

MINUTES

Emergency Management Council/Senior Advisory Committee

Date | time February 4, 2021 | 0902 | *Meeting called to order by* Sandi Duffey, Chair

Attendees

List of Virtual Attendees is provided at the end of these minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Chuck LeBlanc's motion to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes was seconded by Mike Harris and approved as presented.

Opening Comments

Multiple Speakers

General Daugherty

WMD

General Daugherty offered special thanks to everyone who has given so much for the state during these trying times.

- ❖ Pandemic
- ❖ Civil Unrest
- ❖ Wildfires
- ❖ Vaccinations

Robert Ezelle

EMD

EMD continues to support and accommodate new situations as they occur.

- ❖ CoVid-19
 - Health support
 - Logistics is heavily involved with personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Maintaining a L1 Activation
- ❖ Wildfires
 - Disaster declaration approved

Vince Maykovich

FEMA

Vince Maykovich was introduced. He expressed appreciation for the work being done on all incidents.

Jim Baumgart

GOV

The Governor's budget includes \$2.5 million for individual assistance (IA). He recommended looking over the Governor's budget. The budget allows for rapid response to IA.

Washington Mutual Aid System

WAMAS

EMD is in the process of hiring a credentialing manager. A question was asked whether the credentialing manager position will be included in WAMAS. EMD Director, Robert Ezelle, explained the formal discussion has not yet taken place regarding if it will fall under WAMAS. Information is forthcoming.

CoVid-19 Vaccine/Situation Update

Andy Rose, DOH

The state is currently using Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and soon may see Johnson and Johnson vaccines. The vaccines will be administered by 1,142 providers. In the last week, 350 of those providers requested 24,800 doses. Only one third of the doses are being filled. Currently, 770,000 people have received their first doses. The number is expected to hit one million in the next 10 days. Keep an eye on the Department of Health's vaccine dashboard website for the current information.

- ❖ Additional 14 other missions doing well.
- ❖ There is a downturn in epidemiology while maintaining heightened sense around contact tracing and case testing.

Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management

Jason Biermann

Jason gave a local perspective on vaccine efforts, including isolation and quarantine, testing, and PPE procurement. Planning efforts started in July/August of 2020. Working toward a multi-pronged effort for a mass vaccine strategy. Drive-through clinics are planned but not open yet, due to a lack of vaccines. There are two large indoor facilities. All sites are private-public partners with four assisting with walk ups. The plans are to keep these operational through June. Seventy sites are approved by DOH for vaccines. When vaccines become available, there will be community-level pop up sites. All efforts coordinated at Snohomish Department of Emergency Management.

Washington Emergency Management

Stacey McClain, State Coordinating Officer

Federal assets provided an Incident Management Team (IMT) Type 1 (self-contained, all-hazard) in Clark, Skamania, and Cowlitz counties. Outside of state, they are run at fairgrounds. IMT will build a template for other type 2 and 3 teams to use. Four teams were requested and received to work with DOH. There is coordination for a mass vaccine site, along the Interstate 5 corridor. Location is yet to be determined. Shooting to open in late March. Requested and cancelled a mobile strike team. The National Guard will be used, if needed. The Feds asked each state to submit a public assistance (PA) worksheet to assist with getting financial assistance for vaccines. Only get 50% of the \$275M up front. That money will go to DOH. Distribution is linked to how rapid the IT infrastructure is. The is 100 percent cost share. If regular duties to do vaccines is not eligible, DOH contracts at regular time. If overtime, contracts would be eligible for 100 percent. FEMA published a document for 100 percent eligible for public assistance.

55 There are still questions on how to execute. Waiting for policy to come from FEMA
56 Headquarters. CARES (Relief assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments)
57 funding is coming up on its time restriction for spending. Non-congregate sheltering
58 and food distribution is now extended. Non-congregate sheltering cost is share at 100
59 percent. FEMA and HUD going back to HQ for more clarification. There are 704
60 requests for PA, 180 of those projects are approved.

EM Strategic Planning Group

Sandi Duffey, Chair and Sharon Wallace, EMD

- 61 ❖ Sandi Duffey thanked the team that supported the Strategic Planning Group.
- 62 ❖ EMD Operations Manager, Sharon Wallace shared the survey results that was sent
63 out in January. It was created to establish baseline. The response provided no
64 surprises. There is an overall desire to have purpose. Materials were reviewed
- 65 ❖ A draft for an updated charter was discussed and recommended updates were
66 shared. The intent for team is to have five-year strategic plan and a one-year
67 business plan. Everyone was asked to review notes. The Planning Group created
68 communications plan for the EMC members. This was shared.
- 69 ❖ Line by line proposed updates to the Charter were discussed. Some changes were
70 approved, and others were discussed. Sharon is keeping track of where it was left
71 and will provide a revised version at the next meeting with approved changes and
72 those still to be approved. More changes to be discussed at next meeting.

73 Some of the conversation is recorded below:

74 A question was raised about the reason behind the changes. The Strategic Planning
75 Group would like conversation to be two-way not just presentations. To free up
76 more time in agenda to discuss relevant issues.

77 3c: More specific language but thought that doing that would narrow the scope of the
78 language. Language is directly from RCW.

79 3d: Included based on RCW (was not written before).

80 3e: Recommend removing EMC from language.

81 Discussion: (CF) Would like to review legislation before moving to committee.

82 Feedback: (SW) May not need to be in charter but could be added to strategic plan.

83 (BG) Could get list of bills that would be relevant to EM. This could be information
84 channel but doesn't think it should be included in formal documents. (RE) Agrees
85 with bringing to EMC before to discuss as agencies are drafting; but a quick response
86 is needed during session, this would be difficult.

87 VI: (CF) Annual assessment is annual report to Governor. The State Preparedness
88 Report (SPR) is separate report and could be folded into annual report. (RE) Rolling
89 it into one could be confusing since its referred to as "assessment." Maybe add in
90 "report". (CL) Best to keep language same as written in the RCW. (CF) State that the
91 THIRA is federal report. (AS) Maybe add clarification to what reports are be used.
92 (JM) Report to Gov to include assessment and other supporting documents.

93 VII: (CF) Good place to add legislation language "Member is expected to be aware of
94 proposed legislation affecting EM." Sidebar for further discussion.

95 Adding language that EMC will do business plan and strategic plan (just like
96 subcommittees.)

97 VIII.A: Not all membership (organization) is clearly defined by RCW. (BG) Ask for
98 time to submit rewording later.

99 (KH) Clarification on how and when coming back to discuss. Sharon will request
100 another meeting between now and June meeting.

101 MEMBERSHIP (VII.A.i): No intent to vote anyone out but to look at membership if it
102 is appropriate. Is there the right mix here or opportunity to add more local EM to
103 council? (FB) Caution to merge AWC and WSAC. This would lose visibility of what is
104 happening locally. Comments from council members were not in favor of combining.

105 (MH) state fire and local fire represent different parties. State FM sits on WFA board
106 as an advisor. (BG) there is no state fire chief. There is a state fire marshal office.

107 (JAB) State and local EM requested not to combine. (JB) would like to see city EM included in
108 this.

109 In the interest of time, further discussion was paused until next meeting.

Open Forum

Sandi Duffey

110 The open forum provided an opportunity for interested persons to ask questions or share insights on
111 the meeting and its content.

- 112 ❖ Ray Cockerham: The Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) is working to create the
113 Washington Safety Assessment of Facilities Evaluators (WASafe) program. Ray said to reach out to
114 him for more information. In state registration for building assessment.
- 115 ❖ Kirk Holmes: Gave a shout out to Robert and Team and Hazard Mitigation office major
116 compliments to the new grant application process.
- 117 ❖ Jason Biermann: Grateful to join ATT 1st Net Health and Wellness. Several surveys went out
118 to address health and wellness in EM. More to follow. Reach out to Jason for more
119 information.

Legislative Update

Nancy Bickford, EMD

120 This session has been interesting, with most of it conducted remotely. Nancy submitted a list of bills
121 (attached) regarding emergency management and walked through most of them. For bills to “live”
122 they must move out of committee by February 15. If they don’t move out of committee by then, they
123 could show up in next year’s session.

Chair Election

Sandi Duffey

124 Elections for chair commenced by roll-call vote. Sandi nominated Jason Biermann and accepted.
125 Mike Harris nominated Brian Schaeffer and accepted.

126 Primary members cast their vote unless primary is not available then it will go to alternate.

127 Chief Brian Schaeffer received 5 votes

128 Jason Biermann received 12 votes

129 Sandi Duffey congratulated Jason Biermann. Jason expressed thanks and said he is looking forward
 130 to continuing the work that has already begun.

Closing Remarks Robert Ezelle, EMD

131 Robert Ezelle thanked everyone for the work being done and congratulated Jason Biermann as the new chair.

Adjourn Sandi Duffey [Immediate Past Chair]

132 Next Official Meeting • June 3, 2021 at 9:00a.m. (A Special meeting between now and June 3 may be called to
 133 continue discussion and work to update the Charter.)

134 Stephanie Wright gave a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. It was seconded by Chief Batiste.

135 **EMC Primary and Alternate Member Attendees**

	Primary	Alternate
1	Fred Brink	Philip Lemley
2	Stephanie Wright	
3	Chief Scott Engle	
4	Chief John Batiste	Ariel Solie
5	Robert Ezelle	Jason Marquiss
6	Jim Pendowski	
7	Charles LeBlanc	
8	Chief Michael Harris	Chief Brian Schaeffer
9		Casey Hanell
10	Chandra Fox	Kyle Bustad
11	JoAnn Boggs	Jason Biermann
12	Bill Gillespie	
13	Erika Henry	Ron Weaver
14	Ray Cockerham	
15	Greg Welch	
16	Jim Himmel	
17	Kirk Holmes	Gloria Van Spanckeren
18	Martin Mueller	Mike Donlin

136 **EMC Non-Member Attendees**

Other Departments	EMD
Abram Barker, Seattle	Annie Merritt
Hannah Heyrich, WaTech	Sharron Wallace
Alisha King, WaTech	Kristin Ritter
Sandy Eccker, Thurston County	Stephanie Haertling

Brian Schaeffer, City of Spokane	Robert Sabarese
Andrew Rose, DOH	Pete Hartmann
Byron Grenon, Seattle	Patrick Wicklund
J. Havner, Seattle	William Vance
Alysha Kaplan, King County	Troy Newman
Kurt Hardin, Thurston County	Stacey McClain
Mahlet Zeru, DOH	Kimberly Mask
Paula Towne, OFM	Susan Forsythe
Kim Conner, DSHS/WASILC	Andy Leneweaver
William Hannah, Ecology	Travis Linares-Hengen
Wesley Chandler, WaTech	
Jim Baumgart, Governor's Office	MIL
Erin Coyle, Agriculture	General Daugherty
Nicholas Gibbons, King County	Mark Glen