

# Emergency Management Council Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2013 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Building, Camp Murray, Washington

Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Remarks/Introductions

Jim Hall, EMC Chair

- Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

**MOTION:** Pass the January 10, 2013 EMC meeting minutes

Motion was approved unanimously and the meeting minutes were approved

## Opening Comments

MG Bret Daugherty, The Adjutant General

- Robert Ezelle is the new EMD Director

## EMD Remarks

Robert Ezelle, EMD

- There is a move by the senate to move the 911 funds which would take away any funding capacity to modernize the statewide 911 system
- The Senate budget did not include continuity of operations plan
- EMPG funding methodology – There is new language in the proposed WAC 118-30 to identify baseline program elements for successful emergency management
- Earthquake/Tsunami has reengineered the tsunami shelter for Longbeach
- Whidbey Island landslide may not meet thresholds for federal assistance
- The President's budget was released which revived the National Preparedness Grant Program.
- The State Administrative Agency will be represented on the Urban Area Working Group. There will have to be statewide coordination so there won't be a duplication of effort

## FEMA Remarks

Dolph Diemont, Federal Coordinating Officer

- FEMA is currently adjusting and dealing with the effects of sequestration. They are on a continuing resolution for the rest of the fiscal year. FEMA has a \$50 million dollar shortfall; they have covered \$20 million but still trying to deal with the \$30 million and are in the process of reviewing programs to see if any can be eliminated.
- Understanding and implementing the actions of the Sandy Improvement Recovery Act. One of the larger efforts of this Act was the change for Tribal governments and the ability to request a Presidential Declaration. FEMA has conducted numerous phone calls seeking comments from tribes on the entire process for future rule making. **If you want more information on the tribal issues contact Lucianne Phillips 425-487-2104**
- Implementing the Biggert Water Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 on the National Flood Insurance Program. This is and will be complicated in its implementation. FEMA is in the process of

briefing stakeholder groups. The State of Washington has 45,592 policies, not all policy holders will be affected. **If you want more information contact Richard Krikava 425-487-4540.**

- Dealing with the Hurricane Sandy After Action Report. These lessons that we observed/learned will go through a corrective action process. The actions/efforts will be aligned into four major themes: Ensuring Unit of Effort; Orienting Response and Recovery Efforts toward Survivors; Ensuring Unity of Effort across the Whole Community; Developing and Agile, Professional Emergency Management Workforce

### **Committee Reports**

Suspended for this meeting

### **EMPG Funding Methodology Briefing**

Robert Ezelle, EMD

- The award to all EMPG participants is broken down based on population of that jurisdiction
- There is a base for smaller counties. 16 smaller counties will be eligible for \$18K and larger counties will be based on population
- Rationale of the \$18K is it is the median salary for a half-time employee in a rural county program
- There are provisions for the tribes in place also
- The EMD will work with the Advisory Committee to work on any changes and reprioritization.
- As soon as the attorney general is done reviewing it will be reviewed by the committee, and hopefully moving forward later this spring

### **King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee Letter**

Dominic Marzano and Sue Bush

- “Emergency management agencies throughout the state recently received notice that letters have been sent by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to licensed and/or certified long-term care providers outlining the importance of disaster planning and preparedness and recommending they contact their local Emergency Manager for assistance and guidance” – Letter from King County OEM to Jim Hall, EMC Chair
- King County would like the EMC to provide leadership and oversight that all emergency managers can use as consistent guidance statewide
- Formulate best practices and recommendations to private practices and long-term care facilities
- The State EMD has an online tool/template for any business to create a continuity plan. How do we incentivize them to make the plan in their already busy schedule?

**MOTION:** Assemble a temporary working group to come back to come back to the EMC for approval. Sue, Dominic, Dave, Public Health, EMD, Ron Averill. Sue Bush will be the POC.

Motion was passed unanimously and the working group was established

### **EMC Study Group Recommendations**

Bill Gillespie, EMC Study Group Chairperson

- Ask the working group to put together 3 or 4 models for representation for discussion

- The EMC is currently not meeting on a totally consistent basis. Adding more members may not be the best idea. Most of the work done by the council is being done by committees
- This council should have more local emergency management representation. Possibly add a couple extra members who *are* emergency managers
- Provide a crosswalk of membership on the council or representation on the committees against the 18 FEMA capabilities and ESFs

**ACTION ITEM:** EMC Membership Decisions

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- Committee on Homeland Security: This used to be the COT (Committee on Terrorism) as a vetting group for federal grant monies and how to “cut the pie”. Use of that committee in that area (vetting funding strategies) has waned. There have been several attempts to refocus it and the latest one was to be a strategic focus committee. It was determined that the EMC didn’t need the CHS (as it is currently put together) any longer – except for the Equipment subcommittee and the Critical Infrastructure subcommittee. Should we disband the CHS and ask these two subcommittees to report directly to the EMC? The EMC will reconvene new committees.

**MOTION:** Dissolve the CHS and transfer the subcommittee structure that currently exists to the EMC

The motion was seconded

**Amendment:** Suspend the CHS, or make it an inactive subcommittee, instead of disbanding it. R Reason – if there is another attach on our soil and funds rise we won’t have to go through the approval process again.

**AMENDED MOTION:** To suspend the CHS subcommittee (no membership at this point)

Amended motion was passed unanimously and the CHS subcommittee is suspended

The EMC will write letters to the CHS members thanking them for their years of service and inform them that we have suspended current operations

- Seismic Safety Committee: Serves well, plenty of support from the EMD, lots of people on that committee are volunteers
- State Emergency Response Commission: Active committee doing what they’re supposed to do
- Local EM Advisory Group (Local Programs): The structure needs to be worked on
- Public Private Partnership Workgroup: Integrate these people into other committees

**MOTION:** To disband the Public Private Partnership Workgroup

The motion was passed unanimously and the working group was disbanded

- Recovery Restoration Workgroup: Have not come to a consensus on what this group should do. It was recommended that this group stay in place until the organizational document currently at the governor’s office is approved. Afterward we will assign this group with new tasks
- State Preparedness Workgroup: Was also the strategy workgroup at one time. This is a good place to tie together the state preparedness report and what we report to the governor. It could also serve as a very useful tool in collaboration and assessment processes
- Organizational Effectiveness Workgroup: Currently still working on its tasking

- Suggested Committees: Strategic Planning, Communications, Regional Coordinators, Health Care Coalition, and Health – Regional Emergency Response coordination
  - Strategic Planning: We don't know who will lead this group, but John Ufford and the State EMD has been doing a lot with preparedness and we want to incorporate their efforts
  - Communications: Do we need a communication workgroup?
    - Work with ESIEC since they're the one leading the charge on communication efforts
    - Having this workgroup would bring in experts to synchronize our message
  - Regional Coordinators: There are concerns about funding and the ability for regional coordinators to survive. This would be a new committee under the EMC

**MOTION:** Create a Regional Coordinators subcommittee

The motion was *withdrawn* and the subcommittee was not established. The Emergency Management Advisory Council will work with local emergency managers and regional coordinators to see what this proposed subcommittee would accomplish

- Public Health Coalition: They are not a part of this organization and they don't need to be. This does not need to be a subcommittee
- Health – Regional Emergency Response Coordination: The health response coordinators are conduits to the local health department and serve as an advisory committee to Health. Seek guidance with them first before establishing a subcommittee
- Cybersecurity: This is going to continue to grow and be a threat in all of our regions. We should look at involving experts in the private industry

**MOTION:** Establish an executive committee for the EMC to help streamline the main committee with recommendations and direction

The motion was tabled and the structure of the executive committee will be discussed and formalized at a future meeting.

### **Statewide Assessment of Emergency Management Discussion**

Jim Hall, EMC Chair

- What do we report to TAG and governor?
- Propose that we establish a timeline to develop a statewide assessment, along with the EMD, with a report card that is one or two pages long that is easily readable that we can share with the legislature so they can understand what our needs and gaps are. This should be established and coordinated with workgroups subcommittees
- The process for the State Preparedness Report contains a lot of information and the EMD can develop a synopsis of the assessment information and distill that down into a report. This will take resources from other organizations to develop and vet

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- A small group will convene later this month to discuss a COOP

**MOTION:** Change the EMC meeting schedule to bi-monthly instead of quarterly

The motion was passed unanimously and the EMC meetings will occur bi-monthly

- The EMC will send a letter to the new Department of Health director
- Future agenda item: Education
- Carol Fleskes will be retiring at the end of May

**Closing Remarks**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

***NEXT MEETING:***

~~July 11, 2013~~

~~Bldg 92, Camp Murray~~

**June 6, 2013**

**Bldg 91, Camp Murray**