference will be held June 21-24, 2010 in New Orleans, LA. For information and a schedule of the conference, please visit: <http://urbanareas.org/con/index.php>. The estimated cost per participant is approximately \$2,000K. Kevin Pokorny made a motion to approve up to \$12,000 from 2007 Homeland Security funds to send up to six participants to the UASI Conference in New Orleans in June. Mark Desler seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

Submit names to Gail Braun if interested in attending the conference by April 14, 2010. Kevin Pokorny made a motion to authorize the chair, Steve Oltmans, to choose the six participants to attend the UASI National Conference. Jamie Moore seconded the motion; the motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comment

The USSTRATCOM Cyberspace Symposium, "Ensuring Commanders' Freedom of Action in Cyberspace" will be held May 26-27, 2010 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, NE. Registration and information is available online at: <http://www.afcea.org/events/stratcom/introduction.asp>.

Upcoming events & next meeting

The next TC UASI Working Group Meeting will be held Friday, May 14, 2010 at 1819 Farnam Street, 3rd Floor, Jesse Lowe Conference Room, Omaha, NE.