

East Central Region Governance Meeting

April 11th, 2022

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Minutes

Location: Platte County EOC, Map Room, 2610 14th Street, Columbus Nebraska

Chair: Terry Miller, *Saunders County*

Co-Chair: Mark Doehling, *Butler County*

Secretary: Tom Smith, *Dodge County*

Treasurer: Tim Hofbauer, *Platte County*

- i. **Meeting Called to Order at 1:39 pm by Terry.**
- ii. **Roll Call of Counties Present:** Platte, Dodge, Saunders, Butler, Region 44, Colfax, Polk
Additional Representatives: Larry Fichtner NEMA, Thomas Barnett 4Corners PHD, Caleb Kuddes 3RPHD, Dennis Coldsen ROMMRS, Kandi Zackery BCHC.
- iii. **Approve Previous Governance Board Meeting Minutes (Action)** – Region 44 makes motion to approve minutes from last meeting, seconded by Colfax motion carried.
- iv. **Public Health Report-** Thomas (4CPHD) COVID cases are down, 20% of all cases in Nebraska are BA2 variant, dealing with Avian Flu in Butler County, Caleb (3RPHD), Covid BA2 outbreak in nursing home, public health response is getting booster vaccines to nursing home to stop further spread. Coordinating COVID 19 Public Health Response ARR with counties in district. ECDHD ERC position still vacant. Dennis (ROMMRS) NE DHHS Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinator leaving.
- v. **Red Cross Report** – Gina (ARC) Red Cross COVID protocols have changes, unless blood drive or sheltering not required to wear PPE. Sound the Alarm efforts taking place in Shelby/David City, and will be conducting a Bootcamp in Lincoln at the end of April beginning of May.
- vi. **NEMA Report**-Larry (NEMA) training section would like to know what grant and grant number when submitting training request. Training Calendar filling up till Aug quickly filling up into October. Fire School is coming up, be aware there will be horse racing taking place, Lexy Hindt is new Recovery Section Unit Manager, Klye is replacing Patrick as section chief. Mathew Harrison visited Jenna and Tom.
- vii. **Regional Projects Updates-**
 - a. **NRIN**-Tim (Platte) no report.
 - b. **Cybersecurity**-Tim (Platte) meeting held at 12:30 prior to ECPET meeting. Meeting included City of Fremont, ESU#2, Applied Connective, CISA NE-Cyber Coordinator, and EMs. Discussion included creating a survey for counties to identify potential projects to fund.
 - c. **Training/Exercise/IMT**-Jenna (Region 44) all training except accountability went through group. IMT webinar training opportunity through NAEM, Tom (Dodge) would like to host training began reaching out to IMT members when email first received.
 - d. **Accountability**-Tim (Platte) no updates.
 - e. **CCP**-Tom (Dodge) no updates.
 - f. **IAEM Conference**, Terry (Saunders) IAEM conf moved through SME group.
 - g. **Law Enforcement Support**; Terry (Saunders) purchase 10 monos and batteries.

Discussion was held on the community resilience and election security IJ projects. Burt County provided a recommendation from their Election Office of USBs and Thumbdrives, these are one time use items recurring costs will impact local election offices. Tom mentioned using digital ads for the community preparedness, Tim said Jan Zurrcher was hired locally to assist with community outreach, he will touch base with her, and if necessary coordinate with Tom.
- viii. **Regional Planning/Training**
 - a. Jenna (Region 44) Health Depts doing a functional exercise in Ord Wed April 13th.
 - b. Terry (Saunders) planning a medical surge exercise in the fall.
 - c. Dennis (ROMMRS) Hospital receivers training in Norfolk, Kandi asked about hazmat class recommendation was to speak with Mark Sears.

- ix. **State and Regional Meeting updates**-Tom said an SECC meeting was held, like a lot of groups, had major change over in personnel.

2:39 pm Colfax makes Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Region 44