



## Minutes – November 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Michigan Citizen-Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7150 Harris Drive, Dimondale, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the acting chair, Inspector Sosinski. Roll call was taken, and the following Council members were present: Chief Deputy Michael Bradley, Mr. Brad Deacon, Mr. Jay Eickholt, Mr. Steven Frisbie, Mr. S. Tutt Gorman, Mr. Hassan Hammoud, Ms. Melissa Sherry (on behalf of Ms. Ginna Holmes), Chief Kerry Minshall, Ms. Eileen Phifer, Ms. Jennifer Lixey-Terrill (on behalf of Ms. Linda Scott), Mr. Kevin Sehlmeier, Insp. Michele Sosinski (on behalf of Capt. Kevin Sweeney), and Ms. Abigail Watkins.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Hammoud moved to approve the November 8, 2021, agenda. Motion was supported by Chief Deputy Bradley. Agenda was approved as presented.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Lixey-Terrill requested “ACAP” be changed to “ACIP” in the third paragraph on page 2. Mr. Gorman moved to approve the August 9, 2021, meeting minutes with the correction. Motion was seconded by Ms. Phifer. Minutes were approved as amended.

Inspector Sosinski thanked Chief Kerry Minshall for his years of service on the MCCERCC and presented him with a letter and gifts on behalf of Captain Sweeney.

### **Reports of Committees**

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

Ms. Melissa Sherry provided an update on behalf of Ms. Holmes. The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) has reinstated quarterly meetings of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT teams were offered a grant to support recruitment and expanded training for volunteers. Five teams applied and they will be working with them over the next year. The MCSC is setting up collaborate calls to support CERTS in regions throughout the state. They MCSC has been supporting the Afghan resettlement efforts, developing a website that allows volunteers to assist and donate. They are currently working with MSP to conduct background screenings on over 700 volunteers. The MCSC is also supporting the Benton Harbor water emergency, working with local partners on volunteer and donations management for water distribution. The MCSC has been working with Volunteers Organizations Active in Disasters (VOID) to respond to the Southeast Michigan flooding, organizing volunteers and donations of equipment to support cleanup efforts. They recently partnered with Wayne State University, School of Social Work, to engage students to call residents still in need of assistance. Once the calls are completed, they will work with local and state organizations and VOADS to train volunteers to assist with the remaining cleanup. The MCSC will soon announce a grant to support long-term recovery efforts in Southeast Michigan.

#### ***Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCR)***

Mr. Eickholt reported that the committee met in October. Discussion involved moving a current Chemical Security Workgroup, which includes federal and state-level chemical security partners, into the EPCR Committee. It was noted that per MCCERCC bylaws and executive order, it is permissible to have consultants and advisors to the Council and committees.

Mr. Eickholt moved that the MCCERCC support the EPCR Committee to bring in additional members to serve as advisors to the Chemical Security Workgroup. Motion supported by Mr. Deacon. Motion approved.

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Mr. Eickholt announced the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) will send out a web form requesting that Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) update contact information on their chairs, emergency managers, and members. The information will be posted on the website.

Mr. Eickholt reported that the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) sent a survey to Captain Sweeney, Ms. Roos, and Mr. Mike Young from EGLE, asking several questions pertaining to LEPC involvement and funding as it relates to EPCR and SARA Title III planning and emergency response notifications. Survey results will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

Ms. Brenna Roos\* reported that they received 77 new SARA Title III, 302 site plans for the 2021 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant cycle, and all have been reviewed and approved. They also received 1,296 plan updates. They were able to offer reimbursement for the plan updates, as they received almost \$150,000 in funding for planning operations from the HMEP Grant. Counties will be reimbursed for their new plans, plan updates, and the HMEP Support Grant. A total of \$1,500 per LEPC will be awarded for the HMEP Support Grant, depending on the activities submitted for reimbursement.

Mr. Eickholt made a motion to accept receipt of 77 new SARA Title III off-site community emergency response plans plus 1,296 updates. Motion was supported by Mr. Hammoud. Motion passed.

Ms. Roos reported staff is preparing for a desk review of the HMEP Grant in December. They are also preparing for the annual progress report for the 2021 grant year, also due December. Money for the plans is distributed in December based on the number of plans, plan updates, and Support Grant participation received from the counties.

Mr. Eickholt announced the reporting season runs January 1 through March 1, 2022. Facilities will report their annual updates of on-site chemicals to EGLE and LEPCs. A series of virtual workshops is planned for January and February and will be posted online this week at [www.Michigan.gov/SARA](http://www.Michigan.gov/SARA). Mr. Eickholt indicated they are working on technology updates for the Tier II Manager, their reporting software.

### ***Hazard Mitigation***

Ms. Phifer reported there has been a considerable amount of work ongoing in the Hazard Mitigation Unit since the last Council meeting. She recognized Mr. Matt Schnepf\* to provide an update.

Mr. Schnepf announced they have a new hazard mitigation analyst, Ms. Kelly Rosser, and the unit is working on filling a position for an additional analyst. For the 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) application cycle, they sought notices of intent or project proposals in August, with a deadline of October 1 for communities to respond. Simultaneously, there was a Governor's task force for the Southeast Michigan flooding. As a result, they received 64 notices of intent for BRIC funding. The federal share of those was \$722 million. Nationally, there is a billion dollars available—more than ever available under the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. Hazard Mitigation staff have met with communities to talk about project proposals and potential eligibility. FEMA also has a new option, Project Scoping funding, which will allow communities to obtain money to assist with developing their applications.

Mr. Schnepf reported the federal government announced they would be funding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) related to Disaster 4494, the COVID disaster declaration for Michigan. Michigan has \$43 million allocated for mitigation projects, but they must be natural hazard mitigation projects. The first call out for project applications was specific to the flooding in Southeast Michigan. They received 10 new notices of intent for \$31 million and will be working with those communities to get started. They also have HMGP associated with the Southeast Michigan flooding disaster, and the current estimate on that is \$10 million. The biggest challenge for the mitigation project opportunities is benefit cost analysis. They are working on using some of the management costs to hire a contractor to assist applicants through the process.

Mr. Schnepf reported that FEMA made an update to their online system (FEMA GO), which caused a break. This resulted in lost time in working on BRIC applications, and there may be a call nationally for an extension. They will work with applicants between now and the end of January when applications are due to FEMA. The Hazard Mitigation Committee reviews the applications and then the Council scores them.

Mr. Schnepf reported FEMA held some application development webinars, and their regional office is in the process of scheduling an additional one. He will share the dates and times when they are available.

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Ms. Phifer announced the Hazard Mitigation Committee is seeking additional members. Those interested can contact her or Ms. Roos. Members may be excused from voting or ranking activities that relate to their jurisdiction.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Lixey-Terrill provided a Coronavirus update. There are currently 1,157,606 cases of COVID-19 and 22,474 deaths in Michigan. The Delta variant is being closely monitored and makes up nearly 99 percent of variant cases in Michigan. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends children ages 5 to 11 be vaccinated with the Pfizer[1]BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The Division of Immunizations reported that Michigan has reached the Presidential Milestone of 70 percent coverage for persons 18 years of age and older with the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Ms. Lixey-Terrill reported 11,000 individuals have gone through the testing site at the welcome center. As of November 1, there are 168 community-based testing sites in Michigan. Over 123,000 pediatric doses of the vaccines have been delivered and they are expecting more tomorrow. There are 4,153 providers in the state willing to administer the vaccine. A webinar recording link from the October 29 "Noontime Knowledge" COVID-19 vaccine updates is available. The upcoming "Noontime Knowledge" on November 10 will cover the topic of "CDC's Recommendations for Pfizer[1]BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Primary Series in Children 5 through 11-Years-Old."

### **New Business**

Ms. Roos reported there was a good response for updates to the MCCERCC Annual Plan. The Chair's letter was updated to reflect emergencies and incidents that occurred during the past year. Council members should have received the Annual Plan via email. Ms. Roos asked if there were any comments or changes to the plan prior to submitting it to the MSP Director for approval. Ms. Roos indicated Council members must also approve posting of the Annual Plan on the MCCERCC website.

Mr. Gorman moved to approve the MCCERCC Annual Plan Update, Year XII as presented. Motion was supported by Mr. Sehlmeier. Motion passed.

Chief Deputy Bradley made a motion that the MCCERCC Annual Plan Update, Year XII be posted on the MCCERCC website. Motion was seconded by Mr. Hammoud. Motion passed.

Ms. Roos directed members to a handout of the MCCERCC 2022 Schedule of Meetings and asked if there were any issues or changes to the proposed dates.

Ms. Lixey-Terrill moved to approve the 2022 MCCERCC Schedule of Meetings. Motion was supported by Mr. Eickholt. Motion passed.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Roundtable**

There was no roundtable discussion.

### **Adjournment**

Chief Deputy Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was supported by Mr. Hammoud. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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Mr. Brad Deacon, Secretary