

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Mass Care and Human Services Committee

Thursday, February 6, 2020 1:30pm

Plan RVA | 9211 Forest Hill Ave Suite 200 RVA 23235



Minutes

In attendance:

Karen Jones, Chesterfield DSS

Ginny Ferguson, Hanover DSS

Paul Hundley, Richmond (Chair)

David Woods, Chesterfield HD

Steve Rykal, Chickahominy HD

Altise Street, 211

Doug Gagnon, VDEM Region 1

Stephanie Waite, Dept Behavioral Health & Services

Yanette Nicholas, Dinwiddie SS

Glen Maddox, BGAV

Ginny Ferguson, Hanover DSS

Matthew Gomby, BGAV

Kate Hale, New Kent

Emily Ashley, Henrico

David Caulkins, Henrico HD

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm and welcomed all. Everyone introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** The Chair called a motion to approve the minutes from January 2020. Ginny Ferguson seconded. All were in favor.
3. **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 – We had our first meeting for the symposium last week. We are looking to hold it at the same time as we did last year – same logistics including Gayton Baptist Church, same caterer, etc. We are also looking to do the same type of schedule – speaker in the morning with panel discussion – same in the afternoon. We are looking to have the symposium to be behavioral health focused. Feedback from last year’s symposium was very positive.

- 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
 - The March 5th, 2020 meeting will be dedicated to updating the group on the progress of the plan. There is a draft of the plan that we would like to exercise this year. We will be having our first planning meeting on February 14th at 1pm.
 - *Surviving & Thriving Regional Marketing/Provision Focused Discussion*
 - Several representatives from EMACV attended the Trauma Informed Care Train the Trainer class at Childsavers back in December. The group agreed that the training was very informative and relevant to emergency management and disaster response. The training can be tailored to different audiences – such as if we wanted to tailor a training to police/fire, emergency management, etc.
 - We should not necessarily provide a “watered down” version of the training. The content is very rich and cannot be condensed. We should allow at least two hours for this type of training and certain things cannot be left out.
 - In terms of the public, it is very important that the public understands the implications of complex trauma in the event of a disaster or recovery environment. Natural disasters can really overwhelm people. It is important that we work closely with our emergency managers but also our volunteers, shelter workers, CERT members, etc.
 - Ginny Ferguson noted that the training was well received with her CERT group.
 - The group has considered presenting it at this month's EMACV meeting. We will talk to the EMACV Chair to see if this is feasible for this month.
4. **FY18 MCHS Training & Exercise grants. (\$0 remaining. Grant period ends on Mar 31, 2019)**
- The funds are currently exhausted. We are finalizing up expenditures to be finalized at the end of March. Some excess costs will be rolled over into FY19.
5. **FY18 Shelter Equipment Grant - \$61,488 (\$9,713.32 remaining) – must be spent by Mar 31, 2020**
- This past month, we purchased the pet CPR manikins and corral gate panels for Louisa CART. The manikins will be available for regional use.
 - We have nearly \$10,000 remaining. We just received a quote from LuminAid for 200 of the “2-in-1” charging LuminAids. The total will be approximately \$5,100 and would provide 5 per locality.
 - The Chair will be emailing out some other ideas and options to spend the remaining amount. We are looking at a few options including shelter supplies, etc.

6. Round table discussion:

- David Caulkins (Henrico HD) – Received Health Ready recertification. Pretty confident with our shelter plans. We have a trailer ready to deploy.
- Steve Rykal (Chickahominy HD) – As of yesterday, there were 12 confirmed cases in the US. None in VA. The flu has a much higher death rate. It is spread through respiratory droplets. Practice proper hand washing. Visit vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus for more information
- Katie Moody (Plan RVA) – We are looking to update the EMACV Committee meeting schedule. More details will be sent out to the whole group.

The Chair ended the meeting at 3:14pm.