



Capitol Region Council of Governments
241 Main Street, 4th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106

Region 3 – Urban Area Working Group Meeting
January 16, 2009 10:00AM
CRCOG Offices

Attendees participated in CT-DEMHS conference call on severe cold weather from 10:00-10:15 a.m.

Call to order

Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. There were no public comments.

Attendees: K. Olson-ESF-1, K. Victor-ESF-2, D. Gofstein-ESF-3, B. Austin-ESF-4, D. Janelle-ESF-5, K. McCormack-ESF-6, B. Lockwood-ESF-7, J. Shaw-ESF-8, P. Vernesoni-ESF-9, G. Allyn-ESF-10, M. Sirois-ESF-13, L. Scotti-ESF-14, D. Dube-ESF-16, J. Battaglio/ S. Thal-ESF-19, B. Buddington-CRCOG, C. Centrella-CRCOG, K. Dean-CRCOG, D. Scace-UASI Project Manager.

Review of minutes from the November 7, 2008 meeting

Minutes of the November 7, 2008 meeting were reviewed; motion from Don Janelle to approve minutes as is, seconded by Laurie Ann Scotti – No discussion – all in favor.

Administrative Remarks

Chairman Austin reviewed Homeland Security expectations of the new administration. Obama administration committed to aggressive Counter-Terrorism measures, cyber security, protecting Americans from attack, and natural disasters. Emphasis on enhancing planning and preparedness processes, response and medical surge issues. Infrastructure Protection programs for Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources.

Review of 2009 Milestones/Timelines/Tasks

Dan Scace presented the timeline for the 2009 UASI grant process. Submittal date is 3/20/09; Investment Justification development team is Dan Scace, Carmine Centrella, Barbara Buddington, and John Shaw. This group will be meeting once a week for the next 3-4 weeks to reach goal of developing high quality IJs and submitting them for UAWG review prior to submission date.

The UAWG discussed 2008 UASI funding not being released from CT-DEMHS until 2005 and 2006 spending strategies are verified, and Resource Typing completion for outstanding RESFs. Kristin Dean identified the issues with the 2005 CAPTAIN Fire project, 2006 is on track, Resource Typing information submitted this week will be forwarded to CT-DEMHS. CRCOG will work closely with RESF-3 and Dave Gofstein to complete the Public Works data. Chairman Austin voiced concerns regarding the overall length of the project and some of the delays that have occurred with CAPTAIN Fire. Delays have centered on software and modem issues beyond CRCOG's control which are being resolved with the vendor.

Review Region 3 Strategy Goals, Objectives and Implementation Steps

Review of 2008 investments and elements that may not have been funded fully or at all and moving the 2008 strategy through identified needs from each Regional Emergency Support Function. Each Region 3ESF Chair should work to identify any specific needs not already outlined in the current UASI Strategy.

IJ # 1 Ok

IJ # 2 – discussion held on regional application of funds to MRCs in Region 3

IJ# 3 OK

IJ # 4 OK

IJ # 5 OK

2009 UASI target amount from US DHS for the Hartford Urban Area is \$2.747 million \pm 10%. Having a target amount makes it easier in planning for the future.

Implementing the UASS

Dan Scace outlined briefly the items to be addressed during 2009 including the items needed from UAWG members.

Next Steps – Investment Justification Development Strategy

The team will begin developing IJs based on three potential inputs 1. Items not funded during 2008 due to lack of funds that were part of the 2008 investments, 2. Items included in the Strategy that were not included in the 2008 investments, and 3. Any other items identified by RESFs. As the staff progresses they will report progress to the UAWG and continue the process of refining the IJs until they are ultimately approved by the UAWG.

Any other business

No other business reported on.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at CRCOG. The March meeting is scheduled for March 6 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 11:57 AM.