**Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 – 2:00pm**

**2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101**

**San Antonio, Texas 78217**

**MEETING MINUTES**

***MEMBERS PRESENT:***

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| 1. **Edwin Baker** 2. **Andrew Cardiel** 3. **Walton Daugherty** 4. **Shelby Dupnik** 5. **Mark Bennett for Eric Epley** 6. **Jeff Fincke** 7. **Philip Glass** 8. **Tony Gross** 9. **Ray Hacker** 10. **Nolan Byrd for Gary Haecker** 11. **Rebekkah Schriven for Leann Hosek** 12. **Jeff Kelley** 13. **Aaron von Muldau for Justin Klaus** 14. **Bryce Houlton for Kyle Kutscher** | 1. **Summer Hall for Kade Long** 2. **Keith Lutz** 3. **Jerremy Hughes for Eric Maloney** 4. **Sam McDaniel** 5. **Michael Morlan** 6. **Steve Olfers and Les Metzler** 7. **Carey Reed** 8. **Sammy Sikes** 9. **Rachelle Littlefield for Michael Starnes** 10. **Danny Taylor** 11. **William Thomas** 12. **Cindy Stafford for Chris Thompson** 13. **Jeffrey Dean for Mark Trevino** |

***MEMBERS ABSENT:***

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| 1. **Manuel Casarez** 2. **Roger Garcia** 3. **David Gonzalez** 4. **Ray Kallio** 5. **Christopher Monestier** | 1. **Dan Pue** 2. **Braxton Roemer** 3. **James Teal** 4. **Nelson Wolff** |

***AACOG STAFF PRESENT:***

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| Marcela Medina – Public Safety Manager  Justin Monarez – Homeland Security/Criminal Justice Coordinator  Matthew Reyes – Homeland Security Planner  Laura Richardson – Public Safety Specialist |

**1. Meeting called to Order.**

Jeffery Fincke called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**2. Roll Call.**

A quorum was established with twenty-seven **(27)** members present

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**4. Consider and act upon the approval of the May 18th, 2022 minutes.**

A **motion** was made by **Walton Daugherty** and secondedby **Shelby Dupnik** to approve the minutes.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**5. Consider and act upon the approval of new committee members.**

**1.** Nominating Edwin Baker to replace Johnny Stahl as the primary member for the City of Stockdale.

A **motion** was made by **Andrew Cardiel** and secondedby **Shelby Dupnik** to approve the membership item.

**All Approved, Motion Carried.**

**Presentations:**

**6. Use of WebEOC in Uvalde response and recovery – Danny Taylor**

Danny Taylor of University Health System presented on the use of WebEOC for hospital coordination and EMS response activities following the mass casualty incident in Uvalde on May 24, 2022.

**7. Alamo Area Regional Radio System – Andrew Jaffee and Aaron von Muldau**

Andrew Jaffee and Aaron von Muldau presented on the status of the Alamo Area Regional Radio System (AARRS) project.

**8. Program Updates**

**1. Attended annual TDEM Conference**

**2. Met with TDEM Region 6 Preparedness Planner/Coordinator Steve Harris**

The HLS staff met with Harris to discuss the role of other COGs in assisting TDEM with ensuring that jurisdictions are completing and submitting plans related to emergency preparedness. In the future, Harris will provide reports to HLS staff on which jurisdictions have expired plans and annexes so that AACOG can assist jurisdictions in compiling such plans and submitting them to TDEM.

**3. Approved draft of Subcommittee Guidelines is available on AACOG website** – The HLS staff are working on keeping the website up to date and to make important documents available through that medium.

**4. Assisted with scoring of Nonprofit Security Grant Program applications –** Matthew Reyes and Jeffrey Dean scored applications for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program. There was a drastic increase in the amount of applications received across the state. The AACOG region received 15 applicants, but most were from the San Antonio area. The AACOG staff will work next year to help rural jurisdictions identify applicants that could be eligible for the program.

**5. Received QuickSeries pocket guides –** The HLS staff ordered and received the QuickSeries pocket guides that were part of the Bexar County reallocation. They were disseminated to Bexar County CERT, New Braunfels CERT, Kerr County CERT, DSHS, and Metro Health. The remaining funds from that grant will be used for bleed kits that will be ordered by the end of June.

**6. Assisted with efforts to offer temporary services for Uvalde Police Department –**

Mike Davis and Justin Monarez presented on the role that AACOG and the Texas Police Association assumed in assisting Uvalde PD with responding to calls for service during the aftermath of the Uvalde mass casualty incident. This involved coordinating for communications equipment, purchasing and transporting supplies, and performing administrative tasks under the ICS structure.

**9. Discussion and appropriate action on subcommittee reports.**

**A.  Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources**

N/A

**B.  Emergency Management and Community Preparedness**

N/A

**C.  Emergency Response - Fire**

N/A

**D.  Emergency Response - Law Enforcement**

Johnny Siemens – The chairs are working to connect with local law enforcement agencies to identify special operations resource needs for future funding opportunities.

**E.  Interoperable Communications**

Steve Sample and Jeff Wendling – Multiple assets were deployed pertaining to interoperable communications following the Uvalde mass casualty event to support the various law enforcement officers that performed essential services in the weeks that followed. There were issues using Wave in Uvalde due to general lack of cellular service in that part of the state.

**F.  IT/Fusion Center**

Barrett Hanks and Jim Glass – The committee met before REPAC to discuss WebEOC availability and some tools that it contains. The Fusion Center is monitoring potential threats related to the Pride Month festivities and other celebrations in the coming weeks.

**G. Hospital/EMS/Medical**

Mark Bennett – Committees met and discussed abilities to deploy resources and other EMS functions, especially in mass casualty incidents. There is an exercise tentatively set for the end of October.

**H.  Public Health and Agriculture**

Sammy Sikes – DSHS did respond to the mass casualty incident in Uvalde as well. Monkey pox is becoming a concern, especially as it is becoming less linked to travel.

**I. Strategic Planning**

N/A

**10. FY2022 SHSP Grantee Presentations:**

**1. Bandera County – 4305301 – Bandera County Interoperable Communications**

Carey Reed presented on the status of this project.

**2. Bexar County – 2964306 – Regional Preparedness and Resilience Project**

Michael Morlan and Luis Lopez presented on the status of this project.

**3. Bexar County – 4212001 – BCSO Leica System**

BCSO did not attend to present on the status of this project.

**Old Business:**

**11. Discussion and appropriate action on creation of Subcommittee Reconfiguration**

The committee discussed the two final proposals that were presented by Jeff Fincke and the AACOG staff. An informal vote was held to gauge which proposal was more in favor by members of the committee. Proposal 2 was viewed to be favored by a majority of the committee.

**New Business:**

**12. Discussion and appropriate action on annual membership review**

The AACOG staff presented the attendance sheet for the 2021-2022 monitoring period. The Chair advised that the staff contact the City of Leon Valley to verify their membership before filling their seat with another municipality.

**Closing Items:**

**12. Upcoming Events, Trainings and/or Exercises**

1. STRAC Conference

2. TEEX courses

**13. Items to be placed on next meeting agenda**

A. Subcommittee chair nominations

B. Membership review

**14. Next Meeting Date: August 17th, 2022 – 2:00pm – at AACOG Titan Building**

**15. Adjournment.**

A **motion** was made and seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm.