

# Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Agenda  
January 8th, 2021, 0900 CT

## Meeting comes to order

### 1. Introductions

Marty Bilek, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Lori	Anderson	Communications alternate	
Jason	Casady	Emergency Management chair	X
Stu	DeLaCastro	Sarpy County alternate representative	
Margaret	Perdue	City of Omaha / Working Group Alternative Chair	X
Kevin	Griger	Rural Law Enforcement chair	X
Dan	Douglas	Washington County representative	X
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	X
Bill	Holiday	Urban Law Enforcement alternate	
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement chair	X
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County representative	X
Butch	Groves	Washington County alternate representative	
Adi	Pour	Douglas County alternate representative	
Joe	Salcedo	Urban Fire chair	
Whitney	Shiple	Emergency Management alternate	X
Bill	Muldoon	Communications chair	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	X

*Jesse Eret (Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency), Megan Wade (Medical Reserve Corps), Eric Plautz (MUD), Logan Lueking (Nebraska Emergency Management), Dale Tedder (Tri-County Citizen Corps Program), Britney Hensley (Sarpy/Cass Health Department), Alison Dye (Three Rivers Health Department), Dave Points (University of Nebraska Omaha Public Safety), Brian Stolley (La Vista, Police), Sarah Egner (City of Omaha Finance), PJ Bodrowski (Sarpy County Information Systems), Josie Oliver (), Kristen Lynam (OPD), Sandra Hobson (NPP), Charles Ott (OPD), Brad Witte (OFD), Chris Ulrick (Nebraska Emergency Management)*

### 2. Review & approval of July 10th, 2020 meeting minutes

- a. Dennis Snook made a motion to approve July 10th, 2020 meeting minutes; Lynn Marshal seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## Updates and Reports

### 1. **Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update** *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*

- a. Bylaws and Amendment discussion. Following previous conversations, it was determined that Tri-County PET region was not a public body, and was not required to follow the Open Meetings Act, except for the region's bylaws. Discussion to amend the bylaws, with language allowing for virtual meetings. Movement to adjust the language in the fourth proposed change to "Section 6: The Working Group May hold virtual meetings when determined by the chairman." Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Bill Muldoon to amend the Tri-County Region's Bylaws by the proposed changes, seconded by Captain Mark Desler. Motion Passed unanimously (9/9).
- b. BSIR reporting due, Margaret will be reaching out for additional information on projects.
- c. 2021 IJ Process. Projects to be submitted to NEMA by February 26<sup>th</sup>. Tri-County projects to be submitted to Margaret by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Working Group will convene February 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to discuss and prioritize IJs.
- d. FEMA held conference call and shared information that UASI eligibility determinations are changing, and those eligible will be included in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be released February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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### 2. Financial update & report: *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*

- a. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 2021. Project period extension granted due to COVID-19 impact on project timelines. Discussion on potential extension, due to continued pandemic impact. Margaret and Logan anticipated that any news on an extension would not be known until nearer the end of the project period, as previous 2017 extension notice was given May 2020.
- b. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2021
- c. FY 2019 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- d. FY 2020 SHSG; performance period ends August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### 3. Standing committee reports

- a. **Emergency Management:** *Jason Casady, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency* – Jason Casady will be representing Emergency Management in 2021. Douglas County completing LEOP.

- i. **Citizen Corps Program:** *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency, Dale Tedder, Tri-County Citizen Corps Coordinator*

Discussed challenge of spending down ICS and 2018 funds due to pandemic. Fire Corps graduated a class of 22 students this past fall. Neighborhood Watch committee. New website under development. IJs underway.

- ii. **Medical Reserve Corps:** *Megan Wade, MRC Coordinator*

Assisted vaccination in Douglas County last week. Administered vaccines to healthcare workers. Assisting health departments to pre-verify potential volunteers to administer vaccines. Starting up Stop the Bleed CPR groups, classes scheduled for January and February, spacing and with own equipment.

- b. **Communications:** *Bill Muldoon, Sarpy County Emergency Communications*  
Nothing to report.

- c. **Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources:** *Dennis Snook, OPPD*

CIKR next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Difficulty with meeting amid pandemic. Shifting to focus on lifeline areas—transportation, telecomm, utilities, and try to get additional engagement. Presentation on the 19<sup>th</sup> from Public Health, related to vaccinations for critical infrastructure. 5 new NPP board members began. Small business membership fees were waived to increase small business membership.

- i. **Nebraska Preparedness Partnership:** *Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator*

**Continuing on disaster recovery and economic development taskforces.** Pushing out COVID-19 information. Planning to do TEEX training in May and June. City of Peru lost water supply, and requested assistance from NEMA, NPP was able to supply bottle water in the interim. NPP to be included as a case study of public-private partnership guide. Currently working on new website, to be rolled out Q1.

- ii. **Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC):**

Email update provide by Val Goodman:  
radios (approved by the City Council).

- Cancelled "Diamond in the Rough" exercises (due to COVID-19) have been re-scheduled for the Fall of 2021 (TTX) and Spring of 2022 (FSE)

- Roberta Coffman at Children's Hospital found and we submitted sole piece of equipment to be inventoried to the State

- Current COVID-19 data for OMHCC hospitals. As of the morning of 1/7/21:

293 Med/Surg Beds were available out of 1,539 staffed beds. (These are "non-ICU level nursing care" beds, not surge beds.)

- 81% occupancy rate.

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- 91 Adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds were available out of 335 staffed beds. (73% occupancy rate)
- 19 Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) beds were available out of 46 staffed beds. (59% occupancy rate)
- 261 total inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19, 87 are Adult ICU level care (80 confirmed, 7 suspected)
- 22 COVID-19 PUIs
- 149) of the 446 ventilators in hospitals are in use. 38 ventilators are being used for hospitalized patients either suspected or confirmed

Generally the trend seems to be moving in the right direction or remaining stable for the past couple of weeks.

- Hospital Unified Command (HUC) calls are ongoing and have increased in frequency. We are now meeting every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The HUC is currently in its 36th Operational Period for their Incident Action Plan (IAP). Public health ERCs and the OMHCC Non-Hospital Healthcare Workgroup Chair also participate in those calls. We also have some ad-hoc COVID-19 workgroups meeting on the issues of public information, IT, HR, and infection prevention.

- We have expanded the OMHCC Executive Membership to include Dr. Anna Fisher from the LTC/SNF as their representative.

- The OMHCC continues to work and reports out to the State Medical Emergency Operations Center (MEOC). The MEOC's role is to maintain statewide healthcare situational awareness (Info & Data), problem solve issues, offer consistent guidance, and conduct statewide planning and mitigation. It's representatives include healthcare CMOs & COOs, the CHI Health Transfer Center, state EMS & DHHS, the NE Hospital Association, the Nebraska Healthcare Association, Leading Age, the Region VII Disaster Health Response Team (RDHRE), and HCC Coordinators. We have developed and broadly distributed a status report we are asking all healthcare organizations on our list (e.g. hospitals, LTCFs, Home Health, Dialysis Centers, etc.) to complete in order to share current situational awareness with the MEOC.

- The OMHCC committee and UNMC found a location for the UV light Reprocessing of the N95 masks at Good Samaritan Society in Millard. We really appreciate them setting up and are really appreciate Mainelle Company for donating \$50,000 to help us staff and get the room ready. Without them, it would not have been possible. The system and room has been setup and made operational this week. Training is being conducted at the site to get ready for the next week. They have completed a schedule and will be sending out communication to several facilities to let them know hours, days and other logistical information. Also, we want to thank OrthoNebraska for their efforts for running the UV light for the last 7-8 months. As noted before, this process disinfects N95 masks for members of the Omaha Metro Healthcare Coalition using UV light.

- Hospitals, LTC, Clinics, Public Health departments and others facilities have started the Covid vaccines clinics with both Pfizer and Moderna. The vaccine clinics (CPODs) are

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progressing well and the number of vaccines given are increasing rapidly over the past week.

· Hospitals, Public Health departments and others are develop plans to vaccinate their 75+ patient population.

**iii. Public Health:** *Alison Dye, Three Rivers Public Health Department*

Drive through closed pods in Washington County. One on 9<sup>th</sup> at Washington Recycling Center. First one in Fremont yesterday, gaps and improvement available to share. Contacted local law enforcement to request officers at site, and also requesting traffic control volunteers. Still requesting officer on site. Information received that pod sites around Sioux City had armed individuals threaten healthcare workers. 28 Fire/Rescue/EMS individuals vaccinated. Testing decreasing, but percent positive remaining the same. So no indication that numbers are going down.

**d. Urban Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Mark Desler, OPD*

Working on procurement of the FY 2020 AgileMesh Upgrade. Resolution to go before City Council in near future.

**i. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group:**

**e. Rural Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Kevin Griger, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office*

2021 Law Enforcement meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> to prioritize 2021 IJs. FY 2019 FSE for Sarpy County tentatively planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Preparatory training has been delayed. March 1<sup>st</sup> will decided if May 2<sup>nd</sup> date will be postponed.

**f. Urban Fire:** *Brad Witte, Omaha Fire Department*

Working on 2021 IJs. Structural Collapse course coming up. Also need to schedule swift water rescue training.

**g. Rural Fire:** *Travis Harlow, Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department*

No report.

**4. NEMA Report:** *Logan Lueking, NEMA*

BOLD Planning Software being rolled out. Demo this afternoon and Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Public Comment

1. Any public comments?

## Upcoming Events: *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*

1. Please review the Tri-County's multi-year planning, exercise, and training (PET) calendar.
  2. Please review the [NEMA training calendar](#) for statewide training opportunities
  3. Working group to meet February 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to review 2021 IJs.
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2. Bill Muldoon motion to approve adjournment, Dennis Snook seconded the motion. Members voted by unanimous acclamation.