



**CLARK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group**
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
PUEBLO ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS, NV

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2010 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

IRENE NAVIS, JANE SHUNNEY, DAN LAKE, CAROLYN LEVERING, DAVE PETERSON, ELAINE HOUSER, JOHN HORTON, RYAN TURNER, FRED THOMPSON, MIKE CYPHERS, KEVIN NICHOLSON, WARREN GLIDEWELL, GLENN CLOSSON, BRETT HANDY, MIKE RICHARDSON, DAVE GOSS, WILLIAM RICHARDSON, SCOTT FULLER, PHIL KLEVORICK, DAVE DAHL, DAVID STUHAN, BRIAN PASSOW, DONI WARD-McCALLISTER, FREDD THOMPSON, BRETT HANDY

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

KEVIN BRAME FOR TERRI DAVIS, NICOLE HART FOR BRETT PRIMAS, RENEE TYLER FOR KIM FERGUSON, JEFF GREEN FOR SANDY SEDA, MICHAEL STAUDENMAIER FOR FAITH BORDEN

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

FERNANDEZ LEARY, BRETT PRIMAS, MARY MARTINI, MANNY BAY, LAWRENCE SANDS, DENNIS NOLAN, TERRI DAVIS, SHANNON ROONEY, KIM FERGUSON, SUSAN CROWLEY, WAYNE WICK, FAITH BORDEN, TIFFANY SIMPKINS, DENNIS NOLAN

I. Call to Order

Irene Navis LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. on Wednesday August 18, 2010, in the Pueblo Room of the Clark County Government Center.

II. Roll Call

Irene Navis: Quorum present.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2010

Motion, by Jane Shunney: To accept the minutes as recorded.
Seconded, by Dan Lake.
No discussion, motioned carried.

IV. Approve and Recommend Hazard Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Application

The Chair stated that there was an application submitted for this grant by Carolyn Levering, City of Las Vegas in partnership with other agencies. Further, the grant subcommittee recommended to the LEPC to approve the application as submitted.

Carolyn Levering outlined the application. She advised that this is the annual training grant, administered by the SERC. Funds are limited to training only the request was to send participants to Baltimore Training Conference, Hot Zone Conference and Silver

State Hazardous Material Conference in Reno. The following entities were included, City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Clark County as training participants.

Motion, by Carolyn Levering: This body recommend for approval to the Board of County Commissioners our application for training funds to the State Emergency Response Commission not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.)

Seconded, by Nicole Hart.

No discussion, motion carried.

V. Center for Disease Control Foundation Meta-Leadership Program

Speaker was not present.

VI. Current Medical Surge Planning

Brian Brannman UMC Chief Operating Officer provided a brief history as to why this surge plan is necessary. Brian mentioned the 2008 Emmitsburg Table Top Exercise (TTX) that Clark County MACC representatives attended. Brian discussed the medical response role he and Dr. Sands played in the TTX and what was clear to them was that Clark County does not have a medical response. He encouraged participation in the preparation of this plan.

Ryan Turner stated that there were individual conversations with many of the key stakeholders in the community. The outcome of these discussions was that everyone involved needed to determine how Medical Surge in the Valley would be accomplished. The recent Ides of March exercise provided insight to the fact that by having only one person represented in the MACC they did not have the capacity to facilitate all incoming requests and make the high-level decisions needed. This was the catalyst for the decision to develop a separate Medical Surge area command. The intent of the command is to not compete with Law Enforcement or Fire it is to address specific health care issues. This plan is in the early stages and he welcomes participation.

Justin Riley, Nevada Hospital Association Regional Med Surge Planner, stated that they fully support this model and that other hospitals are planning to participate.

Agenda Order Change:

C. URBAN AREA WORKING GROUP

1. Approve and Recommend Homeland Security Grant Process Improvements

The Chair introduced the item and discussed the directive given by the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. The proposed process improvements were outlined and discussed (*attached*.) She further stated that in accordance with FFY2010 guidance, any decisions made with regard to the administration, methodology or distribution of Urban Area grant funds should be achieved through consensus. The chair then asked that the LEPC first attempt to achieve consensus if that was not possible only then move to a vote. She would like to see the opinion of the group and seek their input.

After discussion, comments, and recommendation by some of the UAWG members present, the following action was taken:

- (1) Consensus was reached that the process improvements respond to the State of Nevada Homeland Security Commission direction given to the Clark County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on August 4, 2010. Option B was

discussed about eliminating Clark County as the pass through for 2010 forward and that it would be included in the report provided to the Nevada Homeland Security Commission.

- (2) Upon no ability to reach consensus on remaining issues, two motions were put forward:

Motion, by Mike Cyphers: Submit the report with small edits to the Homeland Security Commission to represent agreed upon consensus improvements for the existing grant process, but not for FFY2010

Seconded, by Dan Lake.

No further discussion the motion passed.

Motion, by Mike Cyphers: The UAWG recommends to the State Homeland Security Commission for FFY2010 and forward grant process that Clark County be eliminated as a pass-through for grants and that the grants go direct from the State to the sub-grantees.

Seconded, by Dan Lake.

No further discussion the motion passed.

- **Urban Area Strategy Update**

Terry Quinn, IT Strategies Consultant introduced the purpose and objective of her assigned task, a research paper. This paper was prepared to help everyone understand their capabilities as well collect and summarize the existing information on past and present projects as well as how they address the capabilities that are required to respond to the National Planning Scenarios. The paper will serve as a repository of information should stakeholders need to find information on progress, dollars spent etc. (*Speaker narrated Power Point presentation attached.*)

- **Urban Area Communication Subcommittee**

The communications steering committee met on August 16, 2010 Mark Blomstrom reported on behalf of Russ Nelson who chaired the meeting for Laura Fucci. The most significant outcome of this meeting is that there will be a federally DHS sponsored workshop on September 22, 2010 seeking additional input on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). There was also good news shared on two completed projects, one for SNACC a major addition allowing simulcasts and the other a report from Clark County IT moving forward on construction using funds from '07 and '08, they expect to complete their project by end of the calendar year.

- **Incident management Team Update**

Chris Sproule spoke on behalf of Jess Campbell. The Incident Management Team (IMT) is presently holding a week long, All Hazards Incident Management Team training at the LVFR Training Center. All IMT members are required to have 100, 200,300,400, 700, 800 and the All Hazards training. The of October there will be an IMT Boot Camp type training where there will be Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Liaison Officer and Planning Section Chief courses offered. This will take place over a one week period of time with the weekend off and coming back the following Monday through Wednesday for a workshop. Contact Chris Sproule to register.

VII. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Biological Agent Preparedness Working group

On behalf of Dr. Middaugh, Jane Shunney advised that this committee has completed the assigned work and therefore will no longer provide future reports to the LEPC. There will be no reason to keep this as an agenda item from this point forward.

b. Community Awareness & Emergency Response

Glade Closson reported on behalf of Susan Crowley. (Audio level initially inaudible) Dave Goss of SNACC invited to participate in the next meeting on September 14, 2010 to discuss getting messages out to cell phones. Possibility of also starting up an online community based website. In the past, the CAER group passed out information on what the BMI site is and they are looking to reinstitute an activity like this. The group is also planning to take a CAER person and insert them in High Cap in hopes that it will promote better communication. At the September 14th meeting they are also planning to develop a Table Top Exercise simulating an event in the BMI complex amongst the three major sites in the complex.

c. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

Paula Martel reported on behalf of Robin Kelly that meetings of this group have been moved to every other month opposed to the previous monthly meeting schedule. The next meeting will be held September 9, 2010 at the Oquendo site.

d. Community Right-to-Know Subcommittee

No report

e. Emergency Alert System Update

No report

f. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

Dan Lake reported that the last EMC meeting was hosted by the Las Vegas Convention Visitors Authority (LVCVA). Most of the conversation revolved around capabilities and evacuation sites. The LVCVA has a lot of shelter space and the EMC felt that there was a need for Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) and Operational Agreements. Dan advised that while the LVCVA expressed to the group that they would like to help, their vendors take priority even over the evacuation needs of the community. The area Emergency Managers encouraged the LVCVA to work out agreements to give some sense of commitment of their space and the availability. Dan stated that because the sense of priority in every community is different and the fact our Convention Authority drives the economic standard the process of engaging the LVCVA as a committed evacuation site could be a challenge.

Ryan Turner spoke about the fact that there was a lot of education happening for the LVCVA that day. Ryan mentioned that the LVCVA representatives at the meeting were unaware that the Convention Center is already listed as an evacuation site in many plans. The EMC challenged the LVCVA to go up the chain internally, to inform their management that this issue exists and there is a need for greater involvement. The Chair asked Dan Lake, if there was anything that the LEPC or the Clark County Office of Emergency Management needed to do as far as contacting the LVCVA and he suggested that would be very beneficial. The Chair suggested that the Plans Subcommittee possibly take this on as a follow up task.

g. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Chris Sproule reported that he has been working a lot with the Incident Management Team (IMT). He forgot to mention earlier that the IMT was recently activated; for the Mt. Charleston, Cathedral and Moapa fires.

Chris has also been involved with the SPARTAN Task Force as well as the Med Surge Area Command with Ryan Turner.

h. NV-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team Update

No report

i. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Phil Klevorick reported that the Yucca Mountain application it is still in play. The Construction Authorization Board, a sub board of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has denied the DOE's request to withdraw the application. Legal proceedings will likely ensue in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. The reason it will likely end up in that court are do to the several legal challenges they are being combine so they can hear the proceeding going forward if the DOE continues the course they are on to withdraw. It is anticipated there will be years of future legal proceedings possibly ending up in the Supreme Court.

At the last LEPC meeting the Commodity Flow was discussed, the anticipated official release will likely be next week. Anyone that would like to order a copy of the report please contact Gene Pasinski. The Chair mentioned that there are four reports on one CD they are: Rail Commodity Flow, Truck Commodity Flow, Update to Previous Report, Rail Vulnerability Assessment and Public Safety Impact Assessment.

j. Planning Subcommittee

No report.

k. State Emergency Response Commission

No report.

l. Satellite Phone Update

Dan Lake advised that the group is still working towards a common practice as well as cross training. August 11, 2010 was the last meeting where they discussed the potential of seeking Homeland Security Grant funds. Dan further reported that last month they held the fourth (4th) Communications Rodeo half day. LVMPD assisted and the Baltimore Model was used, this model gave more teeth to the event. The After Action Report (AAR) will be provided to the LEPC within the next month.

m. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

No report

B. CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL REPORTS

• **Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Bill Smith introduced a relative new member Jim Davis. Jim is a retired Air Force fighter pilot and has extensive knowledge in operations centers.

Bill reported that ARES/RACES participated in the Communication Rodeo and that in July the FCC issued a Report and Order regarding Amateur Radio operators participating in drills. This new change removes the requirement to seek a waiver from the FCC before an exercise or a drill, there is not currently an effective date for when this change takes effect.

• **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

Carolyn Levering reported on behalf of Rick Diebold. CERT training continues to take place anyone that would like to sign up is welcome to do so the website is www.nvcert.org. The classes are always full and they are exceeding all of their training

goals. Classes are offered countywide from Laughlin to Indian Springs and they are hopeful a class in mesquite soon.

Dan Lake advised that North Las Vegas was including in the local NLV paper the full list of CERT training dates, this was in recognition of National Preparedness Month.

- **Fire Corps**

No report

- **Medical Reserve Corps**

Paula Martel, mentioned that there was recently a training that they invited the NV1DMAT attended as well as two vet's from the State Animal & Food Safety Lab Vet's attended as well to discuss the One Health One Medicine concept which is a collaboration between veterinary and medical. Interesting point is that Zoonotic diseases are 75% of all infectious diseases. Zoonotic diseases are those that are passed between animal and human. The veterinary community often times will identify an outbreak before the medical community does and because of this is why there is such a need for this collaboration.

The MRC has also become the "go to group" for blood pressure screening. They are also interested in participating in exercises and providing fire fighter respite. This group would also be available for groups that need onsite first aid. MRC is also planning to work with American Red Cross on pet sheltering.

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Nicole Hart reported that there are 1,777 watch programs within their jurisdiction. With a high level of foreclosure's they have focused on residential and vehicular break-ins. These groups were also an integral part of National Night Out on August 3rd.

- **Volunteer in Police Service**

Nicole Hart advised that there are 458 volunteers, last quarter those volunteers participated in over 40,000 hours of service. Their main event was the Mt. Charleston fire assisting with roadblocks and evacuations. They followed the event with an already scheduled July 10 exercise where they practiced the evacuation of the old town area.

VIII. Public Comments

Jane Shunney briefly explained what she knew about the CDC Foundation and that they want to provide crisis training. The CDC Foundation would like to partner in the community. The Chair asked Jane to provide the materials she receives from the presentation she plans to attend and that material could then be distributed to the LEPC.

The Chair discussed Clark County plans for National Preparedness month. There will be channel 4 County Chronicles broadcasts, news releases, social media posts on MySpace and Face Book, as well as a series of four podcasts. Clark County will also be providing presentations to the community upon request.

Paula Martel, MRC, mentioned they have a display on Pets & Preparedness, she offered it to anyone that would like to use the display.

Nicole Hart, LVMPD, advised that the *See Something Say Something* campaign was being launched. The Chair stated that the County would assist in marketing that campaign if Metro was interested in providing the material.

Ryan Turner, UMC, stated that they are doing a series things to educate employees. UMC is focusing primarily on personal preparedness.

Jane Shunney wanted her appreciation voiced and on the public record for Jim O'Brien. Jane spoke about the tremendous amount of support Jim provided to her and the health community he was a strong proponent for public health. Jim helped the SNHD become NIMS compliant before they were required and he helped them realize how important public health was in relation to Emergency Management. The Chair announced that Jim O'Brien's last day with Clark County is August 27, 2010.

Inaudible speaker introduced herself and her program stating that it was a Social Security program designed to help the business community better understand Emergency Management. She plans to attend future LEPC meetings.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by, Jane Shunney

Seconded by, Carolyn Levering

No discussion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.