



**REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
October 20, 2011  
SUMMARY**

*Those Present (According to sign-in sheet):*

**Kevin Cluskey**, Wyandotte County Public Health  
**Ellen Dorshow-Gordon**, Jackson County Health Department  
**Dr. Larry Franken**, Wyandotte County Public Health  
**Jeff Hershberger**, Kansas City MO Health  
**Lisa Hubbert**, Kansas City Missouri Health  
**Larry Jones**, Independence Health Department

**Jim Kelly**, Jackson County Health Department  
**Tiffany Klassen**, Cass County Health Department  
**Gary Martin**, Kansas CRI Coordinator  
**Kim Stafford**, Kansas City Health Department  
**Nancy Tausz**, Johnson County Health Department, Co-Chair  
**Liz Ticer**, Johnson County Public Health  
**Caitlin Walls**, Cass County Health Department

**Others Present**

**Jim Imhotte**, HHS/ASPR  
**Bill Stewart**, KCTEW

**MARC Staff:** Dan Manley, Donna Martin and Tanya Kraatz

**1. Welcome, Introductions**

Co-Chair Nancy Tausz called the meeting to order and self-introductions were made.

**2. Task Force Reports**

• **SNS**

Communications- Liz Ticer discussed the digital radio system that have been deployed in Johnson County; they are working on rebanding the 700 and 800 MH radios.

Generators- Kansas City's is ready for installation and Jackson County installation is waiting on EPA approval.

• **Risk Communications**

Jeff Hershberger reported that they are working with Clay County to promote flu vaccine to non-English speaking community. The numbers for this section of the population have been low.

• **Plans, Training and Exercise**

The Training and Exercise Planning workshop will be held on November 1, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The workshop will be used to identify firm dates for each of the trainings and exercises. This should give staff lead time to complete the planning for each event.

**Environmental Health**

The Environment Health directories are complete; please pick up your entities copies. Those who are not present those directories will be distributed in the next few weeks.

- **ESIQ**

It was reported that no progress has been made interfacing Kansas and Missouri however this is a top priority for X-Sentinel.

**4. Committee Reports**

- **Training and Exercise** – Liz Ticer discussed a Role Incident Command Class and recommend taking these classes. They can be found on the MARC website.
- **RHSCC** – They continue to meet and discuss the best way to use the remaining UASI funding.
- **Hospital** – They conducted a full scale decontamination exercise on October 11, 2011, 26 of the area hospital participated in the event and used the new patient tracking equipment.

A Joplin tornado debriefing was conducted this week in Joplin, Missouri. The Hospitals will be compiling a summary.

- **MARCER** – They will be hearing a presentation from Chief Brad Bradley on Tucson, AZ on the mass shooting event that occurred in January, 2011.
- **MEMC** –
  - Chuck Thacker is the new Chair, Bob Evens is the Vice-Chair
  - Thunder Roars campaign underway the “Thunder Roars stay indoors” signs have been placed. If you would like some signs they will be ordering a specific number.
  - MECC exercise went well with the area armature radio operators.
  - November 9<sup>th</sup> FCC office of the President, DHS and FEMA will be conducting a National Emergency Alert test. They do not have an ability to announce that this is only a test prior to the test.
- **TEW** – Bill Stewart reported the planning for the 2012 All Star game continues. Advised that teens have a new way of consuming alcohol; soaking gummy candy in vodka. This could become an extreme issue.

**5. CRI**

- **Kansas** – Gary Martin has been hired to be the Kansas CRI Coordinator.

**6. Other Business**

KDHE – they have advised that a possible state wide exercise could be in the planning stages for April 2013. This would be an event only for the Kansas partners.

Amber Waves - has been scaled down to the point it will probably be a table top.

Mobile Morgue - Jackson County Medical Examiner’s office has received supplies and equipment to operate a Mobile Morgue. The inventory will be stored in a 53’ refrigerated trailer that is scheduled to be delivered in October. This unit has 10 full stations and will be housed at the Jackson County Sheriff’s office.

**Adjournment** 9:40 a.m.