



Region C RHSOC Quarterly Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2011
Eureka Firehouse #1, 10:00 AM

In Attendance (per sign-in sheet) – Christopher Michael & Mark Cunningham, Boonslick RPC; James Farrar, Perry Co Memorial Hospital/Ambulance; Brad Barton, Washington County 911; Paul Mueller, Elsberry EMD; Jack Lakenan, Perry County EMA/E911; Mike Ruddy, DNR; Joni Botkins, OHS; Larry Shroth, Ameren Missouri; Daniel Bullock, St. Francois County Sherriff; Felix Meyer, Ste Genevieve County EMA; Jim Sutter, Perry County Commission; William Jones, Perryville Police & Fire; Margie Harrell, Lincoln County 911; Paul Fennewald, OHS; Jeff Burkemper, City of Troy; Merrel Breyer, MO Dept. of Agriculture; Mike Cherry, Lincoln County Fire; John Lucas, Village of Caledonia; Howard Dohack, Ste. Genevieve County Health Dept.; James Bullock, Desloge PD; Xaiver Bishop, City Administrator of Bowling Green; Mende Kemper, Pike County; Stephen Korte, Pike County Sherriff; Curt Mitchell, Pike County Commission; Michael Daniels, Warren Co EMA

Welcome – Larry Shroth opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Larry then did a roll call of the acting members on the Region C RHSOC. After roll it was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting would proceed. Larry then asked for a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. Mike Daniels made the motion and it was seconded by Mike Cherry. The vote was unanimous and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

OHS – Joni Botkins then briefed the committee on a few action items out of Jefferson City. Joni mentioned that OHS will no longer reimburse travel for 50 miles or more. The new number is now 75 miles or more. Joni also brought up the FY2012 applications. OHS expects to see this funding become available between OCT-DEC (which is also when the applications will need to be submitted). Along with the applications, a region-wide inventory must be submitted. BRPC is currently in the process of updating the inventory list. Finally, Joni discussed the NIMS Cast Portal opening on September 15th and that particular questions should be relayed to Chuck May at SEMA.

A question was raised about the IJ's and the process associated with them. Paul Fennewald from OHS then took the podium to answer that question and give his



update on various OHS initiatives. Paul discussed the various changes at the State level in regards to funding and policy. He noted that IJs are now identified at the State level. In regards to FY2012, OHS expects less funding than this past year. Allocation of FY2011 funds is still in the process of being finalized. Once OHS has those Federal funds, Regions can begin procuring those approved applications. Paul noted the various “unknowns” associated with the Regionalization program and also pointed out the possibility of Saint Louis losing their UASI status in the next round of applications. Paul reiterated his hope for regional partnerships to continue, despite this anticipated drop in funding. He mentioned the example of Joplin and talked about how Regionalization helped in the process of helping the city recover and rebuild. Paul noted how OHS will continue to support the communications infrastructure in the State and regional planning initiatives.

Paul then discussed the new (HSIN) portal-based system that OHS plans on using from this point forward. Paul explained the previous failures of the MERIS system and said the HSIN portal is a free service, which will also provide GIS data and information for all regions. Paul then transitioned into exercises and trainings and how limited funds will affect future activities. He said it will be up to the regions to determine what exercises are most beneficial and those identified would have to be practical and not “pie in the sky”. The annual meetings were also discussed and Paul reiterated OHS's stance that the annual meetings still have value for the regions, even though there will be no funding for food or travel reimbursements.

Miscellaneous Budget Items – Mr. Michael briefed the committee on the ongoing renewal of the Work Plan between OHS and MACOG. He noted that he would keep the committee posted on any particular changes within the framework of the program as a whole. The annual meeting was then discussed and after a lengthy dialogue, it was determined that Larry Shroth, Allan Wells, and Boonslick Regional Planning Commission would create a sub-committee to identify the location, agenda, and date of the annual meeting. The Equipment Inventory Database was discussed and Mark Cunningham briefed the committee on the look and purpose of the database. He mentioned that BRPC would soon send out the database to everyone in the committee for additional information that must be added to the inventory, so as to align with the request of OHS for an inventory list for the FY2012 applications.



Other business – Having no other business to be discussed, Mike Cherry made a motion to adjourn. Mike Daniels seconded the motion and the committee was dismissed.