

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Mass Care and Human Services Committee

Thursday, January 9, 2020 1:30pm

Plan RVA | 9211 Forest Hill Ave Suite 200 RVA 23235



Minutes

In attendance:

Katie Bausman, Richmond HD

Paul Hundley, Richmond (Chair)

David Woods, Chesterfield HD

Melissa Lewis, Chickahominy HD

Bill Lawson, Richmond

Doug Gagnon, VDEM Region 1

Beverley Brandt, Colonial Heights

Meredith Snellings, Red Cross

Yanette Nicholas, Dinwiddie SS

Craig Camidge, DBHDS

Debra Whitacre, Crater HD

Ginny Ferguson, Hanover DSS

Abe Martin, Piedmont HD

Kate Hale, New Kent

Promise Wheeler, Richmond

Glen Maddox, BGAV

Donald Hunter, Prince George

Altise Street, 211

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all. Everyone introduced themselves.
- 2. FY19 SHSP Regional Mass Care/Training Exercise Grant (\$60,000)**
 - The deadline to spend the FY19 SHSP grant funds is Jun 2021.
 - Per decisions made at previous meetings, about \$30,000 of that grant has been dedicated to support the following projects:
 - Pet Shelter Course – Committee formed to plan the training event. Will include a 2.5 day training event for up to 50 participants. Estimated cost: \$5000. The Planning Group has not met yet regarding the course. Donnie Embrey will be facilitating the training and it will be held in Goochland at the new Animal Care and Control facility. The target audience for the class are your local animal care and control, CERT groups who may support shelter operations. We are still looking available dates but we have until June 2021.
 - Mass Care Symposium – Committee formed to plan the event. This will be a follow up event to the Aug 2019 symposium. Topics and speakers still TBD. Will likely include some disaster mental health resiliency/trauma informed care topics. Other topics still TBD. Likely timeframe for the symposium is early Aug 2020. About \$15,000 was allocated for this project. The Planning Group will be meeting in the next few weeks to discuss early planning. If you have any thoughts or ideas on topics for the symposium, please let the Chair know so he may pass them along.

- Surviving and Thriving (Trauma Informed Care) Training – FY18 grant funds were allocated to send six persons to Training the Trainer (TtT) course in December that is provided by Child Savers. The representatives attended the training back in December. FY19 funds will be allocated to conduct regional Surviving and Thriving training events in 2020. About \$4000 was allocated for this project. There is a call coming up on the 24th of this month for the group. The group/Committee will discuss how to share the training without the region.
- Feeding Training and Exercise. About \$6000 - \$8000 allocated to support several events related to the new regional feeding plan. We have created some guidance documents/MOU's for these.
 - Serve Safe Training events that would be provided by our Regional Feeding partners to County/City agency personnel, CERT volunteers, or anyone else involved in mass care operations
 - Feeding TTX – Discussion based exercise to discuss the new regional feeding plan and the Central Coordinating Agency construct (in which one of the feeding partner organizations would serve as a single point of contact in the region to coordinate emergency feeding needs for multiple jurisdictions impacted by an emergency or disaster.
 - Full Scale Exercise – would include actual meal preparation and distribution. Extent of play and other details still be worked by the planning group
- What to do with remaining \$30,000 in training and exercise funds to spend before Jun 2021? Suggestions included:
 - Fund travel and ancillary expenses for guest speakers for MCHS committee meetings
 - Fund Additional training, such as CPR, 1st Aid, AED, Blood borne pathogens training,
 - Fund Pet CPR/First Aid training
 - Fund Local Shelter Training (typically these are low cost training events – most of these courses are 4 hours or less and don't allow for lunch)
 - Shelter Management
 - Shelter Fundamentals
 - Psychological First Aid
 - Shelter Exercises
 - Local Shelter exercises – The Committee voted to set some funds aside for localities to request these funds for their local shelter exercises – deadline for localities to submit a request will be Sep 2020. After Sep 2020, the funds will be reallocated for other training and exercise projects.

3. FY18 MCHS Training & Exercise grants. (\$42,000. Grant period ends on Mar 31, 2019)

- We have approximately \$8,900 remaining. Have currently encumbered \$4,200 based on some projects in Hanover, Prince George, and City of Richmond HD. Of the remaining \$4,200, Colonial Heights will be using \$2,800 for shelter management/CPR training. This basically leaves us \$3,000 left of the training grant to spend before March. The Chair imposed a March 15th deadline for any trainings to occur and for billings to be sent to the Richmond OEM office. If anyone would like to use this money for trainings, please do so before March 15th.
- We did not request an extension for this grant knowing that we had a small dollar amount remaining. The Chair would like to commit the remaining amount as soon as possible.

4. FY18 Shelter Equipment Grant - \$61,488 (\$11,199.53 remaining) – must be spent by Mar 31, 2020

- The most recent purchase for this grant were the Stop the Bleed kits (\$34,840.80) – Ordered 11/19 and were delivered to Paul at Richmond OEM right before Christmas. Paul and Katie are working on distributing the kits to those localities who requested them.
- Katie also ordered 21 Cambros for feeding (\$4029.69) – Purchased and received – will be stored at FeedMore for them to use as a regional asset (Original estimate was \$5000 - \$6000 for 20 Cambros). Cambros are containers that allow for transport of hot and cold foods. FeedMore just received the order this past week.
- Katie reported that there is approximately \$11,199.53 remaining that must be spent by Mar 31, 2020. There are a few items that we had previously discussed purchasing to expend these funds:
 - Shelter Signage
 - LuminAids – the group discussed purchasing LuminAids to use in the shelter kits. Everyone agreed that the “2-in-1” LuminAids were the most practical. Katie would look into a quote for approximately 200, hoping to spend \$5,000 or less.
 - Food Service supply kits to support shelter feeding operations
 - Vests to identify shelter or FAC work force? The group was mixed on whether vests were necessary or not – the Chair noted that he would send out a notification to the region to see if there are any requests. The Committee voted to approve looking at purchase of shelter kits, including vests.
 - Louisa CART has requested approximately \$1,100 (depending on shipping) for wire corral panels/gates and Pet CPR and First Aid manikins from rescuecritters.com. The group voted to purchase the materials for Louisa. Plan RVA would store the manikins for the region to use and deploy to whomever may need it for training. We may look at buying another set if there is more demand.

5. Round table discussion:

- Debra Whitacre (Crater HD) – We are pushing the Revive Training and would like to open it up to the region.
- Katie Moody (Plan RVA) – We are having the Executive Board retreat tomorrow in Charles City. The EMACV Meeting next week will be held in New Kent.
- Bev Brandt (Colonial Heights) – The Public Outreach Committee is meeting on Monday. Encouraging other agencies to participate. The meeting will be held at 10:30am.
- Kate Hale (New Kent) – There are some good opportunities with the work in Trauma Informed Care – that we can share with other parts of the state.
- Meredith Snelling (Red Cross) – We have relocated to 2825 Emerywood Parkway. Currently doing our Readiness Rounds throughout the region. Would like to come to the Public Outreach
- Craig Camidge – Partnered with HD on Community Behavioral Response Series. Created a three-hour course for first responder mental health.
- Paul Hundley (Richmond) – If you have any suggestions for presenters for our meetings, please let Paul know.

The Chair ended the meeting at 3:14pm.