Meeting called to order by Ron Averill, Chair, 9:00 AM

In Attendance – Introduction of Attendees

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On phone:
Jason Biermann, Snohomish County DEM
Randy August, Colville Confederated Tribes
Ray Cockerham, Washington Association of Business Officials
Brian Schaeffer, Washington Association of Fire Chiefs

Chair welcomed WSDOT and APWA Representatives who are new additions to the council.

Approval of Minutes

- Review of previous meeting minutes
  - Motion to Approve: Ron & DOH
  - Approval: Unanimous

Opening Comments

TAG opened by wishing everyone in the room luck with the management of the upcoming snow storm. He then advised that the Legislative session was in “full swing”, that bills are moving forward and communication with legislature has been good. He followed with a quick update on several EM related bills that are in front of the legislature.

Because of the Governor’s focus on enormity of preparation for Cascadia Rising and need for “Small steps” there are currently bills in front of the committees that relate to school seismic safety which are being well received.

E911 funding bill is being favorably received.; Other bills being well received will provide funding for 83 additional earthquake sensors to increase early detection, 16 additional tsunami sensors, development of a smart phone app, as well as money for public awareness initiatives. There is also a bill proposing to continue the GFS FY15 funding of hazmat response. WMD hopes to be able to turn this program into programmatic funds.

There is also a bill working its way through that will update the government continuity plan to include national disaster in addition to only ‘enemy attacks’ as currently required.

Overall, things are going smoothly.
EMD Remarks: Jason Marquiss

We have completed a reorganization of our division. We took advantage of retirements and departures to look at our organizational structure and how we can best align ourselves to support future needs and provide the best support to our “customers”. The org chart is available for review and discussion during breaks.

As mentioned by the TAG things are very promising in the legislative side which Nancy will brief on later.

Just wrapped up a joint PDA with FEMA and expect a briefing later today. Initial indications are that we will meet the threshold requirement by $2mil. However, does not guarantee approval. We will share wider once the reports are finalized.

55/60 organizations have been switched to E911 as of Jan 31. By the end of this month we expect to be complete. At that point, we will focus on carrier cutovers and expect to meet our goal of full initiation by the end of the year. Next Gen 911 received a federal grant of $2.6mil over the next 3 years which will cover any needs and gaps in funding we may have. Committee has prioritized list.

Finishing up SAO performance audit. We expect the initial draft for review to be received by Mar 11. We will have time to provide feedback, and we should expect to receive the final draft for review by Apr 8. The SAO will publish the final report on May 1 and will upload on May 15.

FEMA Remarks: Lisa Davidson

Deputy Division Director for Recovery Lisa Davidson stated that FEMA has been quite busy. There is currently a regional team in AK studying the earthquake, as well as a regional team here at EMD doing a PDA review. FEMA is also spending time supporting the closeouts of grants.

There are a few trainings and exercises planned for this year including a Fire MGT workshop. As previously announced, the WA FIT team has been announced and should be sent out to EMD soon. The RISC this month will be held in Bothell.

Governor’s Office Update: Jim Baumgart

Governor representative had no updates outside legislation and deferred to Nancy Bickford for update.

State Legislative Update: Nancy Bickford

Has been a busy year. In dealings with Leg we are seeing better awareness on the risks faced and the action needed with emergencies. All our bills have been unanimously passed out of committee and are now in fiscal committee.

The following bills were summarized:

SB5247/HB1200: Catastrophic Incident Emergency Bill: The bill will update current statute to add definitions and remove the prohibition for evacuation planning in the event of a nuclear attack. It will not require the planning but will make it allowable.

SB5012/SJR8200 & HB 1077/HJR4200: Both the WA State Constitution and RCW only provide for continuity of government in the event of an enemy attack. These bills will change both to allow for COG succession in the event of any catastrophic incident. If approved, the RCW will be changed, and the constitutional changes will be put to the electorate.

SB5106/HB1040: Creates working group to review disaster mitigation and resiliency activities in the state at all levels and submit a report recommending if Washington should create on ongoing program.

HB1170/SB5019: Repeals expiration date for all hazards state fire mobilizations and requests.

HB1147/SB5186: Prohibits seizure of a first informer broadcaster’s vehicles, food, water or other essential items brought to a disaster area. The bill does not change the regulations on whether they are allowed in the area but prohibits seizure of any of their essential items if they are there. It is based on an incident in Florida and not directly related to a specific Washington incident.
HB1419: Connected to HB1200/SB5247 this bill removes the prohibition of including with emergency management plans, the evacuation or relocation of residents in anticipation of a nuclear attack. Again, does not mandate it be planned, just removes the prohibition.

HB1216/SB5317: Addresses school seismic safety. Requires OSPI to monitor certain safety programs, adds an OPSI representative to the EMC and changes school earthquake drill from “may” conduct once a year to “must” conduct once a year.

Nancy was asked about the National Guard funding update. There are currently two bills that directly relate to national guard funding. The first is the minimum wage bill, which increases WA’s wage to match the updated Federal min wage. The second is the Tuition Assistance bill, which will provide tuition assistance to WA guard members. Several states are now offering tuition assistance to guard members, including neighboring states. As we do not, we are losing a number of guard members to ID and OR. Getting the bill passed is important for readiness here in Washington State.

Public Meeting Training

watched 15-minute WA AG video about public meetings

Presentations

[Presentations were sent via email to EMC members.]

CEMP Review:

As the state advisory committee and representatives of our state-wide stakeholders, EMD will be sending to the EMC members via email, the draft 2018 CEMP base plan for review, suggestions, and input. The goal is to get input back in March – so we can promulgate the 2018 CEMP on April 1, 2019. The 2018 version of our State CEMP contains minor updates from the 2016 CEMP which was also reviewed by and developed with our whole community stakeholders and signed by Gov. Inslee. Among these, two key updates we made were: 1) Clarifying that “Prevention” activities include not only counter-terrorism and Cyber-terrorism monitoring and response plans but also include Pandemic monitoring. These activities are primarily carried out by WSP and DOH respectively and the CEMP documents this relationship and the multi-agency coordination point if a terrorism, cyberattack, or pandemic incident warranted an SEOC activation. 2) Another key update was updating the schedule for when specific CEMP Annexes will be completed over the next couple of years. These updates and a few others were needed to ensure our plan met the EMAP accreditation standard. EMD is pursuing national accreditation and as part of that our CEMP will be evaluated in June 2019.

Jacob also discussed moving forward for future CEMPs – such as the 2020 edition. EMD will adopt the latest industry standard for formatting the state CEMP along the 32 nationally recognized core capabilities. Any annexes to the base plan being developed now and going forward will be in the new format. Future versions of the state CEMP base plan – which will also be coordinated with our stakeholders for input, will be in this new format.

SC IPT:

Serena Segura provided an overview of the SCIPT team and their status. The team is focusing their efforts on developing better scenario-based exercises. The M9 study will be completed next week and will be incorporated into their planning for a WA region 10 specific scenario. They are working with Ecology and DNR to incorporate their models into the exercises. Infrastructure and communication planning have slowed recently due to staff turnover, but they are moving forward. SCIPT is also developing outreach programs that include critical infrastructure.

Phase 2 has begun and is being well received among interagency and partners.

Alysha Kaplan added that part of this program is to ensure all plans are more collaborative in their efforts.
AIRPORT SURVEY:

Mark Douglas briefed on the status of airport surveys. So far, three site assessments will have been completed to determine airfield and local community capabilities. Payne Field was completed in 2017, Moses Lake in 2018, and Sea-Tac is scheduled for this year. They are trying to obtain another grant to add a site to the list for next year. The specific site has not been determined yet and if funding is received the teams will work together to determine which site is next. Mark added that the federal contractor only schedules five assessments nationally each year – so WA having been able to get one approved each of the past three years is extremely good. Because of the cost of formal assessments, they will only be requesting assessments of larger airfields. The logistics group continues to conduct smaller self-studies of regional airfields to assess similar capabilities.

PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN THREATS:

Jennifer Clark of Costco and Michelle Danks of Amazon briefed the committee on a study they did as part of a federal Homeland Security analyst exchange program. The group looked at the pharmaceutical supply chains and the effects that natural disasters had on it.

For the project they focused on the effect of Hurricanes Irma and Maria had on Puerto Rico’s pharmaceutical industry. They chose this case because as part of government investment strategy, the IRS had offered a tax break to companies who set up pharmaceutical factories in Puerto Rico. Although this tax benefit has since lapsed, there was heavy investment in people and infrastructure which kept companies there. As of 2016 Puerto Rico had at least 49 FDA approved plants and over 70 medical device manufacturing facilities; 10% of all (legal) drugs consumed by Americans are made in Puerto Rico, 43% of all saline used in U.S. was made in PR, and 21 of the drugs the WHO deems “essential medicines” were produced in PR.

Due to the damage and disruption in electrical service caused by Maria, there was a disruption in the supply chain. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) declared the influenza outbreak in late 2017 and early 2018 to be of “high severity”. The list includes IV bags, injectable morphine, anesthetics, antibiotics, electrolytes, and cancer drugs. The AMA blames the current crisis in part on the damage caused to production facilities in Puerto Rico by hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017

The team explained that the reason Maria had such an impact on the supply chain was overburdened disaster relief and recovery resources. This was caused by the severity and geographical area of storm damage that year. Poor existing infrastructure in PR could not withstand Maria’s landfall and made it difficult to transport people and goods around the island; and continued concentration of companies on the island.

Further risks include cyber risks, and that any one company relies on 100-200 different organizations for supplies.

To address concerns, the group proposed the following recommendations: Expedite and Reinforce Manufacture Disclosure of Drug shortages requiring companies to disclose expected shortages and not shortages that already happened; Prioritize Disruptions to the Supply Chain or Manufacturing of Critical Drugs; Improve Incentives for Manufactures to maintain pharmaceutical supply with guaranteed purchase programs; Prioritizing the Pharmaceutical Industry and Supply Chain Components as National Security Assets which would allow proprietary information to fall out of FOIA/public records requests and give incentive to share more information with the government.; Establish a national plan to include agreements with alternative manufacturing companies to produce critical drugs –in case of shortages

The presentation was followed by a short discussion period. DOH mention that there seemed to be gaps in the pipeline and inquired what changes could be made for WA. TAG mentioned that catastrophic disasters appear to be happening more frequently and asked if any lessons learned from other sectors could be applied to EM.

The presenters affirmed that several of the lessons learned from their case study can be applied to any supply chains. They offered some examples such as food and gas.

Tristan Allen offered to the council that as part of critical infrastructure planning they do have a focus group with FEMA to discuss Washington specific food, medicine, and fuel supply chains in the event of an emergency.
Fusion representative added that the private/public partnership is slow moving. A reason for this is the time it takes to build trust – especially with public records requirements. Several private companies do not want to share information with public agencies to protect their intellectual property from being disclosed via public records requests. There needs to be a concerted effort to bring them into the fold more and develop trust.

The representatives were thanked for their time and the presentation.

Written Committee – Task Force Reports Review

Chair advised that although written reports were originally sent around due to time, as the meeting is moving faster than expected he is opening the floor to the committee chairs who would like to provide any updates.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

- Committee met yesterday. They are planning for the annual workshop Apr 5-7. They are training in coordination with WSP Fire regarding Hazmat issues and response. The CBRNE study is moving forwarded. Two contractors meet the minimum requirements to bid so they will review their bids and qualifications and hope to select one soon. Because the previously planned conference is not happening, they are adjusted the grant to put towards Tribal/LEPC attendance.

Seismic Safety (SS)

- Verbally briefed written report. Added that they held a work session earlier this week. Also, discussed post-fire debris flow mapping. Although there is no money in the budget, they would like to send out their geologists to conduct debris flow mapping after flooding or landslides, so they can better anticipate future paths.
- The last Seismic Safety Committee meeting was on November 20, 2018. It happened to coincide with the 7.0M earthquake in Alaska and made the meeting much more exciting. The meeting had a presentation from Jeff Berman of UW on their M9 project, an overview of the Results Washington from Max Brown from the Governor’s Office, an overview by John Schelling regarding the URM database prepared by Dept. of Commerce, updates on the USGS projects by Brian Sherrod. There was a discussion of the School Seismic Safety project and the need to set future goals. There was a discussion of the Insurance Commissioners bill to form a work group to study and make recommendations on natural disaster mitigation and resiliency activities and how these would affect the Governor’s earthquake hazards subcabinet group and dilute the focus on seismic safety.
- Agreed upon future goals for the SSC are to pursue the success of the school seismic safety project, continue to seek full implementation of Resilient Washington and to support efforts on addressing URM buildings.

Inclusion and Equity Subcommittee (IES)

- Committee met yesterday. Understands that LEP coordinator is developing community assessment toolkits. This will meet the Department of Health highlighted strategy on advocacy and addressing
underserved communities, which ties into SB5046. They are also looking into how LEP and tribal communities are working together. Inclusion commission is also working on developing credentialing for interpreters to be used in an emergency.

IRSC/WAMAS/and EMAG did not brief

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2018 annual report has been completed and will be issued next week for approval. Due to the lateness of the report’s presentation to the Governor, Chair would like to propose a motion:

*Motion*: Upon closing of comment period for report, the 2018 annual report can be submitted to the Governor’s office without further review, if there are no significant changes proposed by committee members:

*Motion to Approve*: Bill; Seconded: Ron W; Unanimous passage.

The 2019 Charter review has not been completed and the incoming Chair will need to set a schedule to start the review soon. The bylaws require an annual review of the charter.

2019 Membership/Elections: As determined by the charter, the terms for Chair and Vice Chair are set on two-year off cycle terms to insure continuity. This year, the Chair position is up for election. The incumbent chair will not be running for re-election. Two council members have self-identified a being interested. The Chair requests if there are any members the Council wish to nominate.

WSP Nominated Sandy Duffy, WSEMA representative. The nomination was seconded by APWA

PI Rep nominated Bill Gillespie, SARVAC representative. The nomination was seconded by Vice-Chair as Fire Chief representative.

The nominees gave the following remarks:

**Sandi Duffey:**

In these times of increasing events, we need to strengthen partnerships. While I believe in the importance of Cascadia Rising, we need to focus on major event preparation in all parts of the State. This would include examples such as Columbia Power in central Washington. As a local partner, I believe it is important to stop planning in a silo and start planning together as a whole.

**Bill Gillespie:**

I agree regarding partnerships. More important however is outreach, particularly to other partners. I’ve been a member of the EMC for 11 years, I have seen 2 TAGs, 2 Directors, and 4 Chairs. I have seen many changes and a lot of growth and effort to become more inclusive, but I believe more could be done. I would also like to see the meetings more streamlined. Some of the more routine matters can be covered without discussion during the meeting. For example, I can read the committee’s report – I do not need it further briefed verbally to me. We should focus the meetings on more substantive matters that require in person discussions.

PI Rep offered that he has known Bill for 15 years and they have been on many committees together. One thing that has always stood out to him is how often he volunteers and what a major contributor he is on everything that he volunteers for.

**Vote:**

Before the vote Chair advised that they have learned through MRSC that votes must be accounted for by name. The council could continue ballots, but the names must be written on the ballots and announced for recording in the minutes. As such, there will be a verbal vote.

Chair requested all those in favor of each candidate to raise their hands and keep them raised until recorded.

**Sandy Duffy:**
Bill Gillespie:
Ecology, State Fire Chiefs, DNR, SAR, Washington Building Organization, AWB

WSAC (Chair) and WSEMA (Duffy) abstained
Total:
Sandy Duffy: 9
Bill Gillespie: 6

Good of the Order

Dick Walter announced he will be stepping down from his position with AWB. When he joined 15 years ago, the biggest difference he hoped to make was being a conduit between the public sector and private industry. He is proud of the work that has been done and the addition of a Governor’s office representative, in addition to the private industry representative) to the SEOC. He introduced his replacement, Mr. Greg Welch, who is CFO of AWB and current alternate EMC representative.

Mr. Welch thanked Mr. Walter’s for the introduction and his contribution and mentioned he looked forward to working regularly with the members of the council.

Closing Remarks

The outgoing chair gave departing remarks. He reflected on his experience and time with the EMC. He discussed the outstanding people in emergency management in the state and how they do the best possible with the resources they have and know their jobs. He thanked the council and EMD staff for their time and efforts during his tenure.

TAG thanked both the outgoing chair and AWB representative for their years of service. He lamented it was remarkable, that they both have been in public service for literally his entire life-span and how that says a lot about who they are. He presented both with challenge coins.

EMD thanked both departing members on behalf of the Director and entire EMD staff.

Adjournment

Chair motioned to adjourn. The motion was concurred by WSEMA and seconded by Vice Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

2019 Meeting Schedule - Location

February 7, 2019 – Building 91; Camp Murray
June 6, 2019 – Building 91; Camp Murray
September 5, 2019 – Building 91; Camp Murray
November 7, 2019 – Building 91; Camp Murray (SAC Requirement)

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