

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

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

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chairman
Type of meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting
Note taker: Amy Cannady/Shawna Robbins

Agenda topics

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Hospital Planning Report
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Attendees: Paul Andorf, Larry Barker, Ross Bergen, Mary Briones, Melinda Bryant, Amy Cannady, Dennis Conard, Denny Coon, Jeremiah Cowgill, Dan Darland, Linda Frederiksen, Chuck Gipson, Mark Guthrie, Kathy Hall, Dave Helfrich, Jane Imming, Zach Johnson, Dave Kelly, Steve Knorrek, Nita Ludwig, Travis Noyd, Edmund Peterson, Decker Ploehn, Phil Redington, Shawna Robbins, Scott Roenfeldt, Jerry Shirk, Adam Sowell, Tricia Steines, Dr. Richard Vermeer, Chris Webster and Ray Wierson

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the October 5 Meeting

Discussion: Decker Ploehn

The minutes of the October 26 meeting were approved unanimously.

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Ross Bergen— Emergency Management Commission met and approved/signed 28E intergovernmental agreement for the establishment Scott County Communication Center. An evacuation plan going to be produced for the Iowa side of the Quad Cities, specifically Davenport and Bettendorf; kickoff meeting will be at 10am on Dec 6 at the Scott County Health Department conference room and is being worked through by Bi-State utilizing a lot of the same personnel as the Incident Management Team. Region 6 will be putting on a Senior Officials Workshop Dec 4 & 7 in Linn County (Cedar Rapids); planning to cancel ICN site due to lack of response. Radiological Emergency Response Plan doing a registration center training 6pm Dec 5 @ North Scott HS. Request a short meeting with the Planning Sub-Committee & Mass Casualty Incident Response Vehicle (Acquisition Committee) after TAC meeting.

Denny Coon – In regards to special needs population, an inquiry as to how the deal with their EMA special needs population i.e., shot clinics, transporting, registration, identification, etc was received from the Blackhawk County Health Department. Identification is going to be huge issues. SCHD will be partnering with the Red Cross, EMA and a variety of other agencies in the community that deal with special needs.

Exercise Planning Committee & Calendar

Discussion: Denny Coon/Ross Bergen/Amy Cannady/Decker Ploehn

Denny Coon—Looking at linkage(s) and ways to post calendar. Planning the use the EMS association calendar, develop some quick links & clearinghouse to get items posted. Scott County webmaster still needs to be contacted. Will send site address out on a distribution list and just go into the training (training events) & event (most ongoing meetings) calendar. A log-in & password is required to add items.

Ross Bergen—Per prior discussion, the iscema.gov will be linked to the EMSA (scottcountyems.org) calendar purposes.

Amy Cannady—Spoke with Nita Ludwig, Rock Island County. In an effort to simplify getting items added to the calendar, the plan was to have an Illinois contact (Nita Ludwig) and an Iowa contact (Amy Cannady).

Decker Ploehn – This will continue to be a work in progress; in the meantime continue referring to the EMSA calendar.

Communications/Consolidated Dispatch Report

Discussion: Dennis Conard

Dennis Conard—The EMA board approved the agreement and will be moving on the joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors, city councils, MEDIC boards on December 12 at 7pm at the Adler.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon

Denny Coon—Grant rollout for the Region VI public health portion on Dec. 13; the state will be coming down again to talk about the grant, requirements, tasks & performance measures associated with it. No contract or work plan has been received; working off a draft work plan, developing internal tasks. We know how much money will be received for each of the eleven (11) performance measures & how it breaks down. Continuity of operations plan will be a struggle due to relocation planning and things of that nature. There will be no money for Pandemic this year.

Dan Darland—Exercises will be planned for the county; it will be a Region VI plan. An exercise will be held in Des Moines that will include Pandemic.

Hospital Planning Report

Discussion: Tricia Steines/Travis Noyd/Jeremiah Cowgill/Jerry Shirk

Tricia—Workbook was received last week and a Region VI meeting is planned for Dec. 13 that will better describe exercise & requirements. Short grant money due to no money for Pandemic but looking into another grant that might be coming out the latter part of 2008.

Dan Darland- There will be an extensive drill coming up in the spring.

Travis Noyd—An extensive tabletop drill (1st of 6) was conducted with Illinois POD on Wed., Nov. 28, a five (5) day simulation which lasted four (4) hours. Trinity has discussed with Dr. Bradley about getting a meeting similar to the TAC meeting set up on the Illinois side as far as communications to get officials together; looking for suggestions/input/idea from committee members; would like to send out a letter the first of the year.

Linda-Not looking to replace this committee or their seat on this committee; would like to incorporate what is being done at TAC meeting over to the IL side with possibly a quarterly or semi-annual meeting of both committees. This will help in the coordination of the six (6) upcoming drills. Feels that once we get people from the IL side to attend then they can see that they can put things on the agenda and have those items discussed along with everything else.

Jerry – Ref possible IL side forming a committee: might be better just adding partners from the Illinois side to this meeting. Two committees might put a wedge between the two sides. Suggested members: Fire Chief, MABAS division, Health Dept, Mark Beckwith (Law Enforcement)

Decker Ploehn- Having one large meeting would be great but possibly moving to a larger location to accommodate additional members. Phil to extend invitation to Police Chiefs on Illinois side. Meeting location consistency is very important. Jerry, Kathy, Phil, MABAS and Health Dept and anyone else in the meeting are encouraged to talk to and invite our Illinois counterparts.

Mark-Planning session at the quad City Airport on August 9; to encompass rural ambulance services because they'll have better staffing at that point. POD hospital to bring up one of their trailers to set up some of the triage areas so some of the rural people can see that as well. The first of the 200 bed search hospitals are in and they're working on them at well; tents that come off that are 30'X60' and hold approx 200 beds. As far as the QC area seeing one, we can request one when it comes but as far as us seeing one personally sitting & ready to go it's approx a year to two years out.

Mary Biones- Extended an open invitation to utilize their Scott Community College and their meeting room which can be expanded to hold 80 people.

Larry Barker – The Health Department is committed to staffing this meeting.

SCEMSA Report

Discussion: Paul Andorf / Denny Coon

Paul Andorf—Thanksgiving get-together/meeting with fire chiefs and Arsenal chiefs in Eldridge. MEDIC spoke heavily about the new report about changing the status of how EMS is done in Iowa. Last discussion was there was a fund available that might be used to possibly sponsor four sites: urban, rural, fire & hospital based; this will be a two year project (Denny Coon: The first six months will be measuring where they measure up against the standards & then the next 18 months to become compliant. No RFP has been issued. Currently looking for interested agencies.). Discussed impaired competency refusals; how impaired can a person be to give consent; gathering information and bring it forth to be reviewed by legal counsel. (Denny Coon: Waiting to get dates back from Asst County Attorney on setting up a meeting.) This coming year, all EMS agencies will be going through the recertification process through the state.

Denny Coon—There is an Iowa/Illinois DOT initiative that will be creating an incident management plan focusing on as to how to clear up an interstate accident/incident; on how you clear up accidents quickly, clearing the bridges on both sides, keeping traffic moving, etc. Looking at coming out here sometime in Spring 2008. This group is comprised on DOT, law enforcement (IL State Police, DPD, SCSD, BPD), fire (Moline/Rock Island, DFD, BFD), IA & IL EMS, Ross Bergen; they've been meeting at Iowa DOT office; last meeting was 11/29/07. BUFD will be going on line as a Certified First Responder within the next couple of weeks.

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Scott Roenfeldt

Scott Roenfeldt— Fire school coming up May 19, 2008 on the Arsenal. New training center; setting up a committee to set up and purchase props @ the old Wacky Waters location. Received a fully funded Riverboat grant from SCRA. Discussed the need or want of an Explorer post in Scott County for young males and/or females in high school who want to explore fire fighting. Planning to set up some informational materials at North Scott High School. Talked about the alcohol fuels that are coming online & need for special foams to fight those fires. It is the vendor's responsibility as a part of their emergency management plan to have sufficient amounts of foam on site in the event of a fire where alcohol is being processed/stored. Chemical facility and terrorist standards: Homeland Security is putting out more information about the amounts of chemicals you can have on site before it needs to be reported. There is a wide range of chemicals on that list which will more than likely affect the entire county. Next meeting will be in LeClaire on January 24, 2008, the officers meeting will also be held at the time.

Education Report

Discussion: Mary Briones

Mary Briones—Another semester is coming to an end for current EMT Basic students, with new students starting on January 14, 2008. One Iowa Paramedics Specialist class has completed and they're on the doing their field internship, while another class is still ongoing. There are a couple refreshers coming up: (1) MEDIC and SCC are co-sponsoring an Advance Refresher that will start in January with brochures going to print. Anyone interested in receiving an electronic brochure should contact Jamie Temple or Mary Briones. National EMT Basic Practical will take place, Sat., Jan 12 at the Urban Center. This will be the 11th year for CPR Saturday. CPR Saturday will be Feb. 16th from 8am to 12pm at the Mississippi Valley Fair Grounds. Anyone that is interested as instructors, contact Dawn Hamilton for information. SCC is co-sponsoring with Bellevue Ambulance for their EMS Day on Sat., Feb 23; contact Jamie Temple for flyer. Interviews were held yesterday for Margaret's position so there should be an announcement at the next TAC meeting.

Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Dennis Conard / Denny Coon

Dennis Conard- Had an interesting experience with the U.S. Coast Guard the other day. An incident of the river in which the Coast Guard informed the Sheriff's Office that the river was their jurisdiction and they would be taking over the investigation. Later in the day when the news media began seeking information from the Coast Guard, it became a joint investigation.

Denny Coon – Health Department received a call from some national agency (possibly the United Latin League) asking if the individual was killed in the barge accident was of Hispanic origin and if he was they were going to make a donation to his family. At the time, the subject was a John Doe so no information could be given to the organization.

Partner Agency Reports

Discussion: Denny Coon / Dave Helfrich/ Melinda Bryant

Denny Coon– This is a new section for other agencies (Red Cross, Blood Center, etc) that attend the TAC meeting that really don't fit into any of the other agenda topics to give them an opportunity to contribute.

Dave Helfrich– There has been a lot of fires; responding to client needs has been depleting available funds. CPR, First Aid and Bloodborne classes are always available at the Red Cross.

Melinda Byrant- (Blood Center) First quarter next year will be spent working with partner hospitals on their disaster plans and how the Blood Center is included in them and vice versa. A national drill is expected within the next couple months.

Other Items of Interest

Discussion:

There will be no December TAC meeting

Paul Andorf—The EMS liaison from Iowa City has ordered the fluid for participation in the ROC study. Gave a brief presentation on the First Watch Project, and MEDIC will be going live with the ROC fluid in less than a month.

SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS:

Ross Bergen: There is no way to go out and look at a list to identify; they have to self-identify and agree to be identified as special needs. So at this point, when asked “What would you do if you had a major incident and you had to get the word out to special needs populations?”, the answer has been go to the VOAD because those are their clients and they know the people, they work with them on a daily basis, keeping updated lists.

Larry Barker: There’s a lot of work that needs to be done in that particular area & we will be doing more work in over the next number of years. There been some examples out there of particular of how some situations were handled during Hurricane Rita and how special needs populations were routed out the different areas of Texas. It will be a learning experience. If you were to evacuate a group of people at a certain point, how would you handle that?

Dr. Vermeer: Handicap Learning Center could be a resource.

Denny Coon: We need to figure out where would we take evacuees and how do you take care of the when they get to their destination; just some of the questions that will need to be addressed.

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

Next Meeting January 25, 2008; No December Meeting