



**REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY
PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
June 16, 2011
SUMMARY**

Those Present (According to sign-in sheet):

Kayla Alden, Clay County Public Health
Ellen Dorshow-Gordon, Jackson County Health
Larry Franken, Wyandotte County Public Health
Patrick Franklin, MO DHSS
Tim Gridley, Kansas City Health Department
Dana Hall, HHS
Gay Hall, Wyandotte County Public Health
C. Jon Hinkle, MO DHSS
Bonnie Martin, Kansas City Health Department
Patrick Morgester, Kansas City Health
Alisha Nelson, Independence Health Department
Anita Nelson, Swope Health Service
Kim Stafford, Kansas City Public Health

MARC Staff: Marlene Nagel, Dan Manley, Donna Martin and Tanya Kraatz

1. Welcome, Introductions

Dan Manley (in the absence of a co-chair) called the meeting to order and self-introductions were made.

2. Task Force Reports

• **SNS**

Trailers – Tim Gridley reported that all preventative maintenance has been completed on the Public Health Trailers. Mr. Gridley gave an overview of the portable lighting packs that were purchased for the Public Health Trailers. Mr. Gridley advised that along with the lighting, new section leader vests and satellite phone batteries were also purchased for the trailers.

Tim Gridley reported on the progress of the thermal camera project, 6 of the 10 units have been serviced.

An issue arose with the float chargers on the Platte County Public Health Trailer. Mr. Gridley discussed the issue of burning when the float charger was plugged in. A quote of \$7,500 was received to replace all 10 of the float chargers. Mr. Gridley asked that if this request was approved, having the trailers brought to one location would be preferred and additionally, this

would allow for the short deployment of these trailers. There was no opposition to the purchases proposed by Mr. Gridley.

Communications- Commenco currently is working on installing portable radios on 4 of the Public Health trailers.

Generators- Dan Manley advised the generator for Leavenworth County should be installed this week, with the Generator for Kansas City being installed next week. Due to the relocation of the Cass County Public Health, it was reported that the generator will be reassigned to Jackson County Health Department. Dan Manley reviewed the reallocating of funding from the UASI 2007 to the generator project which then will allow for the UASI 2009 funding to be used for Mass prophylaxis. This will allow additional time to work on the Mass Prophylaxis project.

- **Plans, Training and Exercise**

Bonnie Martin reviewed the current Training and Exercise calendar and discussed the items that are being removed. Ms. Martin advised that by removing items that are no longer needed.

Ms. Martin reviewed the planning for the radiological exercise, Amber Waves, scheduled for September 2012. Ms. Martin advised that the scope of the exercise has been scaled back due to the real life event in Japan.

- **ESIQ**

Discussion on a HEAT meeting took place. Representatives felt that events in Missouri and in Kansas need to be better reported. This can be a challenge as Heat related events are not required reporting in Kansas.

Lafayette County Missouri Health Department has been added to the program. Work continues with the State of Kansas on data sharing.

Discussion on developing training for elected officials on dealing with the media when there is a suspicious death.

- **Environmental Health**

Donna Martin reviewed the work that the group has been doing and advised that training has been a large topic of discussion. Ms. Martin reviewed the training opportunities that are available for Environmental Health staff. The resource directory continues to be worked on and is almost complete.

3. **Committee Reports**

- **Training and Exercise** – Dan Manley advised that the National Level Exercise's after action report has been delayed due to the real world Joplin tornado event. They hope to schedule the After Action work day in the near future.
- **RHSCC**- Dan Manley advised that the Kansas City region will not be receiving UASI 2011 grant funding due to federal budget cuts, Kansas City was removed from the eligible regions. The RHSCC Board has been meeting to discuss sustainment of current projects and other possible grant funds that the region may be eligible to receive.

- **MARCER-** A new dashboard on EMSsystem to include time critical diagnosis. They will be conducting a Hot Wash of the responders who deployed to Joplin Missouri.
- **MEMC-** They are working with FERMAC on the Amber Waves exercise.
- **CRI-**
 - **Missouri** – Patrick Morgester advised that the State of Missouri has not chosen which of the capabilities they will focus on for the upcoming grant year. Mr. Morgester advised that the TAR reviews continue to be conducted.
 - The state SNS conference will be held June 28 – 29, 2011 in Jefferson City. The CDC SNS Conference will be held July 25-28, 2011.

4. **Other Business**

Joplin Event Response- Dan Manley reviewed the resources that were deployed to the damage area from the Kansas City region. Mr. Manley discussed the regional efforts in search & rescue, deployment of Nurses, Police, EMS, Fire and D-Morgue. Mr. Manley reviewed the first 72 hours of the event and the efforts from the Kansas City region.

Dispenses Assist – The RFP for technical assistance has been put out for bid.

Adjournment 11:25 a.m.