

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, January 26, 2007
8:30 AM
MEDIC EMS
Lower Level Conference Room
1204 E High Street
Davenport

Meeting called by: Ray Wierson, Vice-Chairman

Note Taker: Linda Devlin

Attendees: Larry Barker, Linda Frederiksen, Mike Bladel, Brian Jacobsen, Paul Andorf, Dave Helfrich, Denny Coon, Dave Kelly, Orville Randolph, Andrea Bladel, Daniel Darland, Mike Desseyn, Mark Frese, Don Gano, Kathy Hall, Mike Guthrie, Dr. Richard Vermeer, Ross Bergen, Mary Briones, Dennis Conard, Rob Frakes, Steve Long, Chad Harris, Krista Merritt, Ellen Reilly, Chuck Gibson, Dale Sievert, Kevin Takacs, Sara Strell, Steve Knorrrek.

Agenda topics

Call to Order – 8:31

Introductions

Everyone Introduced themselves

Minutes of the October 27 TAC Meeting

The minutes of the October 27 meeting were approved unanimously

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Ross Bergen – A pandemic flu table top exercise is scheduled for March 27th at the Rock Island Arsenal. Jerry Shirk is the point of contact if anyone is interested participating. A new class is available, Hospital Emergency Management Concepts and Implications of WMD Terrorist Incidents. The class can be brought to us if applied for. Region 6 meeting with the fusion center, Moline, a new system for text messaging, information will be available to the general public. Grant money should be available. Davenport is one of the top 20 cities in the state and one of the top 5 in our region to be identified to complete evacuation planning within the next year.

Communications Study Update

Ray Wierson – Consolidated dispatch planning is moving forward. There is meeting with local legislators this afternoon to discuss funding. As recommended in the consolidation study is a radio study. GeoCom has been awarded the contract funded through homeland security funds and region 6, with a kick off meeting next Wednesday, February 7th.

Public Health Planning Report

Denny Coon – The Bi-State Pandemic Flu meeting was held after being rescheduled due to the Norovirus outbreak at the Isle of Capri. The feed back was very positive with the agreement that continued planning is needed. There is a meeting January 29th with the planning committee which consists of Bi-State planning commission, Rock Island Public Health and Scott County Health Department to get the process going. Monies from the pandemic planning grant needed to be spent, which was used to purchase a large quantity of N95 masks that have distributed to fire departments, EMS and law enforcement agencies throughout Scott County. A supply will be kept at the Health Department for agencies that may need them. A grant requirement that needs to be completed is all services filling out their system registry tool and these need to be turned in by the 31st of January. Amy Canady has been working on the norovirus after action report. Six out of twenty seven grant tasks have been met.

Hospital Planning Report

Dave Kelly – Genesis – The number of ventilators to be increased in the hospital purchased through Homeland Security. Rob Frakes – Illini – Rob met with Exelon discussing a good plan for the Quad Cities, four counties are involved, a table top at Cordova is planned for March 1. The table top drill will involve both sides of the river and each county or area involved will develop additional scenarios to meet some of their other drill requirements. Kathy Hall – Trinity – A TNCC class is scheduled for March 29th and 30th at Trinity College and the Midwest Spring Conference will be March 16th at the MARK. Andrea Bladel – February Trauma conference is a case presentation given by Dr. Atwell on February 7th. Daniel Darland – Construction in Rock Island will be complete in a couple of weeks and construction has begun on the Administrative Center at the old Salvation Army thrift store for CHC.

SCEMSA Report

Brian Jacobsen – Met on January 18th with an election of officers. Spring '06 grant is being worked on. Some adult interousious issues. Scope of practice is being looked at to look at if the state of Iowa wants to be a national registry state and reallocate the multiple levels of EMS to four. The largest item being looked at is continuity across the country.

QM Report

Nothing to report, the next meeting is in March

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Nothing to report – meeting postponed until February 22nd.

EICCD Report

Mary Briones – The Eastern Iowa district EMS programs went through a two day site visit was completed and were approved for 3 yrs unconditionally. The property by I80 is being looked at and going through due diligent and having the soil checked. The paramedic specialist class started the end of November and there was a 33% increase in enrolment. The next PS class in the fall of '07. The EMT basic classes started January 15th with an increase in students. There are 65 students. Medic EMS and the College just completed the first weekend of the EMS refresher with 130 participants with one more weekend February 23-25. Basic Refresher started today and will continue through the weekend. CPR Saturday will be February 17th. As of January 1st National Registry did go to online testing. The first group of students will be this month. Iowa has been a closed state for National testing because of lack of national representatives in the state of Iowa. There have been 5 representatives that have been trained and can now go to training programs and meet their needs when there is a need for testing. It is now up to the training programs as to whether or not it will be an open or closed test site. Testing for Advanced will be in June and then they will be an open test site.

Davenport School System Preparedness Grant

Ellen Reilly – The 2006 Grant was submitted to the Department of Education for emergency preparedness grant for approximately \$250,000.00 an 18 month program to bring the schools up to a higher standard to have a safety and security plan training protocol in place and improving partnerships with first responders and other organization in the community. Krista Merritt is the project manager.

Law Enforcement Report

Mike Bladel – The interim dispatch is relocating to the lower level of the Scott County Courthouse. New building is on track. Waiting on the contract review of the SSM interoperability grant. Dennis Conard – the generator and light truck is being re-outfitted with the assistance of the Riverboat Development Authority, the Davenport Police Department and Scott County Sheriff's Reserve.

Other Items of Interest

Linda Fredericksen reported that Chuck Gibson is the ADM/Education manager starting February 5th. Realigning Paul Andorf's duties will include moving over to information technology and retaining quality. Recruiting in the volunteer operations continue. A mailing went out to the other areas, informational meetings were held in LeClaire and Eldridge with a very good turn out at both meetings. There were about 35 interested individuals and will probably have about 24 for the class beginning February 1st which Chuck will be teaching. Brian Leonard is overseeing MEDCOM now.

Next Meeting Date 2-23-07

Adjourn – 9:45