

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee
September 27, 2019

Meeting called by: Dennis Coon

Attendees: Katrina Andybur, Eric Bradley, Terry Conklin, Robert DeFrance, Dave Donovan, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, David Gass, Chuck Gipson, Aaron Harlan, Adam Haut, Jim Hawkes, Joe Heim, Brianna Huber, Keith Kimball, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Koenig, Dan Kruse, Kevin Lange, Gayle Lundeen, Bruce McKee, Kate Meyer, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Ed Rivers, Troy Said, Jordan Schneider, Brenda Schwarz, John Showalter, Jeff Snyder, Scott Starns, Andrew Stevens, Chris Varnes, Richard Vermeer, Todd Whitchelo, Patsy Willits, Brian Wright

Call to Order – Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.

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Dave Donovan motioned to approve the QCEPC August 30, 2019 amended meeting minutes and Chuck Gipson seconded the motion.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT

Brian Wright reported he attended a four-day event that tested how they would respond to an African Swine Fever outbreak scenario. Brian shared it was a very powerful exercise in respect to the impact the outbreak would have on the swine population in Iowa. Iowa is the largest pork producing state in the nation.

Mindy Meyers shared they have a Ham Radio Jamboree and large Annual Boy Scout event coming to Illinois City.

Brian Payne gave an overview/demonstration of a mapping tool that the Scott County and Rock Island GIS team worked together to create. Brian asked for input on protection and future features that would enhance the product.

Brian shared he will be sending out the ESF-10 Hazardous Materials to the group.

Scott Starns shared the flooding information sharing at the meteorologist gathering at the National Weather Service went well.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Denny Coon shared Augustana College will be holding their Annual Full Scale Exercise on April 20, 2020 in the late afternoon. It will be a residential hall fire that will not only impact students but also several of the college's administrative offices. Mark Beckwith will be meeting with Jeff Yerkey and Bob Graff to further work on the logistics and determine if they will be involving both Genesis and Trinity Health Systems.

John Showalter reported there were 35 – 40 participants in the AMSC tabletop.

Communication Center Updates

Dave Donovan explained the P-25 Project continues to move forward with tower siting activities. Once the site selection is largely completed, regulatory approvals can begin, as well as final design work for the system.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Denny Coon reminded the group the Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference is scheduled for April 22, 2020.

Patsy Willits reported 5A and 5B will combine beginning July 1, 2020. A 5A and 5B Integration email was sent out to coalition members. Meeting dates have been established for a volunteer Integration Working Group with five interested in assisting with integration decisions and work plan development from 5A and four or five from 5B.

Salamander workgroup is considering training and exercise in lieu of purchasing rapid tag evac and command applications.

The 5A and 5B Coordinator Meeting was held with Merrill Meese, state EMS Coordinator, discussing ideas for leveraging time and resources to best serve EMS partners. Discussion included looking at additional ways to make the committee meetings more effective and valuable to EMS partners. Beginning October 21, 2019 from 6-7:30 p.m. the meeting will be a combined EMS Collaboration Committee Meeting. Additionally, the agenda will include more opportunity for EMS information sharing and will be able to provide one CE (not formal) for all EMS attendees. A new meeting schedule will be developed and sent out to include the one required face-to-face meeting conducted annually in June.

Patsy explained ISICS Radio interoperability is a requirement for this year (PH and HPP coalition members): Marty Smith, state Health Alert Network/Communications representative, MUST be involved with this process. Agencies funded by PHEP/HPP that have NOT purchased an ISICS radio through the grant, are encouraged to reach out to their local communications center or emergency manager to begin discussions on what type of ISICS radio would be most suited for their agency and local interoperability. The expectation is that all funded hospitals and public health agencies will have an operating ISICS radio on site no later than June 30, 2020.

MGT- Iowa City MGT-439 Pediatric Response Planning course is scheduled for December 10-11, 2019 at the Johnson County EOC. Registration is required with a minimum of 30 preregistered no later than November 13, 2019.

The Regional Pediatric Work-Group has expanded to now include Diane Williams and Vickie Peterson (the new EMSC Coordinator at IDPH). Additions continue to include the Pediatric Trauma Coordinator and Emergency Manager from the Mayo Clinic. Due to this expansion, Bethaney Conklin has a call out to Diane Williams to ensure they are not overstepping their bounds. Dr. Kari the Children's Hospital Pediatric Coordinator is on the regional workgroup and is working with Mike Hartley and the University Pediatric workgroup to develop a survey to gather key data points such as pediatric stabilization capabilities. Their next work session is face to face at the University of Iowa SHL on October 16, 2019 9:30-12:30 a.m.

Lastly, Patsy reported additional follow up from the improvement plan has been initiated:

- State Strategic National Stockpile Training from Steve Mercer (SNS) and Mathew Shroyer (MCM) is scheduled for the morning of our January business meeting in Iowa City.
- Bio-Safety Coordinator from Iowa City SHL and a few others have indicated OSHA standard fit testing capabilities for the N95 masks and have volunteered to work with me to develop an area wide process to provide fit testing for our responders in the event this is needed.
- Follow up has occurred with some hospitals to determine processes for restricting visitors in the event of influenza. It has been determined that these processes should be added to our assumptions as they vary from hospital to hospital. Key take aways include being able to share these restrictions in real-time with public health depts. so that they can provide the same message to the media.

- Some counties indicated limited/low capability to provide PIO or spokesperson in the event Points of Dispensing are set up. Scott county health dept. has shared best practices regarding PIO Groups that are pre-established. Initial discussions have occurred to indicating agreements across the region to assist rural counties in providing this capability.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Patsy Willits reported the Annual A – Z Conference is scheduled for November 1, 2019 at the Waterfront Convention Center. The guest speaker is an officer who was involved in the Pulse Night Club shooting. Chuck Gipson, Thom Sheetz, Dr. Ahmed, Dr. Atwell and Dr. Hartman will be presenting at the conference as well.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Kevin Lange shared in the last two months 435 people that have completed the Stop the Bleed training. Chuck Gipson reported Naloxone training was completed at the SCEMSA/Fire Chief meeting. The State assisted with the training and distributed Naloxone through the First Responder – Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Program (FR-CARP grant).

Fire Service Reports

Kevin reported with the passing of Ty Arp, Brian Seamer has accepted the President position of the Scott County Fire Chiefs Association and Jim Bradley has accepted the Vice President position. Lastly, Kevin shared the Walcott Fire Department will hold a Ty Arp Pancake Breakfast Benefit on October 27, 2019 at the Walcott Legion.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

Keith Kimball shared the Quad Cities Substance Abuse Coalition is in the process of planning a town hall meeting on October 24, 2019 in conjunction with Red Ribbon week. Further details to come.

Education Update

Chuck Gipson reported on the following courses:

- National Registry EMT Refresher Course – January 18-19, 2020 at the Adler Center at the Genesis Medical Institute, Davenport
- Advanced/Paramedic National Refresher – January 24-26, 2020 at the Adler Center at the Genesis Medical Institute, Davenport

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig gave an update on the I-74 Bridge Project. Beginning September 23, 2019 Moline will have nighttime closures on 19th Street. Northbound 19th Street will be closed at night between 12th Avenue and 7th Avenue from 8 p.m. – 6 a.m. Contractors will be setting steel girders for the new I-74 overpass. The work is anticipated to be completed in approximately two weeks. To take the detour take 12th Avenue west to northbound 16th Street to eastbound 7th Avenue to northbound 19th Street or take 12th Avenue east to northbound 27th street to westbound 4th avenue to 19th Street.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Gayle Lundeen shared CERT Training is being planned for either October or November. Gayle reported that members of the local COAD would be presenting at the Iowa Nonprofit Summit at the end of October.

Other Items of Interest

Denny Coon reported the Highway Helper has been expanded to the Davenport area. The Highway Helper services can quickly address the needs of stranded motorists by providing: jump-starts, tire changes, 2 gallons of fuel, transportation to a safe location, and traffic control. In addition, each truck is equipped to provide traffic control and quick clearance for emergency responders.

Next Meeting October 25, 2019 at 8:30 AM