

# Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Meeting Minutes  
March 13th, 2020, 0900 CT  
1819 Farnam Street, Jesse Lowe Conference Room

## Meeting comes to order

### 1. Introductions

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Working Group chair	
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Phil	Brazelton	Communications alternate	X
Dan	Douglas	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
		Washington County representative	
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	X
Bill	Holaday	Urban Law Enforcement alternate	X
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	X
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
Jay	Leavitt	Urban Law Enforcement chair	
Lynn	Marshall	Sarpy County representative	X
Butch	Groves	Washington County alternate representative	
Adi	Pour	Douglas County alternate representative	
Joe	Salcedo	Urban Fire chair	
Whitney	Shipley	Emergency Management alternate	
Bill	Muldoon	Communications chair	X
Dennis	Snook	Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CIKR) chair	

*Jesse Eret (Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency), Amber Parker (Mayor's Office), Jason Casady (Douglas County Emergency Management Agency), Brittney Hensley (Sarpy/Cass Department of Health), Justin Watson (Omaha Metro Health Care Coalition), Brad Witte (Omaha Fire Department), Megan Wade (Medical Reserve Corps), Allison Dye (Three Rivers Public Health), Greg Youell (MAPA), Sandra Hobson (Nebraska Preparedness Partnership), Andrew Lomax (Bellevue Fire), Tia Loftin (Nebraska Emergency Management), Dave Points (UNO Public Safety), Dale Tedder (Tri-County Citizen Corps Program),*

## Updates and Reports

### 1. Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update

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

a. Per grant awards - 2017 performance period ends June 1, 2020. If COVID19 will impact this performance period - no communication of any changes as of yet. Nothing related to that has changed. Will notify of any changes when announced.

b. Submitted 2020 projects - now going through State SME reviews.

c. Projects may be impacted by COVID19 - not aware of the extent at this time.

No indication at of 3.13.20 that the Homeland Security Conference has been cancelled.

May be some flexibility related to airline and hotel bookings - make sure to check your own

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arrangements

d. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 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

### 3. Standing committee reports

#### a. Emergency Management:

##### i. *Dan Douglas, Washington County Emergency Management Agency*

Met march 5, reviewed 2017 - 2018 budget and discussed Sarpy full-scale exercise. 3/25 mock tornado drill.

Sarpy 1/31 - 2/1 full scale exercise - Citizen Corps Volunteers + Red Cross. Great turnout - some issues came up. Was an opportunity to find weak spots. Overall very pleased.

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#### b. Communications: *Bill Muldoon, Sarpy County Emergency Communications*

Douglas County completed microwave radio replacement - in place and running.

Washington County update: Phil Brazelton leaving April 6, Lori Anderson will be stepping in.

#### c. Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources:

##### i. No Report

##### ii. Nebraska Preparedness Partnership: *Sandra Hobson, NPP Program Coordinator*

Governor's Task Force - Economic Subgroup - Vigilant guard - Mid-May. NPP training scheduled for 4/28/20 not sure if enough will register due to restriction. August ½ training - registration open. June 27th community preparedness event, planning meeting next week. Met with FEMA private sector liaison last week to discuss upcoming events. Working with health departments, getting information out to businesses - adding to website and social media - COVID19.

Assistance with pandemic planning and pandemic exercise development. Resources added to Omaha Chamber website. Attended flood event.

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

Coordination calls with Executives, Chief Medical Officers, and Medical personnel - decided that hospitals will open unified command - reps from all hospitals. Group met yesterday will meet Mondays and Thursdays moving forward. Putting together central elements of information that will be collected. Resources are an issue - PPE. Prioritizing hospitals and ems. Concern is long-term care facilities. DCHD released 3595 masks within Douglas County - getting requests for more. Limited supply of masks and gowns - meeting to discuss prioritization.

##### iii. Public Health:

*Douglas County Health Department:*

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Have 9 confirmed cases in DC with two more that will be announced shortly. Most are travelers or close contacts of travelers. Monitoring over 500 individuals - recommending non-pharmaceutical interventions, including self-quarantine. Healthcare system is seeking PPE. Have been notified that State is going to release some from remaining H1N1 caches. Expect supplies to arrive Monday

*Sarpy/Cass Department of Health:*

First positive Cass Co case - activate PHCC to level three - small staff, expanding with help from outside partners.

*Three Rivers PHD:*

Area command structure. Each county will have its own incident commander, for Washington County this is Dan Douglas. 7 individuals were tested Wednesday, all tests came back negative. Family that recently returned from Italy is under quarantine and is being monitored.

iv. Citizen Corps Program: *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency & Dale Tedder,*

Yesterday SME group went through Citizen Corps projects. Some approved, some not, and some placed on bubble. Did participate with the flood meeting. MRC & CERT participated with Sarpy Co full scale exercise. Currently on stand-down mode. Fire Corps starting 5th class need to evaluate impacts on Fire Department

National Cert Conference in June in Springfield MO. State Citizen Corps Conference - July in Scotts Bluff. Lynn is Chair of State Citizen Corps Council. Also joining Senior Advisory group for 2020 project review.

d. Urban Law Enforcement: *Bill Holaday for Lt. Jay Leavitt, OPD*

*No Report*

i. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group: *Bill Holaday for Sgt. Lee Tomlinson, OPD*

OMAPS - OPS is completed, working with OPS to discuss how to keep information up to date.

Meeting with private schools scheduled for next week - may be impacted by COVID.

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

*Nothing to report*

f. Urban Fire: *B/C Coby Werner, and Capt. Brad Witte, Omaha Fire Department*

Tentatively moving forward with swift water rescue class in late May. Moving forward with structural collapse class in June - tentative.

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

*No report*

4. NEMA Report: *Tia Loftin for Logan Lueking, NEMA*

Training scheduled for OMA and Norfolk - will be digital. G205 Kearney course has been postponed. COVID 19 - next Tuesday afternoon - Emergency Manager - discuss status, where NEMA is at -

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currently monitoring and supporting requests and needs as they come in. Tia Loftin - planning specialist NEMA. Bring management planning - FEMA approved or one specific to the County or Department - will be poc [tia.loftin@nebraska.gov](mailto:tia.loftin@nebraska.gov) will work with counties - provide assistance.

5. University of Nebraska collaboration with Nebraska Department of Education project update: *Ryan Lowry, University of Nebraska - postponed to May meeting* 6. Nebraska 211 Presentation: *Dr. Pam Schwalb, United Way - postponed to May meeting*

### Public Comment

1. Any public comments?

If you joined the call late, please notify Margaret via email for the record.

Future Meetings The **next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 8th, 2020** at 9:00 AM in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room.

Regularly scheduled Tri-County meetings occur every two months, on the second Friday of those months at 9:00 AM in the Jesse Lowe Conference Room, unless otherwise specified.