

Regional Directors Monthly Meeting

Tuesday June 05, 2012 11:00AM

GOHSEP Office

ATTENDEES

Kevin Davis, Christina Dayries, Mark Riley, Steve Burr, Jerry Monier, Dick Gremillion, John Rahaim, Lisa Vidrine, Deano Moran, Harry Foster, Rick Foster, Tommy Thiebaud, Earl Eues, Pat Santos, Chris Guilbeaux, Clay Rives, Jerry Monier, Veronica Mosgrove, Wendy Brogdon, Darryl Delatte, Darrin Guidry, Pam Roussell, Doug Zettlemeier, Teresa Basco, Joe Stewart, Collins Simoneaux, Jennifer Reynolds,

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting Started promptly at 11:00AM.

Dick Gremillion welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Sandy Davis was not able to attend. Also welcomed Lisa Vidrine who was filling in for Rebecca Broussard (was unable to attend).

Hard copy of minutes from April 2012 meeting was handed out by Wendy Brogdon along with a hard copy of the minutes from the January 2012 meeting (taken by Deborah Levins).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dick Gremillion asked that a motion to accept the Minutes from the last meeting (April 10, 2012) be made. Rick Foster made a motion to accept the April minutes and Earl Eues seconded the motion. The April minutes were approved.

GOHSEP UPDATE

GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis discussed the current Legislative / Consolidation issues facing GOHSEP. GOHSEP was required to consolidate 14 total positions to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) which include positions located in Finance, Budgeting, Procurement, Records, and Human Resources.

Those positions remaining at GOHSEP that were being considered including Mapping, Commo, and Disaster Recovery Compliance will not be affected.

The bottom line of this consolidation is that all of the internal work will be done here at GOHSEP and DPS will be cutting the checks. Recovery Finance will still work that piece and Christina will still be at GOHSEP. Davis stated he is hoping for a smooth transition with no glitches.

Christina Dayries – The Group at GOHSEP that processes the payments is going to stay intact and continue to process the payments.

GRANTS UPDATE

LEGAL / LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Veronica Mosgrove passed out SCR129.

LEGAL / LEGISLATIVE UPDATES continued

2nd document which is on Legal size Paper is Senate Bill 700 which was filed early last week. Was not a pre filed bill filed by Senator Brown (across the River, Iberville). Bill assigned to Senate Judiciary B but it has not been put on their calendar as of yet to be heard. The goal is to make sure Special Needs Persons are able to get assistance with evacuation and sheltering.

Need feedback on any of the specifics so that GOHSEP can go to Senator Brown with the concerns. Need to add specificity to the bill.

Dick Gremillion – its another unfunded mandate the state places on the parishes. This is a pretty huge Project. “What exactly does special needs mean”? There is not a definition for Special Needs. What kind of Special Needs is he referring to? Transportation, Medical, Financial, Diabetic? What is Special Needs?

Pat Santos stated he recalls this being addressed and it calls for the Parish to take inventory on the people with special needs in their parish one of wish is those that need transportation. This cans ducktail into the DOJ requirements for functional needs and requirements for shelters to have ADA compliance to the max and all that stuff. This was a big discussion at the NEMA Conference in DC. All Directors around the country were discussing because there is no money to retrofit all of the shelters because the Department of Justice has no clue to the challenges we face in finding shelter space. Pat stated Shelter Space is limited by the medical professionals to the number of persons that they can care for the special needs people. Limited to 4,000 in the whole state and we don’t have the capacity or the resources to care for all these people.

GOHSEP will meet with Senator Brown and provide him information and the Parishes should do the same.

STATEWIDE EDUCATION DAY

Veronica Mosgrove spoke on the first annual Statewide Education Day to be held May 16th. GOHSEP is hosting a class of sixth graders from a local middle school, about 250 students. Will have NOAA NWS here, tour the facility, LSP and LANG Tactical Vehicles. Will have give- a ways and evacuation guides for each child. Encourages everyone to try and host some children at their EOC

STATE / FEDERAL TRIBAL INDIAN AFFAIRS

Kevin Davis requested an update on the communications of the State and Federal Tribes with the Parishes and GOHSEP.

The Parishes assist if they are able.

Earl Eues coordinates with his tribe in Terrebonne and provides them buses and radios Earl assisted them during the Oil Spill and facilitating with BP.

He has a great relationship with his. State recognized and not Federal.

Avoyelles and St Mary Parish have federally recognized tribes.

Kevin will be scheduling meetings with the different tribes in the near future.

Pat Santos stated that sometimes they show up and sometimes they don't. He has reached out to the tribe through the parish because they are sovereign nations. We don't give them grant funding. They go straight to the Feds.

GOHSEP STATE PREPAREDNESS

Pat Santos spoke on how we are organized (approach) on how we are handling our Emergency Management business in the state

We are taking a bigger look at everything we do before we drill down to specifics because it all ties together. He stated there is a lot of work to be done to bring this all together. We don't have the whole puzzle put together at this time. We are working on a plan to put all these pieces of this puzzle together and will present it to you in greater detail when complete.

We need to be organized and focused so that we stay ahead of the eight ball.

We are looking at others that have tackled this challenge and we are using the state of Indiana as an example. They have districts (10) and about 90 counties.

We are going to work with you and ask for your feedback on how we want to organize our state.

Brant Mitchell – Slide show of Outline we developed for the process of the next 8-10 months

REGIONAL UPDATES

REGION 1
Nothing to Report

REGION 2
Meeting on Thursday with all Coroners

REGION 3
Use of the National Grid System (is WLF going to teach the US National Grid System)
Would like to have RC at Meeting
Region 3 Hurricane Preparedness Course

REGION 4
Not Present

REGION 5
DRX was last week

REGION 6
Regional meeting is 16 May, Alert FM to report

REGION 7
Region 7 meeting is scheduled 20 April
Doing Inventory on all equipment in region
Upcoming exercise with LANG on explosives

REGION 8
Ouachita had an exercise last week with good attendance
Plaquemines and Ouachita are working on a Point to Point Agreement

REGION 9

HazMat Notifications – Not receiving them mostly on the weekends.

Chris Guilbeaux will have Tommy Thibeaud added to the same list that Dick Gremillion is on for receiving email notifications of HazMat incidents.

Next Meeting is scheduled to take place at the LEPA Conference – Monday at 11:00AM

End of Report