

Sierra County Operational Area Emergency Council (OAEC) and Health Care Coalition (HCC)

Tuesday
January 22, 2019
10:00 A.M.

MASONIC HALL
DOWNIEVILLE, CA

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Le Tina Vanetti; Public Health; Lee Brown Sierra County OES; Mike Galan, DFPD; Dave Keyes, SCFD; Steve Folsom, DFPD; Jim Buckbee, PCFD; Shaun Price DFPD; Andrew Harris, WSMC; Rick Maddalena, SCFPD#1; Chris Alexander, Public Health; Lindsey Stanly, Cal OES; Dee Dee Clark, EPHC; Anne Reugebrink, Public Health; Frank Lang, DFPD/SFMR; Kathy Whitlow, Administrative Assistant OES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order at 10:05 am by LeTina Vanetti. LeTina announced there would be a change in the order of the agenda as follows; Presentation by Chris Smallcomb of the Reno National Weather Service (NWS) is cancelled due to the Government shutdown Mr. Smallcomb of the Reno National Weather Service is unable to attend. The introductions and Up-dates will be moved to the top of the Agenda, Homeland Security Budget discussion will be moved to the bottom, and the presentation on Electronic Smoking Devices placed after the Introductions and Up-dates.
2. **Introductions and Up-dates:** Introductions were made and announcements given as follows:
 - **Eastern Plumas Health Care** – Dee Dee Clark reported EPHC has hired two new employees: Todd Plimpton CEO and Sharon Di Nicholas, CNO, and is expecting great things to start happening.
 - **Cal OES** - Lindsey Stanly reported on recovery from the CAMP fire is an even more complex and involved process than the Santa Rosa fires. She shared the message American Red Cross (ARC) is a non-profit with limited resources. It has been demonstrated repeatedly Counties' Shelter Planning being dependent on ARC being able to respond and take care of their shelter obligation is not a realistic solution. She stresses the importance of having MOUs/agreements in place in advance for potential staffing or services needed during emergency events. Indicates although CALOES is continuing to go through reorganization and has several positions to fill, she/her office are always available.
 - **Planning Department** – Kathy Whitlow gave a brief up-date on the Sierra Hot Springs expansion project, which is included in the Sierra County Master Plan. The comment period had been extended to January 25. All documents are viewable on the [Sierra County Website, under Planning Projects.](#)
 - **Pike Volunteer Fire Department** – Jim Buckbee reported they had a well-attended CPRO Training at the Firehouse in January. 18 people were recertified by Rae Ball Aborgast. LeTina explained this was one of the trainings which can be funded through the HPP Grant. Rae Bell had worked with her on provided this training at no cost the students.
 - **Sierra County Fire Protection District (SCFPD) #1** - Rick Maddalena reported on the annexation of the including Long Valley, Verdi and all areas in the eastern portion of the County outside the City

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of Loyalton and that MOU's are in place with Loyalton Fire Dept. and Truckee Meadows Fire Dept. Rick also touched on the Sierra Hot Springs project as it relates to fire suppression and water.

- **Sierra Frontier Medical Resources (SFMR)** - Frank Lang reports on SFMR resources they have and what is needed to continue with the paramedic program.

Having overlooked the approval of the minutes, LeTina called for the review and approval of October 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Approval moved by Andrew Harris, Seconded by Dee Dee Clark.

- **Downieville Volunteer Fire & Ambulance** - Mike Galan reports that Downieville Fire has an interim Fire Chief Marty Creel due to Chief Lozano being out on medical leave. Mike asked a question related to what he had read in the previous meeting minutes about FirstNet. Was the list of prioritized Sites taken to the BOS for approval? Lee Brown Responded, yes the list had been taken to the BOS, approved and submitted to the State. Lee provided further up-dates; a site has been approved in Sierraville and a site visited by AT&T in Downieville (prior to the submission of the site list). AT&T has a 30-year Contract with the State to attain 80% FirstNet coverage within the US. The service is device specific and he envisions it will replace the GETS Card program (Government Emergency Telecommunications Service).
- **Western Sierra Medical Clinic (WSMC)** – Andrew Harris reported the clinic in Grass Valley experienced a surge event related to the CAMP Fire. Their pre-planning had assisted them in responding effectively. Andrew indicated in December Nor-Cal EMS (Dr. Rudnick and Dan Spies) evaluated the WSMC location in Downieville for the ability of providing 24x7 evaluation of patients prior to transport by ambulance. Their conclusion was it does not meet current requirements to perform those services. There was a question regarding the status of the Clinical Van WSMC owns. Andrew responded the van needs extensive repairs and it likely will be surplus/sold. Frank Lang asked who he needed to talk to about possibly purchasing the van. Andrew indicated he could discuss it and they exchanged information.
- **Office of Emergency Services (OES)**- Lee Brown reported on information from the 18 County Planning Group; [211](#), [First Net](#), [IPAWS](#) explaining how it will operate and program. Lee shared he and Kathy Whitlow had attended a training in using the Web EOC system at the State Operations Center.
- **Search and Rescue (SAR)** – Lee Brown gave a general inventory of equipment in the Search & Rescue Program. He indicated the program will be starting regular meetings on the second Sunday of the month. Brad Dempster will be the Coordinator with the Sheriff's Office.
- **HPP/PHEP/Pan Flu Grants** – LeTina Vanetti reported it is always helpful to have a running detailed list of needs across the county. If you have medical supply needs send them to her and she will see if they can be fit in to the scope of the work plans and budgets.

Quick break to collect potluck food and drinks while Anne R. set-up her presentation.

3. **Presentation on Electronic Smoking devices (ESD's). What they are and how they are used.**
Anne Reugebrink gave a slide presentation on ESD devices, showing the many different types of devices, the different kinds of liquid and other substances that can be used in them. Anne

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informed these are easily obtained by kids, and the liquid is not regulated so you don't know how much nicotine someone using these devices is getting into their system, or what the effects these products and the various additives has on kids and adults alike.

4. Review expenditures request and progress of the 2016 and 2017 of the Homeland Security Grant

Lee Brown notes FY 16 has \$32,723 to spend out and FY 17 has \$58,777.
New request for FY 16-Pike 10 Pagers.

5. Review expenditures priorities for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors 2018- & 2019 SHSG.

FY 19 department wish list as follows:
SCFPD#1: 1 Rams; 10 pagers; & 1 truck stabilization-rescue 42
Pike: 10 pagers & 2 Irons
Downieville: 6 pagers
OES: EOP Update
The balance of the grants to be spent as discussed at the last meeting.

6. Discussion on proposed table top and functional exercises FY 19-20

After a brief discussion, this item was tabled till the government shut down is over, and staff is back at work.

7. Next Meeting will be in Sierraville at the US Forest Service Meeting Room April 23, 2019
Nor-Cal EMS will be conducting a free Wildfire/MCI Training/Exercise (4 CE) at 11am immediately following the meeting.

8. Adjourned 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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