



Minutes – March 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, March 25, 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 Secretary and the following Council members were present: Chief Deputy Michael Bradley, Mr. Marc Breckenridge, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Steve Frisbie, Mr. Tutt Gorman, Mr. Hassan Hammoud, Ms. Ginna Holmes, Capt. Emmitt McGowan, Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Ms. Linda Scott, Mr. Kevin Sehlmeier, Capt. Brad Smith, and Col. Sean Southworth.

Approval of Agenda

Captain Smith moved to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported by Mr. Breckenridge. The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Colonel Southworth moved to approve the February 26, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Mr. Frisbie. Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair McGowan welcomed new member, Mr. Hassan Hammoud. Mr. Hammoud formerly managed the 2-1-1 center at United Way for Southeastern Michigan and recently accepted the position of Executive Director for Michigan 2-1-1 in Lansing. He expressed his pleasure to serve on the Council and looks forward to working with everyone.

Reports of Committees

Citizen Corps

Ms. Holmes reported the Citizen Corps Focus Group is planning to survey their teams to identify training statuses and the desire for future support. She will share those results when completed. She announced Region 7 CERT will hold its annual training April 27-29 at Camp Grayling. An EMI Train-the-Trainer course is scheduled June 4-6, and a Program Manager course will be held July 10-11 in Region 5. She reported Michigan VOAD conducted their quarterly meeting on March 21. Ms. Holmes stated they are moving forward on the train-the-trainer model with federal funding they received.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know

Mr. Breckenridge recognized Mr. Eickholt to provide a Tier II report and Ms. Brenna Roos* to provide a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant update.

Mr. Eickholt announced they have received 6,400 Tier II reports as of March 1 and expect to receive approximately 9,000 by the end of the year. He reported that America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 changed some of its requirements in the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. One of the provisions requires the state SERC be notified of chemical releases. Ms. Roos will be disseminating this information to LEPCs and they anticipate questions regarding procedures.

Ms. Roos reported the HMEP application period was in February and 44 counties applied to accept funds. They anticipate 136 emergency response plans from different counties throughout the state, which will provide about \$80,000 in funding. This year is the end of the three-year cycle and projections indicate funding

* Denotes employee of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

will rise in 2021 so that will allow reimbursement to locals for their plan updates. Ms. Roos announced Tier II Manager was deemed an eligible expense through the HMEP grant this year, allowing counties to purchase the subscription with grant funds.

Ms. Roos announced she will be hosting a statewide LEPC meeting at the 2019 Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo (GLHSTCE) on May 7 at 10 a.m. at the Amway Grand Hotel. Local emergency managers interested in attending should notify her. Mr. Jim Duram, Oceana County Emergency Manager, will be presenting on emergency planning for the farms, and she is currently consulting with Mr. Mike Young about a possible Tier II Manager tutorial presentation regarding new subscription costs. She will be presenting on LEPC responsibilities as well.

Hazard Mitigation

Dr. Schertzing reported that the Hazard Mitigation (HM) Committee convened on March 14 to discuss updates to the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). He noted that Mr. Eickholt has joined the HM Committee and recognized Mr. Sobocinski to report on the MHMP.

Mr. Sobocinski distributed one copy of the Plan with appendices and briefly summarized activities that have occurred since the previous Council meeting, including the consolidation of questionnaire information into summaries that had been considered by the HM Committee. He indicated that during their March 14 meeting, hazard mitigation strategies in Chapter 9 were revised and reprioritized and the results were distributed to MCCERCC members via an emailed MHMP document.

Dr. Schertzing made a motion that the MCCERCC endorse the presented draft of the Michigan Hazard Mitigation Plan with the understanding that additional edits will occur as it is submitted through appropriate channels for final approval. Mr. Gorman moved to accept the motion. Motion was supported by Captain Smith. Motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill from the Department of Health and Human Services reported that in October 2018 there was an Executive Directive from Governor Snyder to develop a PFAS Readiness Plan for response planning activities specific to PFAS in Michigan's municipal drinking water. The plan was tasked to emergency management coordinators from various state departments and has been completed and approved. It is now posted on the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) website. There are two missing attachments containing budget information, but the complete document can be viewed on the Michigan Health Alert Network (MIHAN) website. Ms. Lixey-Terrill clarified it is not an operational plan, template, or guidance document but a plan for the state of Michigan. It is a living document that can be updated so feedback is welcome.

Mr. Deacon noted that the plan is a milestone and Michigan is considered a leader in this area. Ms. Roos stated she would forward this information to EMHSD district coordinators to disseminate and also share it with LEPCs at the statewide meeting.

Mr. Tutt Gorman reported on the City of Portland flooding. He indicated they were notified in the early morning hours of February 6 that the Grand River had poured over several streets. Fire departments and emergency response agencies from surrounding areas assisted, including the National Weather Service (NWS) and MSP Aviation Unit. A hydrologist from the NWS joined them for flyovers and they were able to view ice jams that occurred as a result of recent deep freezes. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from Detroit and Chicago assisted with proactive steps. They were concerned about the city's wastewater treatment plant and ground workers were instrumental in keeping that facility operational. A local excavator installed berms around the plant in the event flooding became more severe. Mr. Gorman shared concerns from the local point of view about the process to get a Governor's declaration. He believes it would be helpful to have discussions in the near future to understand various declaration interpretations in preparation for future disasters. The City of Portland will apply for Section 19 funding for reimbursement. He commended MSP personnel for the assistance they provided.

Public Comments

Ms. Jenifier Boyer, Emergency Management Coordinator from Midland County Office of Emergency Management, stated she is attending her first MCCERCC meeting today to provide feedback regarding areas of communication that can be improved. Specifically, she believes information is lacking on the MCCERCC website. She requested the Council consider posting their agendas and minutes for the past year or two, as only the current one is listed. Ms. Boyer stated it would also be helpful to view the Council's history and bylaws. She thanked Council members for their time.

Ms. Roos noted that the MCCERCC Annual Plan is not on the website and explained that the MSP FOIA coordinator did approve its posting, however, the former Council chair preferred it not be posted. She asked Council members whether they would like to address Ms. Boyer's concerns today or table the issue until the August meeting. Mr. Deacon proposed it be tabled for the next meeting at which time they could also discuss the Governor's new Executive Directive to livestream public meetings. Mr. Hammoud stated it would be a good opportunity to hear both sides in order to make an informed decision.

Adjournment

Mr. Deacon moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Mr. Breckenridge. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Mr. Brad Deacon, Secretary