



Citizen Corps Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2015
Cuyahoga County Board of Health
5550 Venture Drive
Parma, Ohio 44130
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Attendees (Voting Committee Members)

Table with 5 columns: NAME, Present, ASSOCIATION, ALTERNATE, Present. Rows include Rebecca Hysing (Medical Reserve Corps), Sharon Nicastro (Citizen Corps), Marek Owca (Health/Medical Sector), Nicholas Phillips (Cuyahoga CERT Association), Karen Seidman (Functional Needs Sector), Serena Steele (County Office of Emergency Management), and Rick Whitehead (American Red Cross).

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / QUORUM DETERMINATION

Quorum present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Hysing and seconded by Rick Whitehead to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Yes: Hysing, Seidman, Whitehead; No: None; Abstain: Owca, Phillips

4. URBAN AREA HOMELAND SECURITY STRATEGY

Objectives for Citizen Corps were reviewed.

5. HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Requirements for competitive State grants were reviewed.

6. NIMS CREDENTIALING

Policies for background checks were reviewed. Further discussion will be required. A copy of the loyalty oath that is required of all emergency workers was reviewed. The Council recommends that the badge color for volunteers be yellow and that individuals who volunteer for multiple organizations should receive a separate badge for each organization.

7. CITIZEN CORPS VOLUNTEERS

The proposal to have individual members of Citizen Corps has been approved by the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management and has been sent to County Human Resources for consideration.

8. VOAD/LTRG WORKING GROUP

A working group to create a Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster/Long-Term Recovery Group has been convened. It will coordinate with Ohio VOAD to develop a concept of operations. Bylaws and a Disaster Response Plan are in progress.

9. VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION CENTERS

A working group has been convened to create a plan for registering spontaneous volunteers during emergencies. The group will choose a model and adapt it to local needs.

10. ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

A working group will be convened to address the needs animals during disasters. Initial focus will be on household pets.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

Karen Seidman observed the Family Assistance Center at the Akron airport exercise. She recommends that a Family Assistance Center component be included in the airport exercises in Cuyahoga County as there are issues to be worked out.

Marek Owca announced that there will be a public/private partnerships seminar at Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs on June 23.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION*

None

13. NEXT MEETING

August 14, 2015 – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Venue pending

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.