



Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council

NWTEMC Monthly Meeting

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June 17th, 2010 10:00 AM

Hosted by Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

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Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order – Claude Cox
- Opening Prayer - TBD
- Introductions – Claude Cox
- Review and Adoption of May 2010 Meeting Minutes – Carl Rebstock, Nisqually
- NWTEMC Board Report
 - Chair – Claude Cox, Spokane
 - Secretary – Carl Rebstock, Nisqually
 - Treasurer – Jim Sande, Swinomish
- Committee Reports
 - Interoperability Communications Sub-committee Report: Arlen Moses, Chair
 - State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) Report
 - Charter Revision sub-committee report – Lynda Zambrano
- New Business
 - NWTEMC Charter: Article III, Membership – Lynda Zambrano
 - TEPA survey update – Lynda Zambrano
 - Website Update – Glenn Coil
 - Grants Update – Lynda Zambrano
 - Medical Reserve Corps update – Lynda Zambrano
 - SERC Report-- Lee Shipman
 - 2010 NWTEMC Conference planning update – Glenn Coil
 - 2010 Meetings & Events
 - August Meeting: hosted by Lower Elwha at Peninsula College, Port Angeles
- Good of the Order
- Announcements
 - Jill Bushnell, WA EMD: 2010-11 update to the Washington Statewide All-Hazards Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan
- Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes

Call to Order



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10:15am PST: meeting called to Order

Opening Prayer

Del Ostenberg, Colville Tribes

Introductions

There were 22 persons in attendance. Lynda remarked that she received e-mail from Shari NWTEMC Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator,, who regrettably was unable to attend.

Review and Adoption of May 2010 Meeting Minutes

No comments

Motion to Approve May 2010 Meeting Minutes: Keith Tucker, M.D., Samish

2nd: Del Ostenberg, Colville Tribes

APPROVED

NWTEMC Board Report

Chair – Claude Cox, Spokane

Claude welcomed everyone and introduced guests from FEMA

Secretary – Carl Rebstock, Nisqually

Carl had no additional remarks.

Treasurer – Jim Sande, Swinomish

It appears the 2008 Tribal Homeland Security Grant issue is moving closer to resolution.

While the grant has not yet been resolved, correspondence with grant administrators have been positive in attempting to resolve the \$78,000 and \$14,000 grant.

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DOH has contracted with NWTEMC to assist in planning the September 2010 NWTEMC/ NPAIHB Annual Conference. The planning award amount is \$10,000

Special Presentation – Vincent Dumas, FEMA

Three representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Headquarters, Washington, District of Columbia, briefed the **Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS)**, <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/>. One of these representatives, Brittany Meadows, a contractor with CACI, will serve as the point of contact for all tribes in the Pacific Northwest. She will be contacting emergency management personnel to assist with completing a tribal communications survey. IPAWS, which began in 2006, is an outgrowth of Executive Order 13407. Its origins are the 1951 Civil Defense Act. It will allow for geo-targeted mass notifications via existing systems. A list of third party public alert system vendors that comply with the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) and therefore integrate with IPAWS will be published.

Discussion:

Keri, Quileute: explained difficulty rural tribes/ areas have with basic cell phone service

Phil, Lower Elwha asked if this system for alerting only? *FEMA responded that it depends.*

Carl, Nisqually asked about 3rd party vendor services and compatibility with this system and how will it be tested? FEMA responded that testing protocols To be determined.

Lynda, NWTEMC asked who is paying for this?

Carl, Nisqually suggested that IPAWS group speak at NWTEMC Conf.

Dr Tucker, Samish agreed, saying they would have a bigger audience

Lynda, NWTEMC asked about funding sources/

Don, WA EMD suggested that Tribal HLS, IECGP grants allow for warning systems.

BREAK: 11:15am

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Committee Reports

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Interoperability Communications Sub-committee Report: Arlen Moses, Chair

Arlen could not make it. Lynda gave update of Phase 3 of InterOp Communications Project

Charter Revision sub-committee report – Lynda

Lynda gave an update on Charter revision process. She is still collecting recommendations. Ralph Jefferson of Lummi put together a list of recommendations.

Lynda asks that any recommendations, please submit to her.

New Business

NWTEMC Charter: Article III, Membership – Lynda Zambrano

Lynda wanted to reiterate that it is NOT NWTEMC staff's responsibility to determine membership or delegation to the Council, nor can they ask a Tribe to write their Resolution to join in any specific manner. NWTEMC find it very important that they do not get involved or take a position in regards to any Tribe's internal politics.

TEPA survey update – Lynda Zambrano

Lynda stated that there is problems with the billing and that the \$1,000 reimbursements that are outstanding cannot be paid until it is resolved. Lynda is working with WA DOH to figure out.

Website Update – Glenn Coil

Glenn gave update of website:

- Upcoming NWTEMC/NPAIHB/NWCPHP Tribal Emergency Planning Conference (TEPC10) information being posted.

Grants Update – Lynda Zambrano

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Lynda reminded folks that NWTEMC, a consortium of Tribes, does not compete with individual Tribes for grants. NWTEMC will pursue grants that further the Mission of NWTEMC and make better sense as collaborative grants (such as regional communications grants) but only with approval of the Council and with the understanding that each Tribe is free to pursue on its own. NWTEMC may pursue contracts (which are excluded to Gov'ts, Tribal or otherwise) that maintains the sustainability and operation of the NWTEMC and furthers its Mission.

Medical Reserve Corps update – Lynda Zambrano

Lynda stated that Shari will rejoin NWTEMC.

SERC Report-- Lee Shipman

(Lee was unable to attend, no report submitted)

2010 NWTEMC Conference planning update – Glenn Coil

Glenn and Carl gave update of 2010 joint NPAIHB Conference:

- The Date is Sept 28-30th, 2010 at Great Wolf Lodge. Announcement is on NWTEMC website, with Conference webpage under development.
- Carl offered an overview of the preliminary agenda.

2010 Meetings & Events

July NWTEMC meeting: Discussion of next meeting location. Shanon explained that Muckleshoot has volunteered to again serve as host next month. Phil explained that Lower Elwha has offered to host the August meeting.

Motion to have July meeting at Muckleshoot: Claude, Spokane

2nd: Jim, Swinomish

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Note: best hotel is Best Western Peppertree, off of Avenue C, Auburn Wash.

August Meeting: hosted by Lower Elwha at Peninsula College, Port Angeles

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Memo from WA EMD re: NWTEMC eligibility.

A memo was sent to NWTEMC stating that NWTEMC was NOT eligible to receive funds. The reasons being were that it “does not serve in a direct capacity in emergency prep, mitigation, response and recovery efforts: nor does it “perform emergency mgmt. functions within the territorial limits of a jurisdiction.”

Discussion

Don, EMD stated that they had a long discussion about this at EMD and couldn't determine from reading the RCW/WAC codes of WA. It was forwarded to the State attorney General's office for their Final Opinion.

It was discussed by the group that a response should be prepared, with **Phil, Lower Elwha**, stating all the points, such as territorial limit, be addressed.

Gina, WA DOH added that DOH is working with Attorney General's office to get NWTEMC quasi-gov't status.

Motion: NWTEMC Response Letter to Jim Mullen, WA EMD: Phil, Lower Elwha

2nd: Ken Choke, Nisqually

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Announcements

Jill Bushnell, WA EMD: 2010-11 update to the Washington Statewide All-Hazards Emergency Preparedness Strategic Plan

Jill presented Washington's Annual Preparedness Cycle, which includes assessing capabilities; identifying gaps and priorities; updating strategies; and targeting investments to support strategies. Jill described the 2010 Statewide Capabilities Assessment process and results, and provided handouts with the assessment data and a list of regional improvement planning priorities. She also announced that workgroups are forming now to update the statewide all-hazards emergency preparedness strategic plan in 12 capability areas, and an invitation to participate was sent to tribal emergency management points of contact in June. Jill encouraged

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those interested in joining or observing the statewide strategic planning effort to contact her at jill.bushnell@mil.wa.gov for SharePoint access and meeting information.

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Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Wes Segler, Colville

2nd: Del, Colville

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Meeting adjourned 12:32pm PST

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Note full meeting Minutes are available as .mp3 audio file.

Requests for copies must be made to NWTEMC Chairman.