

Region D RHSOC Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2007
9:00 A.M.
University of Missouri Southwest Research Center
14548 Highway H
Mt. Vernon, MO

Attendance:

RHSOC Members/Alternates:

Chris Berndt, Emergency Management
Andy Nimmo, Fire
Jeff Merriman, Sheriff
Angela Ford, County Health
Mitch Randles, HSRT
Bill Deal, Utilities
David Hoover, EMS
J.R. Webb, 911
Chris Harmon, Volunteer Groups
Douglas Domer, Schools
Michael Pfander, Agriculture

Ex-Officio:

Diane Smith, DHSS
Debby Black, DSS
Larry Forgey, MDA
Capt. Gary Haupt, MSWP
Lt. Colonel David Boyle, 7th CST (WMD)
Candy Adams, SEMA
Diane May, SMCOG
Bud Hayes, Kaysinger Basin RPC

RHSOC Alternates:

Tom Martin, Stone County EMD
Kathleen King, County Health
Kent Vanderpool, 911

Guests/Visitors:

Dave Compton, Barry Co EMD
Bob Kittsmiller, Dade Co EMD
Ryan Nicholls, Greene Co EMD
Mike Rowe, Lawrence Co EMD
Lynn Hollandsworth, Republic OEM
Melissa Duckworth, Taney Co EMA
William Sexton, Webster Co EMD
Michael White, Redings Mill FPD
Kathryn Hadlock, DHSS
O.J. Stone, MO Office Homeland Security
Jay Bosch, SEMA
Zada Farris, SEMA
David Rauch, Senator McCaskill's Office

Staff:

Dorothy Wittorff-Sandgren, SMCOG
Stephanie Leibach, SMCOG
Joe Kelley, HSTCC
Greg Gaines, Mass Care/Volunteers
Coordinator

Open Meeting:

Chris Berndt opened the meeting at 9:10 am. Self-introductions were made.

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The agenda was revised to remove JR Webb from speaking. Mitch Randles motioned and David Hoover seconded the motion to approve the July 18, 2007 meeting agenda as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2007 Meeting:

A correction on page two of the June 22, 2007 meeting minutes was noted—the word “purchase” is mistyped. J.R. Webb motioned and Bill Deal seconded the motion to approve the June 22, 2007 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on 2006 Grant Award Activities:

Diane May presented an update on 2006 Grant activities. All agreements with SEMA have been executed. The first procurement priority is the staff positions. The Mass Care/Volunteer Coordinator position is being procured through Red Cross and work is proceeding to fill the Assistant position and the Agricultural Risk Preparedness Specialist.

Proposed Grant Amendment for Incident Management Team Equipment/Training :

Michael White proposed changes to the IMT budget. He indicated that needs have changed due to new information on training and they want to move about half of the training funding, including the \$25,000 allocated for shadowing, to equipment. He noted that the shadowing training will not be available for a Level 4 team. Mr. White talked with the State Fire Marshall after the earthquake exercise about suggested materials. The funds cannot be used for consumables. Zada Farris will review the purchase list to determine which items are consumables and not fundable. By the end of the month it is expected that 17-20 persons will be on the IMT. Chris Berndt asked what happens with the money that can't be used for consumables. Mr. White responded that they want to purchase an Incident Commanders Radio Interface. Questions were asked if the RHSOC needs to make a decision at this point on reallocating the budget. Diane May indicated that RHSOC approval was needed at this point in order to request that SEMA approve the change.

Dave Hoover motioned and Mitch Randles seconded the motion to approve transfer of \$26, 373 from IMT training to the IMT equipment budget. A roll call vote was taken and motion carried unanimously:

<i>RHSOC Member</i>	<i>Vote</i>
Chris Berndt	Yes
Jeff Merriman	Yes
Andy Nimmo	Yes
Mitch Randles	Yes
Bill Deal	Yes
J.R. Webb	Yes
Chris Harmon	Yes
Douglas Domer	Yes
Michael Pfander	Yes

Update on Purchase Agreements/MOUs:

Ryan Nicholls reported that he met with Debbie Rathert, SEMA, about Chapter 44 RSMO. Debbie's verbal interpretation was that RHSOC is a jurisdiction. Zada Farris noted that Region H designed a blanket MOU. Angela Ford inquired whether the MOUs could just be executed with the county EMDs. The response to this is "No" because county EMDs do not supersede local government authority. Dave Hoover stated that the MOUs could become quite complicated and would need to specify when the equipment can be used. Ms. Farris suggested that any questions regarding the specifics would be at the RHSOC level. The RHSOC should respond to any disputes.

Dave Hoover motioned and Andy Nimmo seconded the motion to change the Purchase Agreement to incorporate these ideas. Mike Pfander questioned whether this can be changed given the last meeting at which it was stated that MOUs must be executed ahead of time and now we can change it. Andy Nimmo noted that if you don't have MOUs signed in advance during a federally declared disaster, then won't get federal reimbursement for expenses.

Working Group Reports:

HSRT—Mitch Randles. HSRT meets monthly. Funding for HSRT so far does not come through the RHSOC. Funding for HSRTs for this year has been cut by about 2/3. Any more cuts will require funds from the jurisdictions.

911—J.R. Webb. 911 group meets periodically. They met last week to talk about investment justifications. Fire side the three regional fire chiefs have been talking amongst themselves.

Emergency Management--Chris Berndt. Emergency management meets quarterly (SMESO) and there is fair attendance on the part of the counties. There have been no meetings on critical infrastructure yet, waiting to hear from the state.

Agriculture--Mike Plander. The agriculture working group is meeting frequently. They hope to interview candidates for the Agricultural Preparedness Specialist position by the end of August and start procurement of supplies. The focus is on the animal production side, but will also be expanding efforts on crop production side.

Public Health—Angela Ford. The public health group communicates via email and have compiled priorities.

Sheriff--Jeff Merriman. The sheriff's haven't met face to face for a while. Main focus is interoperable communications and criminal justice. They are looking at how communications can be improved.

Schools—Douglas Domer. The schools haven't had official meetings as a group, but individual schools are all working to develop plans that are consistent with their county plans. They are also dealing with pandemic planning.

Volunteers —Chris Harmon. The Volunteers committee met a few weeks ago and talked about the mass care coordinator. They are also discussing the national shelter system. A question was asked on how this meshes with the local shelter system. The goal is to get the ID systems for the EMDs and get them participating. Dave Hoover suggested that with the national shelter site there is a way to coordinate. The coordinator will meet with the count EMDs to determine shelter needs and will help develop the database on shelter availabilities and capabilities.

EMS—Dave Hoover. EMS group meets quarterly. Mass Care mirrors report from Volunteers representative.

FY2007 Investment Justification Prioritization and State Award Amount

Zada Farris discussed the FY2007 investment justifications. Investment #13 pertains to the Real ID Act of 2005 which will be implemented in May 2008. The Act requires ID chips in drivers' licenses. If state doesn't comply, will need a passport to enter a plane or a federal building. Missouri legislature has voted "no" on this so this investment will be removed from the state's application.

Discussion followed on the Midwestern United States Fusion Center Integration investment justification. There has been a meeting of fusion centers from 13 states to put together a Midwestern United States Fusion Center. If the states present a regional approach, there is the potential for investment awards to be increased. Money would be used for high level search engine for our state and to connect with other states. At the current time, Kansas has not agreed to participate.

The critical infrastructure and key resources inventory investment would provide equipment and staff time to conduct a key resources inventory, including what is stored where and changes in infrastructure needs. A question was raised about the need for this activity. J.R. Webb said the current state list is incorrect and needs to be updated; Dave Compton also noted that things change and the update is needed. Bud Hayes noted that some of these databases already exist from the hazard mitigation plans.

The RHSOCs are to submit their investment justifications priority rankings by August 27, 2007. It is anticipated that the grant awards to the states will be announced today.

Interoperable Communications Grants:

O.J. Stone reported that 1 billion will be available for the 50 states. The requirement is a statewide communications plan based on local community needs. The regions will be contacted in August for input to help Missouri qualify for the grant.

RHSOC Changes in October:

The alternates for the RHSOC primary representatives holding one year appointments will take over at the October RHSOC meeting. Several of the disciplinary groups will need to select new alternates.

Review of Training “Short List”:

Any discipline can fill out applications for short list training. The RHSOC representatives were requested to get the word out to their groups so that SEMA can determine training needs. The available classes are listed on the SEMA website.

Appointment of Primary and Alternate Training Representative to SETAG:

Appointment to State Training Advisory Group (SETAG) was discussed. The state wants input from regions on what type of training is needed and training locations. SETAG will provide input to SEMA on the training schedule and what changes are needed for the future. SETAG has not yet been organized and meeting dates are not yet set. Candy Adams noted that this should be coordinated with the SEMA area coordinators. It will be coordinated within SEMA for the area coordinators.

Mitch Randles recommended Ryan Nichols and Mike White to serve as primary and alternate Region D representatives to SETAG. Andy Nimmo motioned and JR Webb seconded the motion to cease nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Nimmo motioned and Mitch Randles seconded the motioned to appoint Ryan Nicholls as the primary representative and Mike White as the alternate representative to the SETAG. Motion carried unanimously.

Health Update:

Kathy Hadlock reported that DHSS prepared an ESS grant for the past four years, with a mandate of equipment assistance at alternate care sites. They are trying to identify different types of alternative care sites. There is some confusion as to what an alternative care site is and Ms. Hadlock distributed a terminology handout.

DHSS will make a presentation at the next quarterly meeting on alternative care sites and next steps on planning and the regional level. Upfront resources will include mass care shelters

through Red Cross, a hospital preparedness program, medical surge, and trauma trailers in outstate Missouri that will be owned by hospitals at local level. Process is in place to activate these and move anywhere in the state. They are working with SEMA to establish a mobile medical facility to care for 50-100 patients. This will be stored and maintained with Missouri 1 DMAAC team, but can go anywhere within the state. Also looking at working with Missouri Hospital Association to set up mass supplies cache that would be located in different parts of the state but available to go anywhere. An Alternate Standards of Care Committee is being organized to begin prioritizing care, type of care, and who gives care.

Ryan Nicholls asked how does a local jurisdiction access the special needs supplies? This hasn't been worked out yet, but will involve a MOU similar to activities with MCI trailers.

Other Business:

Candy Adams announced that this is Diane Smith's last meeting. She has taken a new position with Cox Nursing.

O.J. Stone gave an update on the Missouri Emergency Resource Information System (MERIS) and Emergency Response Information Program (ERIP). He indicated MERIS would be released sometime around September. They were looking for the rollout of ERIP for the schools about August 1st.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19th, with location to be determined. The quarterly meeting will be held on October 17th, 9:00 a.m. at the Southwest Research Center.

Adjourn:

Dave Hoover motioned and Bill Deal seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


Chris Berndt, Region D RHSOC Chair

October 17, 2007
Date Approved