



# North Central Region Board & Denver UASI Working Group



## Joint Governance Meeting

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Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office  
13101 East Broncos Parkway  
Centennial, CO 80112

March 12, 2015

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to order/Welcome

The meeting was called to order by the NCR Chair Jerry Rhodes at 9:40AM.

#### 2. NCR Board Member Attendance/Quorum Established

**Board Members Present:** Michele Askenazi (also proxy for Heather McDermott), Mike Chard, Kent Davies, Rick Albers (also proxy for Kathleen Krebs), Scott Field, John Burbach, Tim Johnson, Chris Peters, Brandon Lenderink, TJ Steck, Stephen Cole, Steven Watson, Clint Fey, Bob Marlin.

**Board Members Absent:** Bob Baker, Terry Jones, Dan Eamon, Dave Ramos, Mark Gutke, Charlie Mains.

16 members were present and 6 members were absent; a quorum was reached.

#### UASI Working Group Board Member Attendance/Quorum Established

**Board Members Present:** Karl Smalley, Nate Fogg, Matt Chapman, Scott Field, JJ Elliot, Dave Mitchell, John Burbach, Kirk Dominic, Jerry Rhodes, Mark Wolf, Tim Englert, Jim Olsen (Littleton FPD & Wheat Ridge), Stephanie Hackett, Scott Jones, Gene Enley, Matt Morgan (North Washington FPD aka Adams County), Tim Johnson (Jefferson County & West Metro Fire), Gene Ensley, Dave Daley, Ken Reather.

**Board Members Absent:** John Tarbert (RTD)

20 members were present and 1 member was absent; a quorum was reached.

#### 3. Addition/Deletion of Agenda Items:

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Nate Fogg added the discussion of regional hazardous material transport to the agenda.

**4. Approval of Previous NCR and UASI Minutes:**

**UPON MOTION MADE BY JOHN BURBACH AND SECONDED BY MIKE CHARD, THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NCR/UASI FEBRUARY 2015 JOINT GOVERNANCE MEETING MINUTES WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**5. Old Business**

a. Grant Process Updates

i. Federal Budget Update / Application closing deadline/schedule

Scott Kellar announced that the Federal Government has approved funding the Department of Homeland Security budget for 2015. Based on the State's review of the risk data and the turnaround time for the feds and state, he proposes that March 27<sup>th</sup> be the grant project submission date. This will allow the staff time to review projects and provide the grant development committee ample time to score projects and finalize the integrated priority list (IPL). An email will be distributed to the group with a detailed timeline.

ii. Grant Development Committee Membership

Lin Bonesteel announced that the grant development committee members will remain the same as last year (the ten county emergency managers, James Robinson, Michelle Askenazi, JJ Elliott, Ernie Ortiz, Glenn Grove, and Steve Aseltine). The one exception will be Heather McDermott from Adams County who has opted not to score this year based on prior obligations. There was no discussion to change the group's membership.

**UPON MOTION MADE BY STEPHEN COLE AND SECONDED BY JJ ELLIOTT, THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2015 GRANT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

iii. State HSGP Allocation Formula Update

Scott Kellar discussed how a sub-committee of the HSAC has been discussing how the State can accurately and fairly allocate homeland security funding. In the past, the formula has primarily been based on a risk formula. Last year, there was discussion to change the funding formula to address natural disasters, presidential declarations, critical infrastructure, etc. Scott Field discussed that the discussion of how to measure natural hazards within the different regions was one of the bottomline issues that the committee is having difficulty with. Their sub-committee has come to the conclusion that there

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isn't an objective way to get around this problem in time to take effect for this year's funding cycle. In the next week, the sub-committee will make a recommendation to DHSEM Director Kevin Kline as to how to distribute funding. If anyone within the region has ideas or solutions to provide the sub-committee, they are encouraged to reach out to either Scott Kellar or Scott Field.

### b. State Credentialing Meeting Outcomes

Lin Bonesteel had the opportunity to meet with Midwest, Multicard, and officials from the state in regards to credentialing issues. A letter was issued by the vendor to the State relating to their product and what it can and cannot do. One of the takeaways was that there is the ability for different credentialing vendors to work together. In the future, hopefully both of the systems will start talking and working together so no jurisdictions have to get rid of their product in order to move to another.

### c. HSAC Updates

Scott Field and Scott Kellar reported that the HSAC met this past Monday and they received a briefing on terrorism and ISIL, were briefed on the new State emergency response guide available for distribution, and also had a conversation regarding the different legislative bills being discussed at the State level that were either already passed or in the process of being voted on.

### d. Training & Exercise Program Updates

Jim Krugman reported that the training and exercise committee met this week to discuss upcoming courses and they had Amy Danzl come in to provide an update to the group on the IMT/EOC committee work that's been going on in regards to statewide resource mobilization. Jim also reported that EMI has reissued their IMT qualifications document for 2015 and there have been some updates made that will affect first responders and instructors within the region. The Colorado Wildfire Academy to be held in Salida this summer will also open for registration soon.

#### i. 2016 Wildland Fire Exercise

Rachelle Miller reported on a handout provided to the group regarding upcoming key dates for the 2016 Wildland Fire Exercise. More information regarding the event and planning leading up to it can be provided by Rachelle.

#### ii. 2017 CDPHE Exercise

Rachelle Miller also provided a handout outlining the training timeline and objectives put out by CDPHE for their three-year exercise plan. A functional exercise will be held in the Region sometime between this fall and next

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spring. More information can be provided by your local healthcare coalition representative.

### iii. Decon/Hospital Drills

Justin Bukartek reported that there will be three hazmat/decon drills held to train the region's five teams. They will be held at Denver Health's Rita Bass Trauma Center, University Hospital in Aurora, and Good Samaritan Hospital in Lafayette. Tentative dates for the drills are at the end of May and beginning of June, with confirmed dates to be published soon. These drills will be similar to the ones hosted by MMRS last spring, but have an added EMS transport component included this year. Any agencies interested in participating on the EMS side are encouraged to contact James Robinson or Dave Mitchell.

### iv. State TEPW Outcomes

Rachelle Miller reported that she and a few other representatives attended the annual State TEPW held the Monday prior to the emergency management conference last month. They talked through what other regions are going to do and discussed what classes they'd like to see put on across the State.

### e. Communications Updates

#### i. Public Safety Communications Summit

Scott Kellar announced that the Public Safety Communications Summit is being held at Mile High Stadium today and tomorrow.

#### ii. DTRS Updates

Scott Kellar discussed that the State OIT provided an update on the State DTRS system. One major takeaway was that any Motorola Gold Elite Consoles that are functioning in a direct-connect mode won't be functional. He recommended that all agency communications section chiefs be notified of the upcoming change and plan for this upcoming equipment obsolescence now.

#### iii. Broadband LTE System Design and Coverage

Scott Kellar reported that the State is working the planning piece for the Broadband LTE system design and coverage. Their next meeting will be held next week.

#### iv. RTD/Eldora Site Overruns

Lin Bonesteel reported on the RTD/Eldora communications project from the 2013 UASI grant. The project has overruns of approximately \$58,000, but

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fortunately there is residual funding available to redistribute to support these costs.

**UPON MOTION MADE BY NATE FOGG AND SECONDED BY KENT DAVIES, THE MOTION TO USE RESIDUAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE \$58,000 OVERRUNS TO SUPPORT THE RTD/ELDORA PROJECT WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

f. CIAC Updates

Dan Johnson provided the CIAC update for the month of February and briefed the group in more detail regarding a few CIAC products disseminated.

g. Active Grant Status Update

- i. NCR Grants - Scott Kellar provided a status update on the 2013 and 2014 NCR grant projects. There are no immediate issues at this time as budget modifications are being made.
- ii. UASI Grants - Lin Bonesteel provided a status update on the 2013 and 2014 UASI grant projects. Everything is moving forward and there are no issues at this time.

6. New Business

a. UASI Charter changes

Lin Bonesteel discussed the two UASI Charter changes that were brought to the boards' attention during last month's meeting.

**UPON MOTION MADE BY NATE FOGG AND SECONDED BY JOHN BURBACH, THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE UASI CHARTER CHANGES WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

b. Legislative Bill Agenda Review

This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting. Scott Field expounded on the statuses of Senate Bill 031 and House Bill 1151.

c. CIP Program Status

Scott Kellar reported that the federal NCIP data call is now open. The federal government has asked agencies to nominate any Level II sites they may have within their jurisdictions (though criteria are severe, i.e. >2500 prompt fatalities, over \$25 billion in first year economic consequences). There are a number of Level I and II assets already in the system and there may not be any additional items nominated/included in the list. Nate Fogg discussed that Arapahoe County is

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making significant headway but it is going to be much more difficult to determine the Level III through V, especially the way that each is defined.

**d. Regional Hazardous Material Commodity Flows**

Nate Fogg discussed the frustration they've been having in trying to pull commodity flows from railroad companies, specifically UP. There was a group discussion describing how this has been an ongoing issue with UP for years while at the same time BNSF has been very easy to work with.

**7. State/Regional Partner Updates**

**a. State of Colorado**

Dana Reynolds thanked everyone who attended the emergency management conference last month. Their office is hiring multiple positions in the future. He also announced that FEMA representatives will be traveling throughout the region to conduct their EMPG audits and inspections. Clint Fey said that they have already visited Jefferson County. Fran Santagata discussed the Preventative Rad/Nuke Protection Program and how they're developing a cadre of trainers and hosting training courses within the State. They also received 50 pieces of equipment from DHS and distributed them across the state based on their capability assessment needs. She also discussed a coalition that is being developed between DSHEM, CEPP, FEMA, and the Colorado Federal Executive Board to better work with one other. Lin Bailey provided an update on the State TEPW and ongoing training and exercise activities. Cory Stark reported that he would be doing EMPG monitoring visits- separate from the FEMA visits going on throughout the region. Cory also provided additional updates to the resource mobilization training courses coming up in the region.

**b. RETAC Updates**

Bob Marlin reported that the Foothills RETAC just completed a revision of the regional MCI plan which included the medical resource guide that will hopefully prove to be a helpful document.

**c. Mile High Red Cross**

Not present.

**d. DRCOG Updates**

Not present.

**8. Regional Committee Updates (as needed)**

JJ Elliott provided an update on behalf of the incident operations committee.

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Dave Mitchell provided an update on the EMS grant project saying that they are currently reviewing policies of those agencies slated to receive personal protective equipment once it arrives.

Rachelle Miller announced that the GIS steering committee will now meet every second Thursday of the month (after the board meeting) from 1-3pm. Location will vary.

### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44AM.