

Tri-County PET Region Working Group

Agenda
November 13th, 2020, 0900 CT
Zoom

Meeting begins at 9:00.

First Name	Last Name	Standing Committee	Attendance
Marty	Bilek	Working Group chair	X
Bill	Bowes	Rural Fire alternate	
Lori	Anderson	Communications alternate	
Dan	Douglas	Emergency Management chair	
Stu	DeLaCastro	Sarpy County alternate representative	
Margaret	Perdue	City of Omaha / Working Group Alternative Chair	X
Kevin	Griger	Rural Law Enforcement chair	
		Washington County representative	
Travis	Harlow	Rural Fire chair	
Bill	Holaday	Urban Law Enforcement alternate	
Paul	Johnson	Douglas County representative	
Coby	Werner	Urban Fire alternate	X
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	

1. *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), Gib Filter (Sarpy County Information Security), Sarah Egner (City of Omaha Finance), Amber Parker (City of Omaha Mayor's Office) Jesse Eret (Sarpy County EMA), Sandra Hobson (NPP), Charles Ott (OPD), Kristopher Peterson (DCSO)*
2. Review & approval of July 10th, 2020 meeting minutes (postponed)

Updates and Reports

1. Tri-County SHSG Management & Administration Update
 - a. Bylaws and Open Meetings Act discussion. Will convene working group to review and amend bylaws to allow more flexibility for virtual meetings when needed.
 - b. MOU being reviewed for updates in 2021.
2. Financial update & report: *Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office*
 - a. FY 2017 SHSG; performance period ends on June 1, 2021 (1 year no cost extension)
 - b. FY 2018 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2021
 - c. FY 2019 SHSG; performance period ends on August 31st, 2022
 - d. FY 2020 SHSG; Financial Clearance (pending applicable agreements); performance period ends on August 31st, 2023.
3. Standing committee reports
 - a. Emergency Management: *Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency*
Washington County EMA is working with Dodge County Emergency Management to deliver online the IS 100.c courses. They will evaluate those deliveries to see if additional courses will be offered online.
Sarpy County EMA is working on ICS 300 & 400 course deliveries. Still studying the online delivery concept. Would like to evaluate the FEMA online delivery for ICS 300 & 400 courses.

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Planning continues for 2021 FSE in conjunction with the ICS course offerings and the planning multiple tabletop deliveries. NEMAs model city will be utilized to assist with those exercises. The Citizen Corps programs are being requested to assist with the Full-scale in May.

HSEEP online course has started online again.

Sarpy County continues to work on the 2021 LEOP revision.

Continues to coordinate the EMSAG and the Pandemic Working Group in regard to the Covid-19 Douglas County wrapped up LEOP review, and are preparing to put through to County Board.

Citizen Corps Program; Lynn Marshall, Sarpy County Emergency Management Agency, Dale Tedder, Tri-County Citizen Corps Coordinator; Megan Wade, MRC Coordinator

At the State Citizen Corps Level the Council is moving forward with the planned calendar events and activities that were postponed in 2020. Additional actions by the Council is to reconvene and work on statewide Homeland Security projects based on a statewide strategy. The goal is to identify gaps in all programs and evaluate priorities and assist those regions with the development of Citizen Corps programs in those areas, focusing on current projects and those not funded.

The State Citizen Corps Workshop is being rescheduled. Virtual options are being considered to deliver the workshop and the training tracks via an online model. The Council is looking at quarterly half day workshops to assist in maintaining KSAs, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities.

A continued study of the online Basic CERT program is also being reviewed by the Council with the idea to build online instructor base to assist the with state, region and local programs. More discussion to come on the development of a training cadre.

One last item for the CERT and perhaps MRC is to look at the task book development. This will invite the affiliated volunteer to work towards specific skill development such as the ICS Position Specific positions.

CERT program moving forward and continuing training. Continuing assisting health departments.

Working on getting website updated. Video production for program underway.

Final week of Fire Corps program. 24 students in this class will be completing next week.

Neighborhood Watch meeting virtually.

MRC over the last two months has been in Blair Hospital, long term care facilities, and remote counseling session for health department employees. Collecting 5100 masks. Facilitating weekly medical clinic in Omaha. Donating face masks to shelters.

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

No updates at this time.

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

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

Working on Governor's taskforce on economic recovery and food security. Working with Public Health Departments with conversations on vaccinations. Working with businesses to collect information and an indicator if COVID vaccinations could work similarly to flu vaccinations. Tentatively rescheduled TEEX classes for May and June. Long-term care facilities reached out for an exercise on pandemic planning. Looking for business to take over UV decontamination of N95 masks. Annual meeting to be held on December 2.

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

Purchase of the 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)

Current COVID-19 data for OMHCC hospitals. As of the morning of 11/12:

242 Med/Surg Beds were available out of 1,517 staffed beds. (These are "non-ICU level nursing care" beds, not surge beds.)

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84% occupancy rate.

45 Adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds were available out of 299 staffed beds. (85% occupancy rate)

8 Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) beds were available out of 41 staffed beds. (80% occupancy rate)

387 total inpatients diagnosed with COVID-19; 121 are Adult ICU level care (119 confirmed, 2 suspected).

40 COVID-19 PUIs

140 of the 365 ventilators in hospitals are in use. 43 ventilators are being used for hospitalized patients either suspected or confirmed.

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 30th 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.

The OMHCC is now part of the newly formed 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.

Staffing is one of the main concerns right now. The Governor approved at the 100% level to help hospitals with travelling personnel costs, including screeners and CNA scholarships; approximately \$25 million. They are currently working on this.

The OMHCC has been notified by our UV Light Reprocessing Site, OrthoNebraska, that they are unable to continue servicing the OMHCC region in this capacity. This process disinfects N95 masks for members of the Omaha Metro Healthcare Coalition using UV light. I've reached out to the four major health systems, our other hospitals, the Omaha Medical Society, and the Nebraska Preparedness Partnership to try and find a home for this process. We have also requested some of the additional CARES act funding to help with personnel costs.

iii. Public Health: *Douglas County Health Department, Sarpy/Cass Department of Health, Three Rivers Public Health Department*

COVID numbers 3,918 cases in Washington County, Dodge over 2100, Saunders over 1,000. N95 Masks included on request form to state, the state would like those to be reserved for direct contact with COVID positive patients.

Gloves are a concern.

ERCs were told vaccines may arrive first week of December. Believe stage 1A will take 3-4 months to complete. State will determine who receives initial vaccinations.

Sarpy County 7,122 confirmed positive COVID cases, 44 deaths. 30.1% positivity rate first week of November.

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

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Police Department impacted by COVID cases. Finished SWAT school, trained 10 officers from outside agencies.

i. Omaha Terrorism Early Warning Group: *Lee Tomlinson, OPD*

No updates.

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

f. Urban Fire: *B/C Coby Werner, Omaha Fire Department*

COVID precautions and PPE in place. Swift water rescue training and structural collapse class scheduled for late spring 2021. Exercises under 2020 award, schedule for late 2021 or early 2022.

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

No updates.

4. NEMA Report: *Logan Lueking, NEMA*

Working remotely following agency COVID cases. Will be adopting a 50% capacity schedule.

Contacts shouldn't be impacted. Trainings have been postponed. Looking at virtual options.

Need approval from FEMA to teach virtually. BOLD Planning is moving forward, training will be set up for all Emergency Managers in the New Year.

Margaret Perdue, Omaha Mayor's Office

1. Biannual Equipment inventory under way. Will be reaching out to agencies to make physical inventory of grant purchased equipment.