

Las Vegas Urban Area Working Group (UAWG)

PUEBLO ROOM
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS NV 89106

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 11:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

UAWG MEMBERS PRESENT:

JOHN STEINBECK, STEVE KRAMER, CAROLYN LEVERING, RICK DIEBOLD, JEFF LYTLE, ROGER HASKINS, YURI GRAVES, DIMITRI THEODORO, CRAIG COOPER, CHAD ROGERS, IRENE NAVIS

UAWG MEMBERS ABSENT:

KEVIN NICHOLSON, KASH CHRISTOPHER, LARRY HAYDU, MIKE SMITH, RACHEL SKIDMORE, RICK BREDON, RYAN TURNER, MICHAEL JAQUIS, KEVIN NICHOLSON, CHUCK GEBHARDT, RICHARD RESNICK, MIKE WILSON, CHRIS SPROULE, MARY KAYMAN,

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

John Steinbeck, UAWG Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. Misty Richardson advised quorum present.

II. Public Comments

- No comments

III. Comments from the Chair

- No comments further from previous meeting, nothing specific to the Urban Area.
- The drill on Friday was well received by Dina Titus, we need to continue those efforts as funding will be in questions every year.

IV. Approval of the June 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion by, Carolyn Levering: **To approve as submitted**

Seconded by, Irene Navis

No discussion motion carried

V. Update on the status of FFY2014 SHSP and UASI funded projects and de-obligated and re-obligated funds

a. City of Las Vegas HAZMAT

The Chair, per information sent by Kelly Anderson, notes that currently outstanding, as being reported and completed throughout the State, in 2014, there is \$87,450.00 that is with the City of Las Vegas HAZMAT.

Carolyn Levering noted that their finance department shows a balance of only \$1,189.78 from the de-obligated MMRS, re-obligated. The remaining has been spent.

The Chair noted that it is not uncommon that there is a difference.

Craig Cooper noted that they just received the equipment and licenses, they are tagging and then will be distributed throughout the Valley.

b. Clark County Coup

The Chair noted that there is a remaining balance on the Clark County Coup of \$117,000.00 between Clark County and the School District.

Irene Navis noted, the Coup process for the Clark County School District and Clark County is 90% completed, wrapping up over the next few weeks to complete this month. The figures noted, do not reflect the current numbers, the final details and invoices will be sent which will take it to \$0.00 out of \$130,000.00.

c. Southern Nevada IMT

Karen Taylor noted the remaining balance of \$2,366.00 has been spent, a discussion and a PCR has been sent.

d. Clark County P25 Radios

The Chair noted that this was a new award for \$11,970.00 and approved the money to go to Metro Saturation Team for equipment in dealing with extreme protesters. The cost for this equipment was \$7,000.00, which was sent to DHS and DHS denied the request. It was denied, as they deem it as routine police work, which we will review and try again. The money was then moved to IMT which we funded and approved through 2016 for radios. We will then de-obligate the 2016 money back to hopefully the Metro Saturation team when we can have the time to get it approved.

Irene Navis, noted that we need to acknowledge the States grants staff, on what a great job they have done on last minute requests. They do a lot for us very quickly. Please keep your quotes up to date, it will help keep things moving quickly when we have quick turn-around.

The Chair noted that we will be closing out FFY2014 at the next meeting.

VI. Update on the status of FFY2015 SHSP and UASI funded projects and any de-obligated and re-obligated funds.

a. Regional HAZMAT Response, City of Henderson, in the amount of \$544,000.00

Yuri Graves noted that this is for the HAZMAT vehicle, it is in the process of being built, as it is not a standard vehicle. Delivery should be in the next nine months.

b. Cyber Projects – Firewall and Access Manager, City of Las Vegas, in the amount of \$130,890.00 and \$110,000.00

Carolyn Levering noted, that the funds were awarded in October and it has gone through an extensive bidding process, so the funds have not been spent yet, but has been moving forward.

c. MMRS Project, City of Las Vegas, in the amount of \$180,720.00

Carolyn Levering noted in the last quarter we expended \$14,092.00, leaving a current balance of \$166,627.00. We moved some of the funding around this project pending an extension for one quarter, as we reduced our request in the 2016 process, but needed the one quarter extension – on track.

d. CERT Program City of Las Vegas, in the amount of \$186,361.00

Carolyn Levering noted that the balance is \$166,627.00 as the current balance.

e. Radio Encryption Project, City of Henderson, in the amount of \$185,640.00

Unidentified person noted (Time 2:54:00), The funding has been spent and the radios have all been installed. It will be shown in the next quarterly report.

f. Clark County Disaster Recovery, in the amount of \$180,000.00

Karen Taylor spoke and said it was being contested. Irene Navis corrected and noted that the contract has now been approved.

g. Video Conferencing Equipment, in the amount of \$91,000.00

Karen Taylor noted that the bid has been completed and awarded and delivered within the next 30 days. Training is part of the contract and will be set up in four sets of training – Metro will get their own training.

The Chair noted that this service is a cloud based service that will fix a lot of the issues in videoconferencing.

Karen Taylor requested that everyone determine who they want to be in the training.

Dimitri Theodoro, asked if the project was replacing the existing units completely or partially.

The Chair noted that the project was replacing everything but the cart.

Karen Taylor noted that the new equipment was going on the old cart, everything else is new. They will be working with Metro to work on who will be picking up and exchanging the old equipment.

h. WEB EOC Enhancement, in the amount of \$76,064.00

Karen Taylor noted that they have been billed. We did a PCR for \$32,000.00 and have been paid, and we have a balance of \$40,000.00. We submitted a PCR for the resource management component on Web EOC and GIS enhancement on the system we just bought.

Dimitri Theodoro asked if the resource management component similar to the States.

The Chair noted that the layout was different than the States. Its new and there are some issues, but we are working with the vendor.

Dimitri Theodoro noted that they gave information about equipment and resources seven years ago, as they have changed, when do we need to provide you with new lists. How is this going to be done?

The Chair noted that that will need to be passed along to Arlene Chapman

i. Fusion Center, in the amount of \$611,000.00

Roger Haskins from Metro noted that there is no information at this time.

j. CBRNE Armor, in the amount of \$177,590.00

Craig Cooper noted that there's been some new purchasing processes that they are going through at Metro. Some of the money has been spent, waiting for response from purchasing and to receive the equipment.

The Chair asked as they move to the CBRNE Task Force, will Metro Armor be applying for things on their own or as a group with the Task Force?

Craig Cooper noted that these items are still being worked out and they are still writing policies on how they are going to operate.

The Chair noted that we need to get the information out more to the community, now that there has been a change.

Craig Cooper noted that it has been discussed, between now and the end of the year, it will not be possible, but at the end of the year they will go out in full to all parties.

VII. Update on the status of FFY2016 SHSP and UASI funds

The Chair noted that we do not have the 2016 funds yet, other than the funds that we noted to be de-obligated in 2016.

- No Comments.

VIII. Update on the FFY2017 status of Congressional action on UASI funding

Irene Navis noted that she met with the county's lobbying team representatives from Washington DC to talk about the prospects for 2017 funding. We're concerned about the language around the risk profile and whether there is going to be a cap on the UASI jurisdictions funded. Their latest and best information is that due to the election season that it is likely that Congress will go into a continuing resolution on the funding, which means that it would be at static funding levels from the current fiscal year. The focus is on the top 85% of risk, which draws the line at 28, and last year we were at 29. It was recommended to keep in touch with the congressional delegation in terms of information that we've garnered in terms of our risk profile and justification for keeping us on the list and as high up as possible to make sure that we are not on the wrong side of the cut off line. There is also some discussion among some members of Congress that they would like to push for omnibus appropriation. An omnibus appropriation is where several funding streams are pulled together into one overall bill. So the Homeland Security funding would be wrapped up into that omnibus, which then gives an opportunity for changes to the current language in the current funding amounts. That would require a conference between the committees on both sides of the house and the Senate, where they would work out their differences and put forward final bill language. The language about where we find that 85% of the risk and the details often end up in report language which gives the Secretary of Homeland Security an opportunity to do similar to what they did last year, which was to include one more UASI in the mix and implement the program at their discretion. Report language is where we want to be if we can't get outright protected in bill language. Our lobbying teams will keep us up to date and they wanted us to know the current status.

Carolyn Levering noted to the County that Congressman Hardy is having a meeting tomorrow on the UASI topic. His staffer invited me the other day and noted that it was a law enforcement meeting, but wanted me there to talk UASI. I briefed him a year and a half or so ago, with Rachel Skidmore, and he knows what our concerns are with Urban Area and the kinds of actions we would expect his support with. It is tomorrow afternoon, at 13:00, at his office at the North Las Vegas City Hall. I will bring back any information.

IX. Discussion on activities related to highlighting the need to maintain UASI funding status

The Chair noted that we have discussed this topic in the previous discussions.

Jeff Lytle stated that as we move forward, as everyone is working on getting support from the politicians, would it be appropriate for this group to create a subcommittee to be a part of the political meetings with these politicians, so every time we have one of these meetings we have 5-6 people in the room to say look this isn't just fire or police issues, it's for our community.

The Chair noted that they send out a letter with UASI as the header, but I do like what your noting that we need to keep each other informed when these meetings pop up and try to bring more force. Also, everyone needs to take the opportunity in their 1:1 time with their different politicians to keep the effort going forward. The State is also pushing as well, if we don't get funding we take a bigger chunk of their funding.

Irene Taylor noted that every year we are asked to do a report on accomplishments and how we used funds for FEMA Region 9 along with the State at the end of the calendar year. Wondering if at the same time we do a similar list to include in a letter form for our congressional delegation and our own elected officials so that they have it at the ready to explain what they do with the money and to plan for the next fiscal year's – using a common message.

The Chair noted that it would be great, and asked Carolyn Levering and Irene Taylor to work on this.

X. Citizen Corps Council Reports

a. Amateur Radio Emergency Services

- No Comment

b. Medical Reserve Corps

Steve Kramer noted that 5 months ago they hired a new coordinator for the Medical Reserve Corps, since Paul departed. Deb Moran is the new program coordinator and will ensure that she is in attendance to this meeting.

The Chair requested that the Medical Reserve Corps do a presentation soon.

c. Community Emergency Response Team

Carolyn Levering noted the new CERT program specialist is working on getting the current grant budget line items are aligned with how the programs are really run. She is hiring a couple of instructors to help us with the content of our courses. We've got the schedule pushed out through the rest of December.

The Chair asked Misty Richardson to talk about the Laughlin CERT.

Misty Richardson noted that Clark County has been working very closely with the CERT program coordinators, past and present. We delivered to our outlying areas – in January we had a graduating class of 35 in the Moapa Valley, which was a big accomplishment for that area, as it's been a long time since training had been delivered to that area. There are plans to deliver another course there, and we are modeling somewhat after what the City of Mesquite did in requiring deployable CERT volunteers to go through a volunteer application process, so that we have credentialed people out in the field, so we know who they are and we know that if they are sitting at a public outreach table, that they've had a basic background. We are offering this as an opportunity to utilize these volunteers in a more meaningful way during times of community needs. In Laughlin, we are organizing in that area, which has been a challenge to get a date the training can be delivered with the new personnel on board. We're hoping that that will happen sometime in the last week of October. Appropriate public space is limited in that community, so we are hoping to work with our private sector partners to engage them also in the training. We have received a few applications and working to solidify our outlined programs.

d. Volunteer in Police Service

- No Comment

XI. Public Comment

- No Comment

XII. Adjournment

Motion, by Steve Kramer: To Adjourn
Seconded, by Dimitri Theodoro
No discussion, motion: carried

In accordance to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, this meeting was properly posted and electronically recorded.

Next UAWG meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Clark County Fire Department, Station 18, 2nd floor EOC, 575 Flamingo Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106