



Minutes – August 12, 2019

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, August 12, 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. Brad Deacon, Ms. Krystal Fields, Mr. Steve Frisbie, Mr. Tutt Gorman, Ms. Kristina Coby (on behalf of Ms. Ginna Holmes), Capt. Emmitt McGowan, Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Dr. Phil Schertzing, Ms. Linda Scott, Capt. Brad Smith, Col. Sean Southworth, and Ms. Sara Stoddard.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Frisbie moved to approve the meeting agenda. Motion was supported by Ms. Fields. The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Phifer made a motion to approve the March 25, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion was supported by Mr. Frisbie. Minutes were approved as presented.

Reports of Committees

Citizen Corps

Ms. Brenna Roos* presented the Citizen Corps Committee report on behalf of Ms. Holmes. She announced the Region 7 Citizen Corps Training Conference is scheduled for April 27-29, 2020. The MCSC will bring in EMI trainers for a CERT Train-the-Trainer course. Region 3 Citizen Corps is planning a training conference for October 19, and the MCSC is continuing to develop volunteer and donations management training programming. Recent storm and flooding events, multiple VOADs, and CERT activations occurred these past few months. Lake, Kent, and Newaygo counties were active in Region 6. Region 2 is being supported for long-term recovery efforts from volunteer groups, and 2-1-1 centers have continued to support unmet needs identification through these multiple events. New members for the MCCERCC Volunteerism Committee expect to hold a meeting in early fall. Their goal is to support the work of volunteer services throughout Michigan in times of emergencies and disasters.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know

Chair McGowen announced the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Committee chair position is vacant, as Mr. Breckenridge officially resigned. Ms. Roos has inquired with Mr. Eickholt regarding his interest in the position, as she believes his past role as EMHSD liaison for the Council, and his present role within the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, make him a suitable candidate.

Mr. Deacon made a motion to approve Mr. Eickholt as chair of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Committee. Motion was seconded by Ms. Phifer. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Roos reported that 44 counties originally applied for the HMEP grant and 42 returned their grant agreements. They received approximately 100 emergency response plans and 76 have been approved thus far. They received an application for the next three-year grant cycle, and the U.S. Department of Transportation indicated it has been approved. Two EMHSD staff members are currently attending the HMEP Conference in Washington, D.C, and training for other HMEP activity will take place in Houston in October at the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials Conference.

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Hazard Mitigation

Dr. Schertzing reported the Hazard Mitigation (HM) Committee has not recently convened, and he recognized Mr. Matt Schnepf* to provide an update regarding hazard mitigation grant programs.

Mr. Schnepf reported they are managing 49 approved grants for slightly less than \$37 million dollars, and 13 applications for approximately \$5 million are awaiting approval. Once FEMA announces the 2019 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, EMHSD will disseminate a solicitation for the project proposals, due at the end of January 2020. He announced that 2019 will be the final year for the PDM Program, as it is being replaced with a new program called Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). Details have not been released, as FEMA is still drafting the program.

Mr. Schnepf reported that 11 2018 PDM grant applications were submitted to FEMA in January and 10 were selected. They submitted 13 2017 PDM grants for about \$12 million and 12 have been approved. They are awaiting the final funding amount from FEMA regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Disaster 4381 (the 2018 flooding in the Upper Peninsula). The estimate is approximately \$4.5 million. The application deadline was extended from August 2 to October 31 because Houghton County's hazard mitigation plan expired and they wanted the ability to fund projects in that county, as it was heavily impacted. They received 42 projects sought earlier in the year for the entire state and are working to finalize and submit those applications by the October 31 deadline. They have approximately \$750,000 available for grants for Disaster 4326 (the 2017 Mid-Michigan flooding). Applications were sought only from the declared area and they received four, all of which were submitted to FEMA and are pending approval. They had 23 grants funded under Disaster 4195 (the 2014 Southeast Michigan flooding) for \$23.8 million. Sixteen are completed and the remaining ones are scheduled for completion by June 2020.

Mr. Mike Sobocinski* reported that the State Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed by the April 22, 2019, deadline date, but FEMA requested that the hazard analysis and state plan for hazard mitigation be one document. Adjustments were made and the analysis is now an attachment to the plan. In order to meet the deadline, they did not include a lot of technical and human-related hazards that are typically part of the analysis and pertinent to Michigan. He is currently working on those additional chapters for next year's EMAP accreditation, as they want to view all significant hazards. Continuing to update the plan will assist with ensuring FEMA's deadlines and other timeframes are consistent. He will continue to work with the HM Committee and subject matter experts in different departments regarding updates to technological and human-related hazards. He thanked the HM Committee for working under such tight deadlines.

Mr. Deacon emphasized that Council members are welcome to be part of reviewing a hazard without being on the HM Committee, as there is a great deal of expertise on the MCCERCC.

MiReady Advisory Panel

Ms. Wendy Galbreath* reported their panel has not recently convened due to vacancies and transitions, and she offered a brief recap on their status. Panel members first reviewed the State Plan and selected 10 patterns to focus on due to their relevance in Michigan. Each committee member was asked to decide which campaigns they would work on within their agency and provide those links so they could be compiled into a master calendar along with FEMA's messaging theme. Their goal is to share a monthly messaging calendar with locals and state agencies as a unified message of all hazards. She indicated the EMHSD graphic artist has begun to put the information together in a useable format. They anticipate presenting their first of many MiReady theme letters by the winter season.

Old Business

Ms. Roos reported she is currently updating the MCCERCC Annual Plan, particularly the goals. She will send the plan to committee chairs to select which of their members will be involved with the update.

Ms. Roos stated that brief discussion took place at the last Council meeting regarding the potential posting of the MCCERCC Annual Plan online. Once the plan is finalized, she would like to present Captain McGowan with a final decision regarding this issue.

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Ms. Roos readdressed the use of livestreaming to broadcast public meetings from Governor Whitmer's Executive Directive 11. The MSP FOIA coordinator has indicated there are items the Council should consider, such as cost versus attendance, prior to their decision. This directive also stipulates that each state department designate a transparency liaison. Ms. Roos sent an inquiry to the MSP transparency liaison but has not yet received a response. She also recently attended a Governor's Liaison meeting, but the issue of livestreaming was not mentioned. There was brief discussion regarding costs, equipment, access and functional needs, and the possibility of closed sessions. Ms. Roos noted that MCCERCC meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and must convene in a location the public can easily access. Meetings are currently held at MSP Headquarters, as EMHSD staff oversee the operation and maintenance of the Council.

Captain Smith made a motion to table the livestreaming issue until a later date. Colonel Southworth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) provided a Municipal Water Lead Level update.

Mr. Jeremy Hagerman, Mass Casualty Resource Coordinator and the Victim Resource Task Force Program Manager with DHHS, working within the Division of Victim Services, presented an overview of the Crime Victims Advocacy Project, how its groups are selected, and its involvement with the community. The program is managed through the Michigan Volunteer Registry and there are currently 300 advocates trained thus far. He will provide a summary of the program to Ms. Roos to disseminate to Council members.

Mr. Gorman presented an update on the Michigan Municipal Executives Conference. As a city manager, he is involved in this organization, which holds summer and winter institutes. He recently teamed up in Alpena with Lt. Mike de Castro, EMHSD District 7 Coordinator, to present a PowerPoint on the Portland ice jams and flooding. He commended MSP for the resources they provide during such events, as it helps to educate local emergency managers on their roles during disasters. He noted that the flooding and ice jams occurred over a four-week period, resulting in emotional fatigue for workers and residents. During the aftermath, however, there was constant openness in communications, and he is grateful for the relationship with MSP.

Public Comments

Ms. Jeniffer Boyer, Emergency Management Coordinator from Midland County Office of Emergency Management, stated she believes livestreaming MCCERCC meetings would allow their partners, especially LEPCs and local emergency managers, to share the conversations that take place during the meetings. She suggested a possible webinar or call-in number be available for public access. She also indicated the current location for Council meetings is a challenge and having other options would assist in bringing knowledge that can be share with partners across the state.

Adjournment

Mr. Deacon moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Captain Smith. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Brad Deacon, Secretary