



NORTHEAST CENTRAL OHIO REGION 5 Steering Committee Meeting December 13, 2007

Attendance information not available.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Wayne Johnson.

Motion to approve changes to the Bylaws made by Melanie Campbell, second by Bob Walker. Unanimous approval.

Steve Bosso and John Mason were nominated for the Chair position of the Steering Committee. Ballots were distributed and tallied. John Mason was elected Chair.

REGIONAL EXERCISE PLAN

Bob Hasenyager reviewed the building block trainings that have been held and are planned for 2008. The regional exercise will be held during the week of July 21, 2008 and will focus on pandemic flu. Funding for the exercise has been cut, so the EDT is planning on using resources available within the region instead of hiring a contractor. The EDT will be meeting again to work out further details and direction and will report back to the group.

WORK GROUP REPORT-OUTS

Resource Management - Bob Walker

- A handout detailing the final two options for a regional resource management tool were distributed and reviewed.
- The recommendation of the workgroup is the ARHQ tool, mainly due to its minimal cost
- The membership voted for the group to continue to moving forward on this project

PIO – Kristi Kato

- The PIO workgroup held a seminar entitled “PIO 101 to Advanced” on December 11, featuring Steve Bosso and Bret Atkins from ODH.
- The PIO workgroup Media Contact and Resource spreadsheet has been updated.
- Members of the regional PIO workgroup volunteered in the JIC during Twinsburg’s recent exercise.
- Next meeting will be held on January 16 at 9:30 at ARHA.

Communications – Bruce Shade

- The group has been working on completing the assessment tool report and developing the communications plan.
- Initial drafts of the plan are to be disseminated to the workgroup in January with tentative completion in March. The group plans to present to Communications Plan to the Steering Committee in March.
- Pending approval by the Committee, the workgroup will develop a self-training program which will be distributed to the region on CD.
- A communications drill is being planned and the group is working on incorporating the communications piece into the functional exercise in August.

Mass Care/Sheltering – Sarah Metzger

- The group is still struggling with defining their purpose and scope. Recently the group added members from the American Red Cross which has helped to direct the group’s efforts. They are currently working on developing a document which lists four levels of sheltering, similar to those used by the Red Cross.
- The group is also reviewing Northwest Ohio’s sheltering concept involving two types of regional teams, an Urgent Care Team and a Needs Assessment Team, that are staffed by MRC members.

MRC – Tim Adams

- Vest colors, badging and background checks are ongoing issues, with multiple approaches being proposed. An assessment will be conducted and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

VICE CHAIR REPORTS

EMA – Buck Adams

- No report.

Public Health – Melanie Campbell

- Meeting focused on exercise design and funding, as discussed previously.

Hospitals – Chris Feller

- FY2007 grant funding is starting, with significant reductions, although a concentration of regional purchases is being seen.
- Tier 2 planning continues.
- Joint Commission Standards were reviewed and discussed.
- HICS training – all hospitals now have HICS educators.

Law Enforcement

- No report.

Fire/EMS – Wayne Johnson

- Region 5 HazMat teams are working on organizing regional response protocols and procedures.
- Homeland Security funding has targeted regional HazMat groups to bring everyone to a Type 3 team, then Type 2 and Type 1 after that.
- A regional search and rescue training will be held.

COMMUNITY CONTAINMENT WORKGROUP

Tim Adams announced the establishment of the Community Containment Workgroup which will focus on Isolation and Quarantine. Multi-discipline involvement is encouraged. Anyone interested in participating can contact any member of the Executive Committee. Handout provided.

The service of Wayne Johnson as Chair and Amy Ascani as Past Chair was acknowledged.

Motion to adjourn was made by Buck Adams; second by John Ferlito. Unanimous approval.

Next meeting will be held on March 13, 2008.