**Regional Parish OHSEP Director’s Subcommittee Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Over Watch Meeting Room

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ATTENDEES**

Neal Brown, Todd Smith, Lee John, Ashley Beetz, Earl Eues, Todd Derrick, Clay Rives,

Dick Gremillion, Rodger McConnell, Christina Dayries, Veronica Sizer, Toni Rochelle, Neal Fudge , Meg DeJean, Lynne Browning, Catesha Williams-Smith, Collin Arnold, Mike Steele, Ashley Beetz, Todd Smith, Darren Guidry, Jared Maze, Matt Hammons, Lennie Lefleur

**Call to Order /Welcome**

Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Dawson completed the roll call and a quorum was established. Dawson welcomed the group.

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| **Regions** | **Directors** | **Meeting Designee** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Region One | Collin Arnold  |  | P |  |
| Region Two | Clay Rives |  | P |  |
| Region Three | Earl Eues |  | P |  |
| Region Four | Liz Hill |  |  | A |
| Region Five | Dick Gremillion |  | P |  |
| Region Six | Kenneth Moore |  | P |  |
| Region Seven | Robert Jump |  |  | A |
| Region Eight | Roger McConnell |  | P |  |
| Region Nine | Dawson Primes |  | P |  |
| GOHSEP Director | Casey Tingle | Christina Dayries | P |  |

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES from June 2023**

**Motion by**: Earl Eues

**Seconded by**: Clay Rives

There were no oppositions. June 2023 minutes were approved.

**GOHSEP UPDATES/ REPORTS**

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

Staffing updates:

* Neal Fudge has been appointed as the new Assistant Deputy Director Emergency Management.
* The Assistant Deputy Homeland Security Interoperability position will be posted soon.
* Assistant Deputy Director, Grants and Administration is vacant and the agency is seeking candidates to fill that position.
* Matthew McKey has been appointed as the new Program Director for the Louisiana Cybersecurity Assurance Program. There will be six (6) new positions in the Cyber Security Section. He will serve as Program Director and Lead for the State.
* (11) New positions for the Louisiana Center for Safe Schools including a Program Director. These positions will be posted soon.
* Grants and Administration is being re-organized and renamed the Administration Division. The Non-Disaster Grants section will be moved under Emergency Management with Neal Fudge.

Declaration Updates

* GOHSEP Executive Counsel Veronica Sizer is working with the Governor’s Office on an update to expand the State of Emergency Declaration for Plaquemines Parish for the low river levels of the Mississippi River.

Budget Preparations for the fiscal year 2024-2025 began on July 1st, GOHSEP will begin its preparations to include any new or expanded programs.

Legislative Updates

* Currently reviewing potential legislation and will provide an update at future meetings.

**Public Assistance Updates**

**Lynne Browning**

* End of the COVID incident period was May 11, 2023, which was the period to incur costs with the exception of costs for demobilization and disposition of supplies, which ends August 9, 2023. If anyone is still going through operations, they will need to request an extension with justification. This extension can be approved for an additional 90 days (November 7, 2023), which is the last day that anyone has to submit costs that have been incurred from July 2, 2023.
* May 6, 2024 is FEMA’s current expectation to close out of all projects under COVID. Lynne can send out a chart with all deadlines if needed.

**Hazard Mitigation Updates**

Jeffrey Giering, Hazard Mitigation

* HM staff is working on application development and Requests for Information (RFI) for FEMA for DR-4611 (Hurricane IDA). October 21, 2023 is the deadline.
* HM staff working parish and State HM plan updates.

**Administration Updates**

Christina Dayries, Deputy Director

* Regional Directors working on the regional allocations ($275,000) for FY 2022 EMPG. Christina asked Regions to send a high-level email with a list of projects (items) for use of the funds to ensure everything is eligible. Additionally she need the entity that will serve as the fiduciary agent. Once approved, GOHSEP will increase the grant award via an amendment, and projects can be formally submitted in the GOHSEP Grants portal.
* Reminder the projects must address regional gaps and an increase in capability that address interoperability, mass care and emergency protective measures.
* The FY 2023 SLCGP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was announced August 7, 2023. The State application is due October 6, 2023.

**Emergency Management Updates**

**Homeland Security & Interoperability Updates**

Neal Fudge, Deputy Director for Emergency Management

Training Updates:

* We have Basic Academy Scheduled with FEMA. We are expecting the dates to be released in the upcoming weeks
* Staff are currently reviewing the Parish IPPW.
* GOHSEP and the Naval Post Graduate are scheduling a UCG tabletop exercise in the coming months.
* Boomerang exercise is being reviewed.

Operation Updates:

* Burn band has been issued by the State Fire Marshal beginning today, August 8, 2023
* There will be a face to face meeting on August 17, 2023 to discuss the construction on Hwy 90.
* August 9, 2023, Sheltering Operations meeting
* School Safety Workshops has seen over 100 schools signed up to participate.
* CIKR - Special events nine parishes have responded.
* Starlink bids due back on August 7, 2023

**Regional OHSEP Directors Updates**

* Updates were given by the Regional Directors
* Darren Guidry announced that Liz Hill will step down as the Region 4 OHSEP Director. A new Regional OHSEP Director will be announced at a future meeting.

**Open Discussion**

* Rave Alert Contract has been signed as of August 8, 2023.
* LEMC Winter Conference is set for Mid-February during the Police Jury Association Conference.
* LEMC Annual Conference has been scheduled for the first week of May at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles. May 5-9, 2024.

**Adjourn**

Motion by: Earl Eues

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM