



## **Minutes – February 26, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chair, Capt. Emmitt McGowan.

Roll call was taken by the Acting Secretary, Dr. Kay Fritz, and the following Council members were present: Mr. Marc Breckenridge, Dr. Kay Fritz (on behalf of Mr. Brad Deacon), Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Steve Frisbie, Ms. Ginna Holmes, Capt. Emmitt McGowan, Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill (on behalf of Ms. Linda Scott), Mr. Kevin Sehlmeier, Capt. Brad Smith, Col. Sean Southworth, Ms. Sara Stoddard, Chief Michael Yankowski.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Breckenridge made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported by Colonel Southworth. The agenda was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Eickholt made a motion to approve the November 5, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Ms. Holmes. Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair McGowan presented a 20-year service award to Mr. Kenneth Gembel, which included a letter from Gov. Rick Snyder. Mr. Gembel served on the MCCERCC from February 9, 1999 to December 31, 2018. He thanked Council members and said he learned a great deal and met many wonderful people over the years.

Chair McGowan welcomed new Council member, Mr. Steven Frisbie. Mr. Frisbie stated he has been with LifeCare Ambulance for 36 years and is also entering his fifth term as Calhoun County Commissioner where he serves as Board Chair. He hopes to contribute some different perspectives to the Council.

### **Reports of Committees**

#### ***Citizen Corps***

Ms. Holmes reported they continue to rollout monthly Citizen Corps Focus groups, and Region 7 will hold annual training during the last week of April. They are supporting multiple trainings in Region 2, 3 and 5 and a train-the-trainer session at EMI. She emphasized the strong partnership with 2-1-1, as they continue to support the response and recovery efforts for declarations that have been occurring. Ms. Holmes announced they received \$200,000 from the federal government to supplement various funding in support of community and volunteer donations management planning in regions around the state. The pilot will take place in Midland. They would like to create a stakeholder's group and may seek input from the Council in this regard.

#### ***Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know***

Mr. Breckenridge reported that the MDEQ publicizes training and outreach updates through the Michigan website. He noted the most recent one is detailed and includes several activities, some of which he listed. He recognized Mr. Eickholt to present the MDEQ summary on behalf of Mr. Mike Young.

Mr. Eickholt reported there will be a Northern Michigan Environmental Compliance Conference (NMECC), which includes an emergency management track focused toward industry and municipal water systems operators on how to prepare for emergencies. It is scheduled in Marquette for the first week in June, and they will be contacting the MSP District 8 coordinator to serve as liaison for state resources.

Mr. Eickholt referred Council members to a handout regarding America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 and indicated there are two changes that will impact the SARA Title III Program. The first change requires state agencies to receive notifications of a spill to promptly notify any community water system whose source waters are affected by the release. The second change addresses the need for community water systems to assess potential threats from substances stored near source waters. Much of this information is reported annually to state and local officials in a Tier II report.

Mr. Eickholt stated they are currently in the middle of Tier II reporting which ends March 1. At present, they have received about 5,400 Tier II reports since January 1, and they anticipate having around 5,500 by the end of the 2019 reporting season. He reported that the MDEQ hosted four workshops to assist facilities with accurately reporting their chemical inventory for the 2019 Tier II reporting season. There were approximately 350 people in attendance with a webinar that involved another 350. As a result, they had initial one-on-one conversations with 700 people out of 6,000 regarding how to comply with federal reporting requirements.

### ***Hazard Mitigation***

Dr. Schertzing reported that the Hazard Mitigation (HM) Committee convened on January 16 to discuss the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Plan and Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDM) application selections. He recognized Mr. Mike Sobocinski\* to report on the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Sobocinski distributed a two-page questionnaire and indicated it is his last opportunity to have direct contact with Council members prior to the Plan being submitted for FEMA review. Following input received at today's meeting, there will be a conference call on Thursday with the FEMA reviewer. There will also be a Silver Jackets meeting on Friday, which is a means of partnering with federal agencies, as well as some state agencies that will be represented. Another HM Committee meeting will be held at the end of March; therefore, they would like to have assurances and a completed FEMA review that would enable MCCERCC members to pass a motion that accepts the finalized version of the Plan. Mr. Sobocinski indicated that the two-page questionnaire is comprised of numbered items for each of the major hazards viewed as potentially causing issues in Michigan. He allowed time for Council members to provide suggestions and information regarding the programs and activities their agency oversees or have seen partnering agencies implement. He indicated that Ms. Roos did send Council members an email containing a digital copy of the questionnaire, so any additional information can be sent to her after today's meeting.

Dr. Schertzing recognized Mr. Scott Stockert\* to present on behalf of Mr. Matt Schnepf\*.

Mr. Stockert reported that Council members were scheduled to vote on the 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) application selections at the January 28 MCCERCC meeting, but it was canceled due to severe weather. He stated the submitted applications happen to be in ranking order, so numbers 1-7 are top-ranked Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates and numbers 8-11 are projects. Mr. Stockert reported that Captain McGowan approved the proposed rankings based on recommendations from the HM Committee's January 16 meeting. He offered specific information regarding the applications, which were also identified in a handout distributed to Council members.

### ***MIReady Advisory Panel***

Ms. Wendy Galbreath\* reported that the MIReady Advisory Panel (MIRAP) has not convened since the last Council meeting. They currently have all the information needed for their MIReady preparedness calendar but are awaiting the arrival of a new graphic artist who will compile the material and work on esthetics.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Ms. Brenna Roos\* suggested that with the addition of new Council members, the three subcommittee chairs consider seeking additional members to serve on their committees. If members are interested, they should contact Mr. Breckenridge, Ms. Holmes, or Dr. Schertzing. She also stated the MCCERCC membership roster was located on the table directly behind her for those interested in viewing the names of individuals currently serving on the subcommittees.

Ms. Roos referred to a handout regarding an Executive Directive from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer whereby she promises to strengthen and expand the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). One way to do this is by urging the use of livestreaming to broadcast public meetings anywhere in the state. Ms. Roos reported that this topic was presented to MSP FOIA staff who noted that livestreaming will not be required at this time. Unless she is notified otherwise, the MCCERCC meetings will not be livestreamed.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Eickholt stated that effective April 22, 2019, the Department of Environmental Quality will be renamed the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Breckenridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Captain Smith. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Dr. Kay Fritz, Acting Secretary