

Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2014 1:00 PM

East Baton Rouge – JFO – Magnolia Room, 1500 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA

ATTENDEES

Earl Eues, Kevin Davis, Christina Dayries, Chris Guilbeaux, Sandy Davis, James Smith, Vernie McNamee, Mike Steele, Mark Riley, Dick Gremillion, Kevin Breaux, Casey Tingle, Lisa Vidrine, Kip Franklin, Joe Stewart, John Stanley, Rick Webre, Dawson Primes, Collins Simoneaux, Teresa Basco, Lee John, Darren Guidry, Doug Zettlemyer

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting started at 1:00 PM

Earl Eues called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and completed roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Webre made a motion to accept the November minutes and Dawson Primes seconded the motion. The November 17, 2014 minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

Kevin Davis

Kevin Davis announced that during a recent meeting with FEMA, they have increase pressure to obligate remaining HM dollars by August 2015. GOHSEP sent email notification to all subgrantees announcing the initiative and are meeting with specific applicants on a project by project basis to clarify the required documentation and expedite the review and approval process.

Kevin mentioned that he attended the VOAD's meeting in Alexandria on December 4th which went well and he invited them to attend the Director's Conference. Kevin stated this would be a great opportunity to meet them and learn more about their organization.

Kevin reminded the attendees of the IDCE Conference scheduled for February 10-12, 2015.

Kevin stated currently monitoring two Ebola suspects; no cases have been confirmed in Louisiana. He stated Louisiana through DHH can now test for Ebola in New Orleans and takes about four hours for the results.

Kevin mentioned there are some new hires at GOHSEP; Jeya Selvaratnam will be heading the broadband planning and outreach grant (SLIGP). We will be briefing the SLIGP project at the Annual Conference in the Technology breakout session.

Christina announced that Louisiana was awarded a School of Emergency Management Grant Program (SEMP) grant from the U.S. Department of Education for \$392,000. Sandy Davis will be GOHSEP's lead on this grant.

Christina said that GOHSEP and the Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) completed a baseline assessment survey and it was distributed on December 9th to the local school districts by DOE through their weekly newsletter. The online 10 question survey is a requirement of the grant and will cover baseline assessment. Christina further stated that this is a State grant and will not be subgranted to any of the Parishes or school districts. This grant is to build the State's capability to provide Technical Assistances to local educational agencies and the project period is 18 months. Sandy will be assisted by two temporary staff once hired.

Sandy commented his initial thought is to break down the parishes into two groups, this way we won't be going to nine different Regions.

2015 DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE UPDATES

Chris Guilbeaux / Christina Dayries

Christina announced the registration list is being sent out every Monday to Directors.

Sandy commented that Clay Rives would like to request GOHSEP to send out a survey to the Directors regarding what information about LABEOC they are interested in hearing. Earl recommended that Clay send out some bullet points therefore Directors can check off what their interest is for their Region.

Dick and Sandy both expressed concerns about the American Red Cross' direction. Christina confirmed that Christine Mullarkey-Campbell with American Red Cross would be presenting at the conference regarding ARC's reorganization and she should be able to answer their concerns.

Mark Riley requested that the Directors send him any ideas on what Recovery Public Assistance topics they would be interested in his staff discussing during the conference. He has heard some requests like emergency response – donated resources and dealing with animal carcasses. Dick commented that he would like to see Pre-Disaster contracts already in place and some of the Procurement Process. Mark stated if there is anything else specific please let him know. Christina stated that the new procurement rules, uniform guidance and pre-disaster contracts will be covered in a stand-alone breakout session.

Sandy commented on his plans for the Panel Discussion, Earl Eues and Lisa Vidrine will represent local Directors, Kevin Davis for the State, Tony Robinson and Randy Meshell for the Federal government and still working on two individuals from private industry.

Homeland Security Grants to BSIR Requirements

Christina Dayries

Christina discussed a draft copy of new project level reporting requirements she received in early December by DHS that must be reported into the bi-annual BSIR. She will send to the parishes once the final version is released by DHS.

Christina gave a status report on the parish project applications that were due by November 28, 2014. She advised that 6 or so parishes requested a two week deadline to complete the information and they received an extension. If the deadlines are not met, the funding would be de-obligated from the parishes.

HAZARD MITIGATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Casey Tingle

Mark stated GOHSEP is getting pressure from FEMA to move forward on obligating and closing out mitigation projects open since Hurricane Katrina. He advised that FEMA is looking to pull the funding if we don't move forward by their deadlines. Casey stated currently at risk we have \$250 million for the phased projects and only have a couple of months to get funding completed on these projects. Casey stated that if any Parish is not getting support on what they need to please contact him.

Casey referenced the Hazard Mitigation Re-Organizational Overview handout outlining responsibilities for each Section Chief. Casey reviewed the new organizational structure:

- Jeffrey Giering, HM Technical Section Chief – Policy, Program Reporting, Issue Tracking, Planning, Benefit Cost Analysis, Feasibility Review, NFIP Coordination, Agency Collaboration, Community Education and Outreach and Training.
- Shontae Davis, HM SAL Section Chief – Application Review, Liaison, Amendment Review and Phase 2 Deliverables.
- Tenesha Wilson, HM Grants Management Services Section Chief – Reimbursements, Project Monitoring, and Quarterly Reporting
- Sandra Dugas, HM OCD/Closeout Section Chief – Closeout, OCD Payments, OCD Closeout.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Chris announced the LA/DOTD Winter Weather priority routes will be discussed on January 20th and January 22nd at the Directors Conference. Both Richard Swan (DOTD) and Steve Glasscock (Traffic Management Center) will present route information and map. Chris encouraged the Directors to continue getting routes that local Districts will maintain during an ice storm.

Sandy Davis stated the Shelter Taskforce Meeting on December 2nd was postponed due to several illnesses in the group. Sandy stated the Taskforce draft was sent out but he had not received any responses. Several Directors stated they had not received the draft. Sandy said he would resend the draft as soon as possible.

Christina announced there is a draft LEPC handbook being presented to the State Emergency Response Commission this week for final edits/comments. It is anticipated that the book will be finalized by the Annual Conference for distribution to the LEPCs.

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1

Nothing to report

REGION 2

Training sessions

Geographic Response Plan

REGION 3

DHH ChemPack Exercise December 9th

Planning for Pet/Livestock Exercise

REGION 4

DHH ChemPack meeting on December 10th

MTG 432/433 Course in Eunice on December 17th

FEMA VTTX – Oil Hazmat in Iberia Parish EOC on December 17th

PER 320 PPE Training Course was held in Lafayette on January 29th

REGION 5

Planning an Economic Impact study for the Region

Golden Nugget opened December 8th, was about \$700 million to build

REGION 6

ChemPack Exercise in Alexandria on December 11th

Red Cross Meeting on December 17th

REGION 7

ChemPack training on December 10th

Camp Minden the open burn has been approved. The proposals went out on December 8th, starting the burn by June and will be burning for one year.

REGION 8

ChemPack Exercise on December 11th

SBA tornado filing deadline is next week

Social media (Facebook, Instagram, twitter) helped the parish with pictures to help with the PDA process

REGION 9

Dawson thanked Chris Guilbeaux and SIEC group with the LWIN Project in Ponchatoula. Radio Communications came down and did some tweaking on the towers and everything is working great and everyone.

ChemPack Exercise on December 9th

St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and DOTD meeting planning routes on December 11th

ICS – 400 Exercises on December 17th in Tangipahoa with Red Cross

MGT-319 Mass Prophylaxis in Madisonville on January 14th – 15th

AWR-148 Crisis Management for School Base Incidents in St. Helena Parish on February 4th

Dawson questioned if there is particular PDA software to be utilized. Chris stated that there is not and there are some issues with the one presented at last year's annual conference. Earl stated that NIMSAT, Clay Rives may be working on a process that would work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dawson Primes
Motion was seconded by Dick Gremillion
Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

END OF REPORT