EMAG
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP
Advises the Director of Washington Emergency Management on the
distribution of Emergency Management Assistance Funds.

MINUTES
Thursday, February 3, 2022
conducted via TEAMS
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 1:22pm
by Robert Ezelle, Director of Washington State EMD

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Call to Order/Introduction/Meeting Minutes

Chandra Fox
Adam Wasserman confirmed a quorum was present.

Minutes from December 2, 2021 were approved unanimously.

Proceeded out of order from the agenda to accommodate attendees’ competing schedules.

**EMC Overview**

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- An update from Nate Weed at DOH indicates Covid numbers are looking better throughout the state.
- Discussed Senior Advisory committee convening more frequently.
- There was a work session on the upcoming annual report to the Governor. Draft expected by next EMC meeting with a target submission in June. The report focuses on:
  - Wildfire response from summer 2021

**Preparedness Grants Funds Update – slides presented**

| Sierra Wardell and John Hollingsworth |

Preparedness Grants Staffing Updates

- John Hollingsworth is the Acting EMPG Program Manager while Tirzah Kincheloe is out
- Josh Castillo is the new Program Coordinator for Regions 1 & 5

19EMPG Closeout Status

- Final Report submitted to FEMA on 12/29/2021
- $0 funding returned

20 EMPG-S Closeout Status

- Passthrough Funds:
  - Awarded $1,721,767
  - Expended as of 1/26 $1,222,466
  - Balance $499,300
- Final reimbursements due February 15, 2022
- Projected local turnback: about $13,365 will be returned to FEMA
- Final Closeout documents due to FEMA April 26th, 2022

20EMPG Status

- Passthrough funds:
  - Awarded $4,520,352
  - Expended as of 12/31 $3,813,279
  - Balance $707,073
- Remaining final reimbursements due February 15, 2022
- Projected local turnback is about $169,065
- Final closeout documents due to FEMA December 29th

21EMPG Status
• Received 70 applications, 70 finalized
• Agreement end date 9/30/2022
• Passthrough Funds:
  o Awarded $4,608,824
  o Expended as of 1/31 $152,047
  o Current balance $4,456,777
• Not accepted/unallocated funds: $0

21EMPG-ARPA

• Received 56 applications, 56 finalized
• Agreement end date 12/31/2022
• Passthrough Funds:
  o Awarded $1,724,847
  o Expended as of 1/31 $0
  o Current Balance $1,724,847
• Not accepted/unallocated funds: $233,163
  o County first right of refusal: $64,003
  o Remaining $169,160

Available Funding for Reallocation

• 20EMPG is approximately $364,636 and expected to increase slightly as final reimbursements are processed; includes adjustment of funds to closeout 19EMPG
  o King $45,393
  o Snohomish $1,619
  o Remaining $317,624
• 20EMPG-ARPA unaccepted amount $233,163
  o King $53,948
  o Thurston $10,055
  o Remaining $169,160

EMPG Reallocation Timeline

• December 2022 mtg: EMAG generates project ideas
• February 3, 2022 mtg:
  o Solicit project ideas for 20EMPG and 21EMPG-ARPA
  o Reallocation decision/plan to reach a decision
• September 30, 2022: 20 EMPG special project(s) complete and grant performance period ends
• December 2022: 21EMPG reallocation process begins
• September 30, 2023: 21EMPG and 21EMPG-ARPA special project(s) complete and grant performance period ends
• EMAG members discussed the reallocations
  o Sandi Duffey – Suggested reallocated funds used for public outreach and education to reach the population with language barriers; items regarding evacuation, Ready Set Go materials.
  o Sandi Duffey – $5,000 would work for Adams county public outreach
  o Jason Biemann can get a HAMWAN update next week
  o Sierra Wardell will get status of CEMNET
  o Members agreed to getting updates by February 11th and then conduct and email vote the following week.
EMD Program Updates

Select EMD Staff

Operations – Sharon Wallace

Mitigation/Recovery – Sharon Wallace for Stacey McClain

- They have submitted BRIC and FMA application packages to FEMA equaling about 95M
  - Projects address flood, earthquake, drought, and climate resilience.
  - Projects are from Walla Walla, Clallam, Seattle, Pierce county, Aberdeen, King county, Ocean Shores, Shoreline, Auburn, Covington, and Issaquah
  - FEMA will announce its selections in the summer.
- For the 4481 HMGP application round
  - The Mitigation team has reviewed almost 200 proposals worth a total of 2.4B;
  - Applications are due to EMD by April 14th.
- 2021 post-fire round
  - Mitigation held a webinar for all those invited to apply
  - Full applications are due in April
- Human Services has the Joint Field Office (JFO) with FEMA to support counties and tribes under disaster 4635
  - Individual assistance was approved on 1/5/22
  - Public Assistance has also been approved
  - Housing has been a challenge and we’ve coordinated a housing support function to move people from hotels to longer term housing
- Public Assistance’s (PA) JFO has 5 active disasters and could be adding a 6th
- PA has submitted a Major Disaster Declaration add-on to 4635 for the counties: Clallam, Island, Jefferson, Lewis, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom. We’re waiting on the response.
- PA program initiated an IDA for January 1-16, 2022 severe storms and flooding. We’re anticipating a joint FEMA-State PDA the week of February 7th.

Preparedness – Sharon Wallace for Troy Newman

- They’re continuing with their CR22 planning.
- The MyShake App launched last week.
- Tsunami AAR occurred last week resulting in valuable feedback to include in our SOPs.
- The LEPC HazMat conference will be virtual this year in April & May.

Response – Sharon Wallace for Kevin Wickersham

- Continuing Response operations for Covid, Afghan arrivals, and European green crabs
- Kevin is reviewing candidates for the EMPS3 Credentialing Program Manager position.
- The supervisor for the Alert & Warning Center has departed. Chris Phillips, an SEOO is filling in, and we’re preparing for that recruitment.
- We’re validating the Covid AAR survey instrument, and then should be able to send it out.

Current Legislative Session

EMAG Members

HB620 Weather Shelters – Adam Wasserman

- Put in by Rep. Leavitt, it’s the extreme weather shelter bill that would set up a reimbursement grant program in EMD to reimburse counties that don’t have the resources to stand up heating or cooling centers in times of declared disasters involving extreme heat or cold.
- An amendment added to it was to include situations where wildfire smoke has reduced the air quality.
- The bill made it through the fiscal committee and is at Rules now.

SB5693 Fiscal Biennium supplemental operating appropriations – Brendan McCluskey
• Includes federal ARPA money for the state to administer EMPG Grants. Does that mean the State won’t take any EMPG money on that this year?
• Adam and Sierra haven’t heard on it, it’s not in Nancy’s notes. Sharon will ask Nancy for info on it.
• Brendan McCluskey dropped a reference to it into the chat.

Biennium 23-25 Legislative Discussion

• What other things should EM develop legislation around?
• No input from group received and so it we’ll come back to it.

EMAG Workplan Development

• A strategic plan for EMAG is unnecessary as the role of the group is well defined already.
• Would like a workplan as many things are changing within state, changing at federal level that will impact the state.
• The EMAG meetings could be work sessions and work on priority projects during scheduled meetings.
• EMAG is subcommittee of EMC and some priorities that EMC has that would be appropriate for EMAG to work on.
• We have an effort headed up by Troy Newman for the revision of WAC 118.30, how can EMAG support that project? The 118.30 is our primary rule.

Pandemic AAR

• The Governor’s statewide pandemic AAR task force has been seated.
• Includes more than 50 people attached to the task force.
• Ruckelshaus is facilitating it.
• Adam Wasserman can send out the list of the agencies represented.
• Two seats are for Emergency Management:
  o counties west of Cascade crest, Brendan McCluskey of King County
  o counties east of the Cascade crest, Chandra Fox of Spokane County.
• Ashley Strickland - Any follow-up from the AAR Robert started for EMD’s AAR response.
• Sharon – Yes, we’re in process of developing out a survey tool that you’ll all receive. That’s just the first step in collecting information regarding EMD’s response.

Covid-19 Status, Fire Season, and PPE Distribution

Covid-19 Update

• Indications are that we are on the backside of the curve for omicron.
• Working with DOH to address issues of hospital capacity.
• Working with Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs on the Veterans’ hospitals
- We were successful the IA and PA major disaster declaration for the November major atmospheric river event; just shy of 4M obligated and around 1500 applicants.
- We are getting in the last of initial assessments for damages in the January storms and working on extension request for a major disaster declaration.

**PPE**
- Any questions on PPE, please send to Robert and he’ll get them to the right people.
- County request slides show for Tier 1 70-75 total requests in last full week of January.
- Ashley Strickland – Are logistics coming back out to the county EMs?
  - Robert to follow-up with him next week.

**Open Forum**

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- Chandra Fox - This is Chris Alexander’s final EMAG meeting. He is retiring as Mukilteo Fire Chief; this will leave us with no representatives for small and medium cities.
- Sierra Wardell - SB5693 was in the budget for this year, not new language, just giving us the federal appropriation authority, because it’s new funding they’re calling it out specifically.

**Closing Comments**

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- Next meeting is April 7, 2022, 1:00-4:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 2:35 p.m.