



## Minutes – August 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chair, Captain Sweeney. Roll call was taken, and the following Council members were present: Ms. Megan Anderson, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Tutt Gorman, Chief Daryl Green, Mr. Karry Smith (on behalf of Ms. Ginna Holmes) Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill (on behalf of Ms. Linda Scott), Col. Sean Southworth, Ms. Sara Stoddard, Capt. Kevin Sweeney, and Ms. Abigail Watkins.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Anderson moved to approve the August 9, 2021, agenda. Motion was supported by Mr. Eickholt. Agenda was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chief Green moved to approve the April 26, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Ms. Watkins. Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Reports of Committees**

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

Mr. Karry Smith provided an update on behalf of Ms. Holmes. He reported they continue to support southeast Michigan in response to the June 25 and 26 flooding. Currently, they are in crisis clean-up and there are 33,724 total cases. Of those, 2,450 are still open and have not been taken on by any specific volunteer organization. To date, 1,223 cases are closed out, and approximately 1,887 cases in the Detroit area are open and unassigned. They are helping volunteer organizations with conducting call backs to residents still in need of assistance. Although basements have been cleaned out, they are dealing with mold and other issues and want to ensure people get back into safer living conditions.

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

Mr. Eickholt reported the committee did not meet since last meeting but did converse via email. EGLE is conducting an exercise centered on West Michigan drinking water plants. It involves scenarios for release of a hazardous substance inside a drinking water plant, and there is a lot of involvement from the Kent County LEPC. EGLE is conducting a webinar series on environmental emergencies and has an upcoming session on release reporting. More information can be found at Michigan.gov/EGLE (under Environmental Emergency Preparedness and Response Webinar Series).

Mr. Eickholt provided an update on behalf of Mr. Mike Young, the SARA Title III facilities reporting specialist. He stated it has been a banner year for reporting, which they attribute to a robust economy, outreach, and people being cognizant of hazards in their area. There were over 7,000 annual Tier II reports submitted, and they are preparing for the next season that begins January 1, 2022. There will be a webinar series in January or February for facilities and emergency managers, which will provide a detailed outline of the reporting side. Mr. Eickholt indicated a webinar was conducted by the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials in early July that is posted on the US EPA Water Security Division website.

Ms. Brenna Roos\* announced that 50 counties have applied for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant this year. Offsite emergency response plans, which can be reimbursed through this grant, are due to EMHSD district coordinators on September 15, as well as offsite updated plans. After

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receiving feedback from emergency managers, they changed the previous July due date to September, so they have only received a few plans thus far. The HMEP semi-annual progress report, due to the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Security Administration in April, has been approved.

### ***Hazard Mitigation***

Mr. Matt Schnepf\* reported on behalf of Ms. Phifer. The committee met on August 4 to discuss a lot of items, and a decision was made to convene monthly meetings as a result. They have discussed revamping of the Hazard Mitigation (HM) grant review and scoring process.

Mr. Schnepf reported that Disaster 4547 (dam breaks in Midland County in Spring 2020, which included declarations for Arenac, Iosco, Gladwin, and Saginaw counties), made available about \$9 million through HM grants. They have submitted four applications—two for HM plan updates from counties within the declared area and two acquisition grants (City of Midland and Village of Sanford). They are also working on other grants to submit under the \$9 million dollar funding. He recapped that the MCCERCC voted last year on the new federal grant program--Building Resilient Infrastructures and Communities (BRIC). Every state had \$600,000 set aside, and Michigan received seven projects that were placed under that. FEMA just announced \$1.16 billion for the 2021 BRIC application process, and the application period will likely be September through January. HM grant program funding will become available for the recent disaster in southeast Michigan (Disaster 4607), but they won't know the available amount received to apply for in Michigan until July of next year. Mr. Schnepf indicated that last week the President's Office announced they are making additional funding available for HMGP under the COVID disaster (Disaster 4494 in Michigan). The disaster is approved for the public assistance program, and Michigan's portion is \$43.1 million dollars. Applications will be due August 24, 2022, so the process will be rolled out soon.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill provided a Coronavirus update. Globally, there are 202,872,928 cases with 4.2 million deaths. The U.S. accounts for 35,655,877 cases with 614,291 deaths. As of last Friday, there were 510,500 cases and 19,950 deaths. A recent updated guidance was released for schools, as well as mask recommendations. They anticipate some new guidance from the ACIP on vaccinations for children under 12 and recent extensions for current vaccines from four-and-a-half to six months. They are looking into a booster component, especially for healthcare workers who were vaccinated earlier this year. Currently, a proportion of all Michiganders with at least one dose is at 53.5 percent, and those fully vaccinated is at 49.1 percent. A proportion of 12 and older with one dose is 62 percent, and a proportion of 12 and older who are fully vaccinated is 57 percent. Those 18 and older with one dose is 64.6 percent, and a proportion of 18 fully vaccinated is 59.5 percent. Those who are 65 and older are at 86 percent. Information obtained for bed tracking and long-term care facilities is at 98-99 percent, and hospitals are nearly 100 percent reporting. They are continuing with weekly, noon time webinars covering immunizations and healthcare partners.

Captain Sweeney announced that EMHSD passed the 2021 Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) reaccreditation process. The process occurs every five years for agencies that want to retain their accreditation. All noted issues were resolved and feedback was provided. They are now awaiting a plaque.

### **New Business**

Mr. Henrik Hollaender\* provided a presentation on Statewide Severe Weather, Presidential Declaration Process. He is a local planner within the MSP/EMHSD and with the Planning Section in the State Emergency Operations Center. For the past couple of years, he and Ms. Roos have coordinated requests for presidential declarations from the state of Michigan to the federal government. Mr. Hollaender presented a PowerPoint outlining the disaster declaration process in general and then the process specifically for Disaster 4607, which has been declared in southeast Michigan for flooding and severe weather.

Captain Sweeney stated that \$10 million was earmarked for counties affected by the June storms. They are appreciative that the money is going out via the MSP/EMHSD who will then push it to residents who may have needs not covered by FEMA assistance. He thanked Planning Unit staff and all who worked diligently on the process.

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Ms. Roos announced the MCCERCC Annual Plan will be forthcoming. She will send last year's plan to committee chairpersons and individual members on the Council who have a part in updating it. There may be some committee goals that were not completed due to continuation of COVID, and she asked that be noted in the plan if it is the case.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Jenifer Boyer stated she appreciates the virtual meeting format and believes it is a great way to share information to local programs.

### **Roundtable**

Ms. Lixey-Terrill announced that EGLE, DNR, and MDARD have been working to update the Arbovirus Plan. There will be an Annex in the MDHHS Emergency Operations Plan.

Captain Sweeney reminded the Council that the Open Meetings Act requires that members attend meetings in person. For quorum purposes, he requested members advise if they are unable to attend in person. It is acceptable to at least provide a report virtually.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Deacon moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Mr. Gorman. Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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Mr. Brad Deacon, Secretary