

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2022, 0900 CT

Meeting comes to order

1. Introductions

Thomas Warren, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Thomas	Warren	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Lori	Anderson	Communications chair	X
Jesse	Eret	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	
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
Mark	Desler	Urban Law Enforcement chair	X
		Sarpy County representative	
Butch	Groves	Washington County alternate representative	
Joe	Salcedo	Urban Fire chair	
Whitney	Shipley	Emergency Management alternate	X
Bill	Muldoon	Communications alternate	
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	X

Sarah Egnor (City of Omaha Finance), Terri Morrow (MUD), Kristopher Peterson (Douglas County Sheriff's Office), Dave Points (UNO Public Safety), Justin Watson (Nebraska Medicine) Logan Lueking (NEMA), Brian Stolley (La Vista PD), Dale Tedder (Citizen Corps), Britney Kirilova (Sarpy County Health Department), Angie Wimberley (Douglas County Health Department), Caleb Kuddes (Three Rivers Health Department), Sandra Hobson (NPP)

2. Review & approval of November 19th, 2021 meeting minutes

- a. Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote

Updates and Reports

1. **Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update**, Margaret Perdue, City of Omaha Mayor's Office
 - a. 2021 Award update -- financial clearance, Ordinance passed by City Council 12/14/21.
2. **Financial update & report**: Margaret Perdue, City of Omaha Mayor's Office
 - a. Both FY 2018 and FY 2019 grants close on August 31st 2022 –outstanding projects need to be completed and budgets spent down as close out approaches.
 - b. FY 2020 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2023
 - c. FY 2021 SHSG; Financial clearance, unless a subrecipient agreement is pending.
 - d. 2022 Investment Justification development meeting immediately following working group meeting.
3. **Standing committee reports**
 - a. **Emergency Management**: Jason Casady, Douglas County Emergency Management Agency
Regional Emergency Managers met, discussion around need to sustain a PET subcommittee – has not been meeting since COVID. Recommendation that as PET is broader than SHSP programs alone, meetings outside of the working group could accommodate a broader scope – OPPD will convene PET meetings, not tied solely to SHSP funding.
 - i. **Citizen Corps Program**: Jesse Eret, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency;
Dale Tedder retiring as Citizen Corps Coordinator. Tri-County CERT team has been retired. Each county making own determinations on whether or not they will move forward with CERT teams.

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MRC assisting with COVID clinics. New Coordinator reengaging volunteers. Fire Corps class starting soon. Neighborhood Watch reorganizing regionally. Council will continue to meet monthly.

b. Communications: *Lori Anderson, Washington County Sheriff's Office*

No updates

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

i. CIKR no updates.

ii. Nebraska Preparedness Partnership: *Sandra Hobson, NPP*

Continue working on flood and COVID response for DHHS and NEMA. 4 TEEEX critical infrastructure trainings – 2 in Lincoln and 2 in Omaha. Looking at venues for September conference. Continuity plan modules under review and in development for website. Helping NEMA with interviews. Responded to Elmwood and Greenwood being without water. Assisted Lynch with funding for homes impacted by 2019 funding.

Comment on NPP funding under Tri-County region, where it is a statewide service, and many communities outside of region supported. Discussion as to if this could be funded directly by state, as it is more of a state-wide resource, performing state functions.

NPP discussed conversations with NEMA leadership regarding this being directly state-funded rather than regionally, don't anticipate it for 2022 cycle.

iii. Omaha Health Care Coalition (HCC): *Justin Watson, Nebraska Medicine*

Record number of cases in region's three health department jurisdictions. Record number of hospitalizations. Douglas County Health Department dashboard includes hospital information for Douglas County and Omaha Metro area. 284 patients on December 20th. As of 1/13/22 the number was 403-17 of those pediatric. Chief Medical Officers met about crisis standards of care. Nebraska Medicine has moved forward with crisis plan. Changes pre-admission testing, isolation policy, masking etc. Monoclonal antibodies effective against Omicron. Upcoming meeting related to distribution of monoclonal antibodies for region. Many trainings impacted, but partners would like to move forward. Many smaller in scope, potential for virtual. Pediatric surge table top in February and large Diamond in the Rough table top in March. EMS involvement.

iv. Public Health *Angie Wimberly, Douglas County Health Department*

New to ERC role, no update

Britney Kirilova, Sarpy County Health Department Highest numbers per day hit 1/13/22 with 803 – expecting to surpass 3000 cases per week. Highest since COVID response began. Ongoing COVID vaccine clinics. Referring COVID testing call to pharmacies providing testing – listed on website. Required full-scale exercise restarts July 2022 – due by 2027.

Question on Sarpy Health Department Dashboard – Sarpy has own dashboard on their website. Comment on number of deaths dashboard statistic, would like to see statistic include vaccinated/unvaccinated status. Sarpy and Douglas dashboards provide gender, race, ethnicity, age information. Continuing conversation on adding vaccination status at future Health Department meetings.

Caleb Kuddes, Three Rivers Health Department

Last two weeks have had highest case rates over course of pandemic. 641 positive cases previous week, 616 so far this week. 7-day rolling average is 158 new cases per day. Efforts on providing school with quarantine and isolation advice. Expand testing access. Only a walgreens and total-wellness site in region – being inundated. Assisting with PPE needs, vaccination clinics—trying to get younger population vaccinated and boosters to those eligible.

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- d. **Urban Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Mark Desler, OPD*
 - i. Moving forward with 2021 projects now that financial clearance. Working on 2022 investment justification.
 - ii. **Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group:**
OMAPS program improving the dashboard. Will update group with a demo. Completed 2022 IJ.
- e. **Rural Law Enforcement:** *Capt. Kevin Griger, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office*
Full scale exercise for April 24th still set to proceed at Cobalt Credit Union's HQ.
- f. **Urban Fire:** *B/C Coby Werner, Omaha Fire Department*
 - i. ICS 300/400 coming up to be hosted at OFD May 2022 and a later date. Mastering Fireground Command Training to be going through City Council.
- g. **Rural Fire:** No update

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

IJ process update. February 18th at noon is deadline for submission. Webinar with members of SME, SAC, and Policy group scheduled for February 16th. SME Review week of March 7th, SAC group meets week of April 11th, and Policy Group meets week of April 18th. Funding notifications around October. EMs are continuing LEOPS updates in BOLD Planning program.

Question on composition of policy group. Members all appointed by the Governor. Includes Lt Governor, Superintendent of NE State Patrol, Vice Chancellor of UNMC, Fire Marshall, Director of Department of Agriculture, CEO & CMO of DHHS, CIO, Assistant Director of NEMA, CHI Medical, Ex Oficio members: Member of Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee in the Legislature and a Member of the Appropriations Committee in the Legislature.

Question regarding grant requirements for EMPG – item #17, discusses Citizen Corps program and functions. These programs funded under SHSP. Why is it also in EMPG? Logan will follow up with Julie Mayers regarding the requirement.

Public Comment

1. No public comments.

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

1. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 11th, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Will update as to whether it will be in-person or virtual.
2. FY 2022 IJ Development Meeting immediately following Working Group meeting.
3. Please review the Tri-County's multi-year planning, exercise, and training (PET) calendar.
4. Please review the [NEMA training calendar](#) for statewide training opportunities.

Motion to adjourn passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourns at 9:55 am.