

Central Virginia Emergency Management Alliance



Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 0930 hours
Fire Station #1, 180 River Road West, Manakin-Sabot, VA 23103

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ben Ruppert at 0934.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Ruppert welcomed everyone and thanked Bill McKay for hosting. Introductions were made. List of attendees is attached. Ben asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were none.

2. Minutes from September Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes as presented.

Made by: Anna McRay

Second: Donald Hunter

3. New Business

Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee who will present slate of officers next month. Bill Lawson, Anna McRay, and Bill McKay agreed to be the nominating committee.

2017 SHSP Awards: A number of grants were awarded in the region. Ben asked each committee chair who received money to report out on how they plan to spend the money. We received money to support the regional planner position, however Kathy resigned to work for Richmond City. We will be working with Martha Shickle of the RRPDC to fill the position.

Martha spoke about the process of filling the position. The executive committee has received a copy of the job description to review. Hope to have it posted by the end of next week and will send to everyone to spread among your circles. Planning to conduct interviews after Thanksgiving and hopefully have a person in place by the first of the year. Ben thanked Martha for supporting us in the process. Beverley advised, from a sub-committee standpoint, Chairs are going to have to take on a little more responsibility until the position is filled.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Mass Care | Paul Hundley (Richmond)

The last meeting there was discussion regarding the CMS rule. The next meeting will outline the material of importance for those who are required to follow those rules. The Healthcare Coalition will be assisting. Looking at having a flash drive to provide to facilities. The grants applied for were awarded. There is still \$20,000 left in last year's grant. Please sign up for training classes. Materials added to new grant are portable AEDs and Baby Boxes. The next meeting is Nov 2 from 1:30-3:00 at RRPDC.

b. **Planning** | Anna McRay (Henrico)

Still working on putting the goals and objectives together in the Strategic Plan. Will have a draft at the Nov meeting. Hope to have finalized and ready by Jan 2018.

Hazard Mitigation – Lori Dachille advised greater Richmond is pretty much done. The Tri-Cities are still missing a few. We cannot get funded until the plan is approved so please work on getting the plans done. Lori will send out a reminder.

The committee is working on updates to the by-laws. Will be adding the Finance Chair back in, as well as the Training sub-committee.

THIRA-additional grant money was awarded to complete the second part of the project. Need to know if the remaining localities want to participate (those who didn't participate last go around), or the localities who did participate last go around want to delve deeper. Reach out to Anna. The last THIRA workshop was a conference call. We are a little behind schedule on this project. Therefore, we decided to postpone the all-day workshop until Dewberry could complete the spreadsheet. Now that it is complete, Anna will send out to everyone and she is requesting your feedback soon after you receive. The capabilities target meeting is very important. Please do whatever you must, and attend the all-day workshop. This will build the foundation for when we apply for grant funding. A doodle poll will go out to determine everyone's best date availability. Please respond. Also come with your wish list of things your locality needs to do so we can plug it into the THIRA.

Stacie Neal has submitted our information up to FEMA and we are waiting on a reply. There is nothing new on the CCTA grant. The next meeting is Nov 15.

Ben thanked the executive committee for their work on the letter we submitted to Stacie.

c. **Public Outreach** | Beverley Brandt (Colonial Heights)

Survivor Day is scheduled for April 21, 2018. If your locality wants to participate, please let Beverley or Anthony know.

There is a Regional CERT exercise scheduled for Dec. 2 in Chesterfield. It will have a medical focus. If your locality wants to participate, please let Sherri or Beverley know.

There is an Advanced SKYWARN training scheduled for Nov 2 in Colonial Heights.

The business video project has been pushed to the first of the year due to unforeseen circumstances.

Curt asked if the Until Help Arrives program will be incorporated in the public outreach. Beverley will take it to the committee.

Martha advised the RRPDC is looking at getting a new website. She will come to the next meeting to discuss content and layout. There is the possibility of online registration and integrating calendars.

Grant Funding Received for FY17: Regional CERT \$10,000; Public Outreach \$80,000

- d. **Training Committee** | Bill Lawson (Richmond)
Meeting Oct. 31 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss objectives.

5. Old Business

CF/CVEMA Partnership – Ben is meeting with Sherry of the CF on Nov 14. Ben has asked for best practices from other CF around the country who have had this type of partnership. Looking to have agreements in place soon.

Bill McKay suggested sending out letters to jurisdictions regarding suggested donations to CVEMA. Ben advised it is something to consider.

CMS Rule – The next mass care meeting will be dedicated to this topic. If you want to be a part of that conversation, please come to this meeting (Nov. 2).

Anna advised Henrico conducted a table top exercise with dialysis centers last week and it was well received.

Sherrri advised Chesterfield held the annual “Prepare Because You Care” workshop on Oct 5. It was well attended and well received.

6. Open Discussion & Roundtable

Ben (Hopewell)-Incident in Hopewell at John Randolph Wellness Center. Small fire but had smoke and fire extinguisher dust on entire floor. Had to move 28 patients to other facilities. Some challenges with the process, mainly with the magistrates’ process of relocating the TDO patients. Will be having an after action to discuss these challenges. Steve Parrott advised the RHCC was activated a few hours after the incident by the receiving hospital. This situation might be a good future exercise.

Sherrri (Chesterfield) – Public Outreach Coordinator position will be posted Nov. 6. If you know someone who would be good for this position, please encourage them to apply at www.chesterfield.gov. Working with Kate Challis of Johnston-Willis on Stop the Bleed training at our local libraries. CERT graduation last night with 28 students.

Kevin (VDEM)-Crisis Track training is on-going. The upcoming Family Assistance Center exercise has 65-70 registered. The JIC exercise is Jan 10. Ben will be the exercise director. The Marble Challenge was held yesterday. One challenge was different agencies, different languages.

Jada (RRPDC)-She will be the new point of contact until the planner position is filled. Can set up meetings, agendas, etc. Just contact her at jsmith@RichmondRegional.onmicrosoft.com.

Chief Singer/Curt Nellis (Powhatan)-Powhatan has been designated a Heart Safe Community. Wine Festival was successful. Curt thanked Jennifer Satterwhite on assistance with a white supremacist situation. Consider with big festivals the vehicle born threats. Instead of staking tents, use water-filled barrels. Used a drone for live Facebook. The December CVEMA meeting will be in Powhatan with brunch. Curt thanked those who were peer reviewers on grants.

Steve (CVHC)-The Coalition activated with the Hopewell fire situation. Also had one hospital with a generator repair. Supported the opening of the new VCU facility in South Hill. Nov 9 at JW, will be conducting a Mortuary Enhanced Remains Cooling System training. Ken Smith is organizing. Ran an exercise ahead of the Marble Challenge exercise start. The Nov 17 meeting location is being moved from ODEMSA to the Libby Mill Library. The speaker will be Dr. Chilmuri who will discuss the active shooter incident at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in NYC. For more information, visit <http://central-region.org/event/cvhc-november-meeting-code-silver-active-shooter-in-the-hospital/>. Also, VDEM IMT and CVIMT have been deployed recently on several incidents.

Debbie (Red Cross)-Seen an increase in volunteers. Volunteers are coming back from deployment. Sent four people this week to Puerto Rico.

Bill McKay (Goochland)-Radio system is finally in place. The ribbon cutting is Nov 8. CERT class beginning in January.

Anna (Henrico)-Finishing an MOU with FeedMore for feeding support for emergency shelters. CERT class graduating next week.

Mark (VDOT)-Ready for snow. Working on a program for towing and recovery, un-blocking roads as quickly as possible. Working with towing facilities on training. There will be segments of roads assigned to specific towing agencies. There will be no "owner's request" in those areas. Will also have extrication tools on tow vehicles and will be trained. Looking for people who are interested in being on the communications committee, the Regional Traffic Incident Management Group (TIMS).

Donald (Prince George)-graduating second CERT class next week. Thanked Beverley & Sherri for help getting program going.

Ken (Emporia)-working on new public safety building. Mike Rae will be taking over for Ken when he retires.

Lori (VDEM)-Discussed peer review process on HMPG. Lori would like to discuss at a future meeting. This is a funding source that doesn't get as much attention. Look at some of the projects you submit to SHSP; you may be able to fulfill through the HMPG. Opening back up Spring 2018. EF0 tornado in King William Tuesday morning. Lori assisted them with Crisis Track yesterday to collect damage assessment. Need to think when the next TEPW will be.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 with Donald Hunter making a motion and Bill Lawson seconded. The next regular Alliance meeting will be November 16, 2017, at Virginia State Police Headquarters on Midlothian Tnpk, N. Chesterfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrri Laffoon

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Anna McRay, Henrico

Ben Ruppert, Hopewell, Chair

Beverley Brandt, Colonial Heights

Bill Lawson, Richmond

Bill MacKay, Goochland

Curt Nellis, Powhatan

Deb Watson, Red Cross

Donald Hunter, Prince George

Douglass Gagnon, DMA

Jada Smith, RRPDC

Jennifer Satterwhite, VSP

Jim Keck, VCU

Ken Ryals, Emporia

Kent Emerson, Amelia

Kevin Pannell, VDEM

Lori Dacheille, VDEM

Mark Irving, VDOT

Martha Shickle, RRPDC

Mike Rae, Emporia

Paul Hundley, Richmond

Peter Svoboda, CVHC

Robert Foresman, Henrico, Vice-Chair

Sherri Laffoon, Chesterfield, Recording Secretary

Vic Buisset, Richmond