

Michigan Citizen-Community

MCCERCC

Emergency Response Coordinating Council

Minutes – November 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the chair, Capt. Chris Kelenske.

Roll call was taken by the secretary, Ms. Gail Novak-Phelps, and the following Council members were present: Chief Deputy Michael Bradley, Mr. Marc Breckenridge, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Ken Gembel, Mr. Tutt Gorman, Mr. Chad Veese (on behalf of Ms. Ginna Holmes), Capt. Chris Kelenske, Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Gail Novak-Phelps, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Mr. Kevin Sehmeyer, and Capt. Brad Smith.

Chair Kelenske announced that former MSP/EMHSD staff member, Mr. Jay Eickholt, accepted a promotion and is now with the Department of Environmental Quality. He also welcomed Ms. Brenna Hartner, a current EMHSD employee who was promoted to Mr. Eickholt's former position.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Deacon made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported by Captain Smith. The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chief Deputy Bradley made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Mr. Gembel. Minutes were approved as presented.

Reports of Committees

Citizen Corps

Mr. Chad Veese from the Michigan Community Service Commission presented a report on behalf of Ms. Holmes.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know

Mr. Breckenridge reported that Mr. Eickholt completed a draft of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Handbook. He distributed a handout containing the first three pages and remarked that it is a valuable resource for LEPCs. It will be presented to the MCCERCC for adoption after review and approval by EMHSD administration. After brief discussion, Chair Kelenske suggested that Council members revisit various ways the LEPC Handbook could be rolled out, once it has been adopted.

Mr. Mike Young from the Department of Environmental Quality provided a 2017 SARA Title III reporting update.

Hazard Mitigation

Dr. Schertzing reported that the Hazard Mitigation Committee convened last week to primarily focus on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program.

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Mr. Matt Schnepf* reported that FEMA announced the opening of the 2017 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant, with the application period ending on November 14. Communities and state agencies were instructed to submit their notices of intent to apply by September 1, which resulted in 34 intents from 27 different jurisdictions. He distributed a handout of the proposed ranking and rationale for the 2017 applications and advised that the MCCERCC will be ranking only the top six projects.

Dr. Schertzing made a motion that the Council accept the ranked order of the PDM projects as proposed. Motion was seconded by Captain Smith. Motion adopted.

Mr. Mike Sobocinski* provided an update on the status of the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Resilience (CDBG-DR) funds awarded to Detroit from money left over from Superstorm Sandy. He described the activities the City of Detroit had undertaken using those funds.

Chair Kelenske reported that many discussions have taken place on the topic of a statewide hazard mitigation program, especially with FEMA Administrator, Mr. Brock Long. Changes will be implemented on how disasters are funded, and they are examining three approaches: 1) Help communities provide the required matching funds for federal hazard mitigation programs; 2) promote hazard mitigation opportunities immediately following a Governor's declared disaster; and 3) provide communities with a reliable, independent source of hazard mitigation funds when federal funds are unavailable or inadequate. He emphasized that it's critical for emergency managers to meet with their local and congressionally-elected officials, and he urged Council members to discuss the importance of mitigation as well.

Old Business

Ms. Brenna Hartner* referred Council members to a handout of the MCCERCC Annual Update, Year VIII. The plan needs to be approved by the Council and currently requires only minor edits.

Mr. Deacon made a motion to adopt the MCCERCC Annual Plan allowing for final edits, as Captain Kelenske directs. Motion was seconded by Mr. Breckenridge. Motion adopted.

New Business

Chair Kelenske presented the topic of preparedness stating he has focused on the subject for some time to include the addition of preparedness staff and increased initiatives. Because responsibility for emergency management and homeland security falls on the State Police Director, he would like to create an additional MCCERCC committee to serve as the advisory council for statewide preparedness initiatives. He advised that EMHSD staff would conduct the work but would seek input from the Council when required. He would likely appoint Ms. Wendy Galbreath* as the lead, as she currently oversees preparedness activities.

After brief discussion, Chair Kelenske said he would layout additional justification for the importance of a preparedness committee and bring the topic back to the table at the February 12, 2018, meeting. He would like to discuss the proposal with the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness as well.

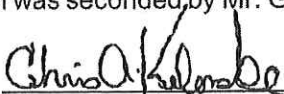
Mr. Deacon made a motion to approve the 2018 MCCERCC Schedule of Meetings. Motion was supported by Mr. Sehlmeier. Motion adopted. After further review, discrepancies were found with the 2018 dates. Ms. Hartner will make the corrections and send an updated version via email.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Eickholt moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gembel. Motion adopted. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.



Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, Chair

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