



REGION I RHSOC MEETING
Thursday, April 24, 2014 – 1:00 p.m.
Meramec Regional Planning Commission
4 Industrial Drive ~ St. James, MO

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Ron Smith led the committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and began the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Smith (Chairman), Larry Flesher (A), Don Good (P), James Morgan (A), Doug Yureko (P), Adam Birdsong (A), Michael Keen (A), Joe Price (P), Debbie Halinar (A), Tabitha Stanfast (P), Tony Floyd (P), Darrell Skiles (P), and Linda Kerr (A).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Randy Rowe (P), Scott Cason (A), Chris Twitchell (P), Keith Steelman (A), Debbie Rhodes (P), Gary Heavin (P), Gary Larson (A), Bruce Naugle (P), Bryan Lambeth (A), Beverly Miller (A), Brad Armstrong (P) and Wendy Squires (A).

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Tammy Snodgrass, Amy McMillen and MaryAnn Gorrell (MRPC), Brenda Gerlach (SEMA), Alan Cortvrient (DNR), Joni McCarter and Chris Pickering (OHS), Merrel Breyer (MO Dept of Ag), Deborah Hobson (Salem Hospital EMS) and Matt Buydos (Elliott Data).

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA:

Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve agenda of the April 24, 2014 HSOC meeting; seconded by Adam Birdsong. The motion carried.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES:

Mayor James Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction from the January 23, 2014 HSOC meeting. The correction was to list Darrell Skiles as attending the January 23, 2014 minutes; seconded by Joe Price. The motion carried.

OHS Updates/HSAC Other Initiatives:

Joni McCarter reminded the committee FY11 and 12 grants will end on August 31, 2014. FY11 is approximately 76% spent out and FY12 is approximately 49% spent out. A spending plan for FY11 & 12 was submitted in February. There doesn't seem to be any problems with Region I having all funds spent out by the deadline. FY13 is about 21% spent out and will expire August 31, 2015. Joni informed the board that FY14 grants will be submitted online using Web Grants which is a web based application. Applications should be available online beginning July 15. Grant application will be due by until August 15, 2014. During the July HSOC meetings OHS will also hold a grant application workshop outlining the web based application system. From August 15 through September 15 applications will go through a peer review but that process has not been finalized at this point. A compliance workshop will be held September 15.

Chris Pickering gave an overview of the efforts of the kind and typing reports that each region has recently completed. There will also be an additional step to be completed in the THIRA process. Pickering will have a THIRA worksheet available to each region to complete that will be the next step in the process. He originally wanted the process to be completed by June 30 but realized that date was not realistic. All jurisdictions should be represented in the THIRA process. The EMPG grant requires participation in THIRA. The EMPG grant states that if a county is receiving funds that they have to complete their own THIRA. Pickering stated that he would be willing to accept that if the EMD works with and is participating in the regional THIRA that will constitute their participation in THIRA. Pickering will be facilitating all of the upcoming regional THIRA workshops. Pickering also gave an update on badging and credentialing. The most important aspect is that it has to be interoperable, regardless of what vendor is used on this project.

Pickering gave an overview of the ILO program being conducted by David Hall with the MO Highway Patrol. The goal of this project is we need to do a better job of assessing risk. Captain Hall is sending troopers out into the communities to provide an educational piece where business, the public and disciplines will come to understand what SARS are (Suspicious Activity Reporting), what constitutes it and how to report it.

Pickering thanked those who participated in the testing of Web EOC. He also gave an update on MOSWIN. Total of 73 towers, still have some holes in the system but are working to fix all issues. There are 260 agencies currently using the network as the primary means of communications. 20 those are sheriff departments. There are nearly 20,000 radios currently on the system. After 3 rounds of MOSCAP grants there were 400 radios that had not yet been logged onto the system. Those agencies received a letter directing them to get their radios programmed and on the system. If they do not go online the radios will be returned to the state and re-distributed.

AG UPDATE:

Merrel Breyer from the Department Of Agriculture provided updates on agricultural issues. The department received approval to use office of admin to use a warehouse on the outskirts of Jefferson City near Hwy 54 for animal health emergency to bring in vet stockpile. The department will be able to use all their equipment and staff. Breyer is working with OHS to try and get corn and soy sites on the critical infrastructure list. He informed the committee that funding will be necessary as some Ag Department funding will expire at the end of July, first part of August. He reminded the committee that no funds were awarded for the ag initiative from the local OHS dollars last year and asked the committee to consider funding all the state initiatives this year.

DNR UPDATE:

Alan Cortvriert gave a brief update on DNR activities. DNR will be working on a pesticide collection program for farmers and households.

MASS/CARE EMERGENCY HUMAN SERVICES:

Rebecca Estes (SEMA) was unable to attend today's meeting. A hard copy report was handed out in her absence outlining activities she has been participating in/working on.

MO STATE MUTUAL AID UPDATE:

Sherill Gladney was unable to attend today's meeting. A hard copy report was handed out in her absence outlining activities she has been participating in/working on.

SEMA UPDATE: Brenda Gerlach gave a brief update on activities and reminded the committee that the SEMA conference will be held April 29-May 2nd and there is still time to register. She gave updates on the Capstone Full Scale Exercise that the state of Missouri and all regions are participating in. It is an 8 state exercise based on the catastrophic earthquake event that will have the possibility to impact 8 states. The exercise will take place June 16-20, 2014 and each day is an advanced continuation of the scenario. The tabletop will be held May 15 in Laclede County OEM. Region I will participate on June 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

RHOC OLD BUSINESS

Amy McMillen informed the board that another CERT course has been scheduled for May 16-18 and will be held at MRPC offices. In the past, Region I has been fortunate to utilized presenters that have not charged presenter fees for the courses. Refreshments and some training supplies are no longer eligible expenses under OHS guidelines. We will now pay presenter fees and the presenter will provide the training supplies that need to be replenished and refreshments for the course. Amy McMillen went over the financial reports and updated the committee on FY11 & FY12 projects and activity since the April meeting. She does not see any issues in spending the dollars prior to the grant deadline of August 31, 2013. McMillen informed the board that Mayor Brown of Salem did not run for mayor in the recent election leaving the primary representative seat for mayor vacant. McMillen asked the board to approve letting Mayor Morgan finish out the his term. The committee agreed to have Mayor Morgan complete Mayor Brown's term and then be seated as the primary in October. McMillen will try to recruit an alternate representing Mayor/City Administrator. McMillen informed the board that she is having a difficult time finding a representative for both the primary and alternate seat for Sheriff. She asked the board if they would allow a sheriff representative to serve on the

committee. The committee agreed to allow a deputy or an officer to represent the Sheriff seat on the committee. McMillen reported that Steelville Fire has contacted her to begin working on badges for them.

RHSOC NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Buydos provided an overview of card printers and ID systems that may be beneficial to the committee if we plan on working with the statewide badging program. Ron Smith informed the board that at the April HSOC Chair meeting, the chairs were informed that there would be approximately \$158,000 FY12 money re-allocated back to the regions. Region I will receive an additional \$6,843. The state asked the regions to review FY13 unfunded grant applications. These applications had already been reviewed for eligibility from the state and had been previously scored by the committee. Region I had two applications that were not funded because of budgetary constraints. One was for the Sullivan Memorial District Hospital in the amount of \$6,300 for the purchase of a new trailer that will be used to house and transport mass shelter equipment and can also be used as a triage station on site and received a score of 32.4. The second application was submitted by Salem Police in the amount of \$5,763 for 2 mobile radios and received a score of 29.2 points. Amy McMillen informed the board that as she was working on procurement for the FY13 Sullivan Hazmat Response equipment project, prices had gone up and the application did not account for shipping charges. These circumstances will leave that project short by approximately \$500. Tabitha Stanfast informed the board that she had contacted the Salem Police Chief and there is still a need for up to 8 radios for the Salem PD to complete outfitting his entire department with MoSWIN radios. Any radios purchased with grant dollars have to be dual band radios and cost approximately \$5,800 each. Chris Pickering informed the committee that he spoke to the fire chief of Eureka and he has single band radios that need to be upgraded and are available for free to Missouri agencies. Doug Yurecko made a motion to fund the additional expenses of the Sullivan Hazmat Response equipment and to fund the trailer for Salem Memorial District Hospital; seconded by Adam Birdsong. The motion carried.

Ron Smith led a discussion on the future FY14 funding changes on how the funding formula will be designated for the regions throughout the state. Smith asked Chris Pickering to address that issue with the committee on those proposed changes. Chris Pickering stated that no official decisions had been made at this time. The process should be identified in July. Ron informed the board that at the HSOC chair meeting held earlier this month it was discussed that there could be a peer review held at the state level and that the formula based designated funding may not happen. Questions were asked about the application process. Chris Pickering stated that the FY14 applications will be submitted via a web based program and all applications will be submitted to the state, as they were last year, and aggregated back to the regional committees for review. Ron Smith asked if they would then be scored by the committee and Pickering could not confirm that. A lot of questions were asked on how funding was going to be designated, how applications would be reviewed, who would sit on the review board and if state initiatives would weigh heavier than local applications. Pickering reiterated that the official policy has not been set yet and most of those questions could not be answered until the policy has been identified. Ron asked the committee for direction on how to move forward. Extensive discussions continued and several questions were raised on the review process and the funding formula process.

Ron Smith updated the committee on the status of the work completed by the regional Kind/Typing working group. 14 surveys were completed and turned back in to us outlining the kind and typing equipment purchased with homeland security grant program dollars. We gathered that information and entered it into the excel kind and typing document provided to us by Corey Sloan. MRPC staff pushed that information back out to those who submitted the surveys to confirm the accuracy of the data. Staff will submit that completed document to Corey Sloan on July 25th. We did not include the kind and typing equipment information for fire and EMS as they will submit their own data report statewide.

SCHEDULE MEETING DATES AND DEADLINES:

The FY2014 Region I Grant Workshop meeting will be held July 24, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. The next Region I RHSOC meeting will be July 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Doug Yurecko made a motion to adjourn; Don Good seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Chairman, Ron Smith

Date

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