

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

Tuesday
July 24, 2019
10:00 A.M.

MASONIC HALL
DOWNIEVILLE, CA

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Le Tina Vanetti; Public Health; Lee Brown Sierra County OES; Chris Alexander, Public Health; Lindsey Stanley, Cal OES; Dee Dee Clark, EPHC; Tim Beals, PW Director, Robert Hall, Fire Chief, Downieville; Brad Dempster, SCSO; Autumn Long-McGee, SCSO; Mike Fisher, SCSO; Lee Adams, SCBOS; Patti Carter, RDMHS; Kathy Whitlow, Administrative Assistant OES

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting is called to order at 10:00 am
- 2) **Introductions and announcements:** LeTina introduces Patti Carter, RDHMS Region III, others around the table introduce themselves.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** April 23, 2019: Dee Dee Clark informs that EPHC didn't have a power outage; the computer system had gone down.
APPROVED: Motion: Lee/Dee Dee with changes/Approved
- 4) **Meet our new Regional Disaster Medical & Health Specialist-Patti Carter:**
Patti gave a synopsis of her job as the RDMHS. She is here to support the OA, as needed, during events when our local health and medical resources are exhausted. This includes equipment, personnel, ambulance strike teams or other needed resources. She also told us that John Lord, with Butte County PHD, has a very informative presentation on the Campfire and he has offered to share with other Counties. Patti continues by urging us to hold an exercise that includes multi-agency coordination, evacuation, shelter-in-place, resource requesting-including how to order strike teams-since the County has some very isolated communities and resources can take a longer time to arrive.
- 5) **Wilder Than Wild Film Showing and Community Forum in Sierra City:**
Lee informs that he and Mike Fisher attended a Tahoe National Forest/CalFire meeting in Nevada City prior to the wildfire meeting in Sierra City. Both agencies have informative films on wildfires, and Cal Fire's is available on YouTube. Mike Fisher notes that he has worked with Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea, who also has a great presentation on wildfires. Mike continues by noting that discussions have been on-going regarding changing/implementing European type high/low sirens to be used during community emergencies only, and not for day-to-day operations. This is a vehicle code and state policy will need to dictate the change. Discussion continues on wildfire/emergencies and responsibilities of the public and EMS.
Lee informs that PG&E was present at the Sierra City meeting, however Plumas Sierra Rural Electric was not, and Lee will be reaching out to them for their emergency energy plan. PG&E noted they have the ability to shut off individual power lines, main transmission lines and distributions lines to homes, and that during an event they can conduct door to door searches for persons who are listed as special needs and who do not respond to phone calls. PG&E has cooling & charging stations that can be brought in during emergencies.

- a.) Lindsey informs of the Public Safety Power Shut-off and notes there has been a PSPS event scheduled for 16 days, with nothing happening. The State is still looking on how the PSPS will be managed.
- b.) Tim Beals notes during the recent small fire in Verdi, CodeRED was activated but only two people in Verdi had signed up for CodeRED notifications. Tim feels that more outreach is required and asked the Board of Supervisors, at yesterday's meeting, to approve money to do outreach to residences for CodeRed sign-ups. The BOS agreed and directed a small committee be established composed of; Jeremy Miller, Vickie Clark and Sheriff Fisher. They are planning to meet this week. Lee A. suggests a test message should be sent out at least annually in order for residents to become familiar and the system functionality be tested. LeTina advised the number has a 866 prefix which many may not answer. The number is always the same and can be set as contact in your phone such as "CodeRED Alert" or "Emergency Alert".
- c.) Lee B. informs that IPAWS can be used via radio and T.V. stations and reminds that CodeRed can be utilized for other events than emergencies-like water boil notices. Also, some members of the community have gotten their own radios, and Lee cautions that they need to be aware of the different channels and not to use those used by EMS/Forest Service etc. Tim notes that we have to live within our means with limited personnel, be vigilant during emergencies and not rely solely on emergency personnel for assistance. A set of protocols needs to be established.

Brad Dempster informed that he's recently taken over as SAR Coordinator and wants to reach out to, and coordinate with all county emergency service providers; to include Sheriff's Office, Ambulance, Fire Departments, US Forest Service, Dept. Fish and Wildlife, etc. to organize disaster and MCI drills so that we're all better prepared for a disaster. Get started can be accomplished through all sorts of options; Town Hall Meetings, Potlucks, Trainings etc.

- 6. **Trainings Attended and Up-Coming Trainings:** LeTina reports the Tri-HCC will be holding Continuity of Government Training in Quincy. There will be an ICS 300, Chempak and other trainings in Redding. She will send out flyers in addition to those available for taking and sharing on the table. [CSTI \(California Specialized Training Institute\)](#) has great resources on their web page. Lindsey notes Nancy Springer, Sacramento Chief Building Official has offered to bring a presentation to OA's. These trainings offer very specific hands-on training using [EMMA \(Emergency Mutual Aid Plan\)](#), creating requests, documentation for repayment, etc.
- 7. **Funding for SC Emergency Operations Plan:** Tim notes that an RFP for the EOP will be going out in August, and that more money needs to be allocated, approximately \$60,000 to complete the process. The intention is to have binders for everyone.
- 8. **Homeland Security Grant Status:** Lee notes that the SHSG EFY 16 has closed and list items bought. FY 19 was applied for in January. Lee asks the Sheriff if the Splillman migration is not complete and the costs have been split between FY's 17 & 18. EMPG is now 2 years. Lee refers to the handouts and asks if any changes/or items are needed. Tim notes that the length of time between BOS resolution approval and ordering of items needs to be immediate. Lee notes the length of time it takes to get an exact lists of items from the departments, and then quotes, and asks if the departments can be responsible of getting the quotes. Tim agrees this may be helpful, and continues by noting that other agencies need to be involved. Discussion continues on the need for standardized radios and programed channels. DeeDee notes she will get together with the new EMS director, John De Armond, on items.

9. **Discussion on proposed table top and functional exercise:** Shawn Burt, Tahoe National Forest Service held a tabletop exercise. A functional exercise needs to be scheduled. Lee notes the up-coming Great Shake Out and Earth Ex-online exercise.
10. **Update by Agency:** All agency represented had already shared.
11. **No open discussion**
12. **Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019 in Sierraville.**
13. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

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