Region D Homeland Security Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2020
9:00 A.M.
University of Missouri Southwest Research Center
14548 Highway H, Mt. Vernon, MO

Attendance:

RHSOC Members:
Chris Berndt, Chair
Chad Eutsler, Police
Matt Stoller, Sheriff
Lynn Hollandworth, Fire
Jeanne Beas, County Health
Ron Bailey, Public Works
Gregg Sweeten, Mayor/City Administrator
Tim Selvey, County Commission
Will Endicott, Utilities
David Compton, EMS (HSIN)
Linda Barger, Volunteer Groups

RHSOC Alternates:
Melissa Duckworth, Emergency Management
Charla Geller, Emergency Management
Joe Moore, Police
Randy Foster, Sheriff
Jim Furgerson, Fire
Jessica Wagner, County Health
Bryan Newberry, HSRRS
Hank Smythe, Commissioner
Brent Watkins, Industry/LEPC
Paul Carter, Industry/LEPC
Cassie Cunningham, Utilities
Billy Hunt, Utilities
Jason Smith, EMS
Wes Taylor, 911
Julie Stolting, Volunteer Groups
Stephen Roberson, Volunteer Groups
John Elmore, Hospitals

Ex-Officios:
Wendell Hall, DNR
Carl Harris, DNR
Larry Forgey, MDA
Justin Adams, USACE KC

Guests/Visitors:
Tom Charrette, MIC-MoDPS MoSWIN
Bill Pittenger, MDA
Cheryl Mitchell, Christian County EMA
Larry Wood, Greene County OEM
Wesley Mann, Greene County OEM
Keith Stammer, Jasper County EMA
Tom Simmons, Webster County EMA
Kara Miller, Taney County Health
Matt Flint, Taney County Health
Kevin Samsel, Willard Fire

Staff:
Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG

Open Meeting

Opening Comments/Pledge of Allegiance

Chris Berndt opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Introductions

Roll call was taken and self-introductions were made.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Jeanne Beas moved and Tim Selvey seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda for the January 15, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Representatives Reports

Exercise/Training – Melissa Duckworth

Written report in handouts. Regional exercises for 2019 were finished on October 31. All the information is at the State and was sent out to everyone that needed it for their Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). This year's exercise is going to deal with Agri security. The workshop is scheduled for April 8 after the Southwest Missouri Emergency Support Organization (SMESO) meeting. Dates for the tabletop and full scale will then be determined. Ms. Duckworth also reminded everyone that in order for an exercise to be credited, it needs to be registered on the SEMA Training site.

TICP Working Group – Jonathan Ayres

Not present. Nothing to report.

WebEOC Group – Jonathan Ayres

Not present. Emailed report. In 2019, the Region D WebEOC program had 10 real world/emergent incidents, 20 preplanned events/exercises, 702 registered users and 145 helpdesk/support tickets. Servers and systems continue to operate as intended. They are preparing for the annual user validation with County EMDS in the first quarter of 2020. For those jurisdictions that would like to have training courses presented in their jurisdiction, please let them know.

The Region D WebEOC Administration Team had three meetings with SEMA and the Kansas City Region to resurrect the FUSION platform and connectivity to the State of Missouri WebEOC platform along with the Kansas City Region. Since the change of staff at SEMA, no further information or dialog has been provided.

Strategic Planning Working Group – Ted Martin

Not present. Nothing to report.

Old Business

Homeland Security Grant Program Procurement Updates – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

FY17: Everything has been obligated and because of the rebate for the VISA card that was used on the final purchase there is $7.49 remaining. But there was an issue with the radios for Western Taney County Fire in that they are behind in production and may not come in time. OHS said that they would prefer we get other similar radios from a different company. We have found other radios that cost a little more and it could possibly make the ending balance zero.

FY18: Almost 50% has been purchased or obligated. Working on the purchase orders for the two structural collapse trainings and the bomb suit. Still waiting on waivers from FEMA for the firing device and EOD-WASPP before they can be purchased.

FY19: Still waiting on subagreements to be returned and for OHS to enter the projects into Webgrants before we can begin purchasing.

THIRA – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) portion from Region D that was due November 13 was completed and turned in. Those that needed credit for EMPG that were not able to attend either workshop were able to complete a final review and all their information was turned in to SEMA. SEMA asked Chris Berndt for the total hours used to complete the THIRA this year so that they can be more prepared for it the next time. It was close to 300 hours with everyone's time.

Cybersecurity – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Ms. Sandgren reported that so far there have been no names given to her as possible members to sit on the RHSOC under the new Cybersecurity Discipline. If there is no one to represent this discipline, then it just needs to be removed from the RHSOC membership.

Inventory Requests – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
There are no requests at this time.

New Business
Request to Extend Line Item on WebEOC Project – Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren
Jonathan Ayres with the WebEOC Group sent an email requesting that the FY18 WebEOC savings be used to replace the FY19 funding for attending the 2020 WebEOC Conference that was cut. At the July meeting, Michelle Branson of OHS had stated that this was allowable. The conference is in May, so it is still within the FY18 grant time frame. Under normal procedure, any savings from a project goes towards the next project on the scoring list that wasn't funded, so this change would require RHSOC approval. There is about $3,000 left that could send one or two persons to the conference. There were questions as to what projects the savings would go towards, but Ms. Sandgren didn't have that information.

Jeanne Beas moved and Ron Bailey seconded the motion to table the vote until the RHSOC had more information as to what projects would be affected. Motion carried unanimously.

Federal/State/Regional Partners
OHS/HSGP Updates – Chelsey Call
Not present. Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren reported that Chelsey Call had taken Michelle Branson's position at OHS as Ms. Branson has moved to a different position.

Interoperable Communications – Tom Charrette
Written report in handouts. Mr. Charrette pointed out that Stone County and Cedar County were projected to have new 700 MHz sites in 2020. He also emphasized the TRG-INTD: Incident Tactical Dispatcher Training to be held February 4-7. He encouraged 911s and EMTs with a mobile command post to attend. A 911 Outreach Meeting had been held the previous week in Springfield regarding the Next-Generation 911 Grant. And FirstNet is planning on increasing the number of tower sites in Missouri.

Cybersecurity – Angie Robinson
Not present. Emailed report. Continuing to monitor cyber threats to the RHSOC partners and disseminate information. Please make sure the information is getting to the IT and Cyber partners within the RHSOC region. In any RHSOC members or stakeholders want their IT/Cybersecurity departments to receive cyber threat information directly, have their IT/CS employees email Ms. Robinson and they will be added to the MO Cyber Distribution list. The ESF #14 Cybersecurity is in the final production stages. Stay tuned for more information regarding this at the next RHSOC meeting.

DHSS - Douglas Baker
Not present. Emailed report. Flu season is upon us and we're beginning to see a significant increase in cases. As normal for every flu season, the best way to prevent catching influenza is to make sure you wash your hands frequently, cough or sneeze into your elbow, and get vaccinated for influenza. At this point Influenza B is circulating at a higher rate than usual for the time of year, and historically vaccination for Influenza B is very effective in preventing that strain. So again, we'd like to recommend to our RHSOC partners to be sure to get vaccinated.

Hepatitis A is also circulating in the southwest part of the state, with persons that use drugs and homeless persons being the most at risk. Those of you that interact with these populations (law enforcement, EMTs, and medical personnel in particular) should review your immune status with your medical providers and, if you're not up-to-date, per CDC guidance we'd recommend you consider getting vaccinated for Hepatitis A.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have questions or concerns. We greatly appreciate all the work that our partners in the Region D RHSOC do to keep our constituents safe and healthy.

DNR Update – Wendell Hall
Nothing to report.

Agriculture Update – Bill Pittenger
Bill Pittenger is the new Emergency Management Manager for the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA). He started November 1, 2019.

African Swine Fever Virus, Foot & Mouth Disease Virus, and High Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus are three major viruses circulating in the world that could devastate the Missouri Poultry and Livestock Industries. MDA is continuing to work with stakeholders to develop biosecurity plans along with Secure Food Supply Plans (Secure Beef, Secure Pork, Secure Poultry, Secure Milk, and Secure Sheep and Wool) that will help keep continuity of business during a disease outbreak.

In September 2019, MDA participated in a 14-state African Swine Fever Exercise involving a 72-hour nationwide movement standstill and permitted movement in and out of control zones. We are currently working on reviewing and updating emergency response plans involving Missouri agriculture. MDA is working with USDA APHIS to schedule ICS 300 and 400 training in 2020 with an agriculture emergency response theme. We are applied for funding in the Farm Bill for ICS position specific training of MDA staff in 2020.

Mutual Aid – Kevin Virgin
Not present. Nothing to report.

IST – Scott Moore
Not present. Written report in handouts.

Disciplinary Group Reports
County Health – Jeanne Beas added that they are also having problems with mumps, measles and Pertussis. Vaccinations for these are really dropping off.

911 – Wes Taylor announced that there will be a Public Safety Communications Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks on March 22-25.

Volunteer Groups – Linda Barger reported that the 2020 National CERT Conference will be held in Springfield in July 2020. It is a week-long conference. On the first three days, Emergency Management Institute (EMI) instructors will be there to teach specialty classes. A website for the conference has been set up. So far, people from four countries and 32 states have registered. Secondly, there will be a regional CERT class coming up to be held in Monett.

Julie Stolting added that Red Cross has responded to the storm events in Polk County and Strafford.

Emergency Management – Melissa Duckworth reported that the SMESO quarterly meeting was last week and Bonnie Witt-Schulte is staying on as Chair and she as Vice-chair. Application for the FY20 EMPG funding is open and will close January 31. A webinar for the application process was presented yesterday and information will be emailed out for those that weren't able to see it. It was also announced the Ron Walker was retiring as the SEMA Director in March.

Other Business/Open Discussion
There was no other business or open discussion.

Next Meeting Date
The next meeting is scheduled to be held on April 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Location will be the MU Southwest Research Center in Mt. Vernon.

Adjourn
Tim Selvey moved and Will Endicott seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Chris Berndt

Chris Berndt, Region D RHSOC Chair

7/15/2020

Date Approved