



Michigan Citizen-Community

MCCERCC
Emergency Response Coordinating Council

Minutes – February 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

In the absence of the MCCERCC chair and secretary, Dr. Phil Schertzing moved that Mr. Brad Deacon serve as acting chair and Mr. Jay Eickholt* serve as acting secretary for the meeting. The motion was supported. Motion approved.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Deacon. Roll call was taken by Mr. Eickholt and the following Council members were present: Mr. Marc Breckenridge, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Ken Gembel, Mr. S. Tutt Gorman, Mr. Steven Burton (on behalf of Chief Gary Hagler), Ms. Ginna Holmes, Chief Kerry Minshall, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Dr. Jackie Scott, Capt. Brad Smith, and Chief Michael Yankowski.

Approval of Agenda / Minutes

Chief Yankowski made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported. The agenda was approved as presented.

Chief Yankowski made a motion to approve the November 7, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion was supported. Minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Deacon welcomed Mr. S. Tutt Gorman as a new member to the MCCERCC. He also congratulated Dr. Schertzing on his reappointment to the Council.

Reports of Committees

Mr. Eickholt reported that Dr. Jackie Scott provided Capt. Chris Kelenske with correspondence respectfully submitting her resignation as chair of the Citizen Corps Committee effective immediately.

Dr. Scott made a motion that Ms. Ginna Holmes be approved to assume the responsibilities of Citizen Corps Committee chair as part of her official position within the Michigan Community Service Commission. Motion was supported. Motion adopted.

Mr. Deacon thanked Dr. Scott for her many years of service as Citizen Corps Committee chair.

Ms. Holmes reported they are currently working with the Michigan State Police to provide support with Mr. Chad Veaser for upcoming drills and conferences. She also stated they will be looking at restructuring and how best to support local volunteerism.

Mr. Breckenridge reported that the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCR) Committee recently held a conference call and discussed several items including the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant program for fiscal year 2016-17 and 2018. They also discussed updating the LEPC Guidebook--a valuable asset for local communities when preparing for hazardous materials emergencies. Mr. Breckenridge referred Council members to a handout entitled "EPA's New Risk Management Program Regulations Implications for LEPCs, Emergency Planners, and Emergency Responders," indicating that the regulation is currently under review and may or may not become promulgated.

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Mr. Eickholt reported that the LEPC Guidebook was last updated in 2009. He has been updating terminology but will also consult with subject matter experts for review of some sections. LEPCs have indicated they use the guidebook often as a good reference.

Mr. Eickholt reported that due to impending funding changes for next fiscal year, many LEPCs are now completing their hazardous materials sites. He is expecting 114 new plans, 1,300 updates, and 52 support grants.

Dr. Schertzing reported there have been no recent meetings for the Hazard Mitigation Committee, and he recognized Mr. Joel Pepper* to report on some ongoing projects.

Mr. Pepper presented an overview of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Assistance (PDM) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants, indicating that application dates for fiscal year 2017 have not been formally announced by FEMA but are expected to be released in mid-March based on past years' experience. He also gave a brief update on Disaster 4195—the August 2014 flooding which resulted in a Presidential Declaration and 24 million dollars of mitigation grant money for the state of Michigan.

Old Business

Mr. Eickholt indicated that at the last Council meeting, Chair Kelenske requested he work with representatives from the departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources to research a method for incorporating Tier II information into a mobile app for first responders. He reported that while attending a No Spills Conference in January, he consulted with *SampleServe*, a Traverse City vendor that is currently developing a similar program that may meet our needs. Mr. Eickholt stated he is currently in the preliminary phase of this process and will keep Council members updated.

New Business

Mr. Eickholt gave a brief overview of the potential update of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) Program for facilities reporting certain chemicals.

Mr. Eickholt reported that the MSP Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Training Center will be realigning some of their course offerings due to a reduction in funding. They are currently in the process of making changes internally and incorporating new courses which have been requested via MI-TRAIN.

Mr. Eickholt referred Council members to a handout of the current MCCERCC Membership List and requested they review their information for accuracy.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Deacon reminded Council members to submit topics for meeting presentations to Chair Kelenske via Mr. Eickholt. He offered that the Fraser Sinkhole might be a good presentation for the May meeting.

Mr. Breckenridge moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Mr. Jay Eickholt, Acting Secretary

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