

IOWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Minutes of November 6, 2003 Hoover Level A Conference Room Hoover Building Des Moines, Iowa

Members Present:

Elizabeth Christiansen*
Chris Scase
Anne Jackson*
Kathy Lee
Susan Lagneaux*
Frank Magsamen
Julie Bell
Jim Kenkel*
Don Flater
David Miller*
Dan Rogers

Staff Present:

Brenda Boell
Lisa Sexton
Tina Lowery
George Hess
Joe Chandler
Rodney Tucker
Paul Sadler

Public:

Bob Goldhammer

Members Absent:

Thomas Sever*
John Whipple
Brad Nocita
Julie Cooper

Chairperson, Chris Scase, announced that there have been formal confirmation from the Governor's office that we have a full Commission. Frank Magsamen is now the LEPC representative and Kathy Lee represents the Fire Service.

Approval of Minutes:

September 4, 2003

Moved approval of the minutes by Elizabeth Christiansen, second by Frank Magsamen. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence, Speeches, Conference Reports

Kathy Lee reported on the success of the Hazmat Symposium. She said the speakers were good, wide variety of subjects and interests and 174 people attended.

Chris Scase reported that Tad Cooper has resigned as Chair of the TRANSCAER group. Rodney Tucker reported that he has been in contact with Lou Wagner and are working on keeping the organization alive in Iowa. The focus will be on training with the hope of getting a TRANSCAER train car to Iowa that will used for hands-on training for first responders.

Committee Updates: Membership/Reports

Executive – Did not meet.

Information Education – Did not meet.

LEPC Support – Did not meet.

Fee Legislation Study Committee – Did not meet.

Agency Reports

Section 301 – *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division*

Paul Sadler reported two new appointment and no resignations. There are at least 2 members in each LEPC. The list of LEPC chairs and contacts are listed on the HLSEM website.

Section 303 – *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division*

Paul Sadler provided a map that shows the status of county hazardous materials response plans in Iowa. Efforts are underway to require all counties to have completed plans by November 14th in order to qualify for federal money. It is expected to have complete hazmat plans in all 99 counties by the end of December 2003.

Discussion on the deadline for annual updates for counties. The rules indicate that plans should be reviewed annually by October 17th or more often depending on the changes in a county. The Chair will work with HLSEMD to clarify deadlines and methods of depicting compliance.

Section 305 – *Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division*

HMEP 04 Grant Awards - Lisa Sexton provided handouts for planning and training, that show who applied, the request in dollars, base award and overall award and summary of the proposals. There were no ineligible proposals. Chris explained the methodology of awarding the available grant money. Moved by Julie Bell to accept the recommendation for distribution by HMEP Grant Awards Committee. Second by Elizabeth Christiansen. Motion carried

Julie Bell reported on the Polk County LEPC meeting. The new co-chairs are Steve Zigumfus and Justin Dehnert. The current emphasis is on anhydrous ammonia training and industry training on response systems

Section 302 & 312 – *Division of Labor*

Anne Jackson reported that the 2002 tier two data entry is still in progress and will get started on the 2003 submissions in December.

Section 304 & 313 - *Department of Natural Resources*

Kathy Lee reported that through end of federal fiscal year there were 705 spills. Through the end of the calendar year 2003 there were 629 spills to date. Two TRI were received. Receiving some revisions based on EPA comments. Total in calendar year were 388.

EPA/FEMA Reports

EPA

Tina Lowery said that risk management changes will be final in 2004. EPA Region 7 will be doing enforcement inspections but none scheduled in Iowa for the rest of 2003. Grant information is available. TRI workshops will be in March or April. A stakeholders meeting with Iowa coordinators will be scheduled in early 2004.

George Hess said that Tier 2 Submit for 03 is available for download. RMP facilities will need to start update process next year. The Iowa Waste Reduction Center got a grant for workshops.

FEMA

Joe Chandler - Fire grants have been awarded. Nation-wide about 5200 grants were awarded worth \$360 million. Iowa got \$10.25 million in grants. Woodbury County received interoperability communication grant. Federal share was \$6 million, non-federal share was about \$4 million. Eventually will be a regional plan for 3 states, 10 counties and 2 tribal nations. DHS has "one stop grants" information on their website www.dhs.gov/grants. Chercap program for Johnson County finished. Had exercise October 11th. DNR, HLSEM and EPA participated, about 150 participants in all. The scenario was an anhydrous ammonia release. Initial draft of the National Response Plan is available for review.

Public Comments

Bob Goldhammer - First meeting of the 2005 Region 7 LEPC Conference was held last week. The 2003 conference was well received by attendees. Tentatively third week of August, 2005. He reminded the Commission to make sure we reserve some HMEP grant money for LEPC members to attend that conference. Chris said that a note was placed in the HMEP file to remind next year. He commented that the IERC's discussion on wanting to be a part of the HLSEMD Annual Conference was a good idea. He sees this around the country and there are so many shared concerns that a "first responders conference" cuts down on the number of conferences people need to attend. He asked Anne if the 2002 data is not completed by the end of 2003, would Division of Labor wait to send out the requests for 2003 data until all the 2002 data is entered? Anne said that their goal is to get the data entered by the end of 2003, but if necessary she would make do with an old list for a list. He asked if facilities have to file an SIC code with their income taxes. Anne said that information is generally controlled and not available, even if the information was compatible with the current software, it might be difficult there are confidentiality issues.

Julie Bell asked that work be done on intra-agency agreements on sharing the Tier II information.

Meeting Adjourned