



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD(CCESAB)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: 5/13/2025 9:00 AM

Location: 2501 Harvard Ave., Newburgh Hts., OH 44125 (HAMY)

Attendees

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Takisha Fuller	x	CCBH	Jacqueline Jackson	x
Tracy Pate	x	CDPH	Lexi Uniatowski	x
John Corn		NEORS	Tom Madej	
Larry Tafe (non-voting)	x	PSJS Grants	Lezlie White (non-voting)	X
Bob Zehentbauer (non-voting)		OEMA	Michelle Sowers (non-voting)	
Chief Briant Galgas		MHFD	Chief Matt Schneider	x
Mark Christie (Chair)	x	CCOEM	Kevin Friis	
Fred Szabo (Vice-Chair)	x	CLE OEM	Bob Horwatt	x
Jeff Minch (Community Rep.)		Middleburg Hts. PW		
Gabrielle Hubbard	x	Metro Health	Tara Vargovich	X
Paige Herron	x	CWRU	Jacob Sala	
Sharon Nicastro	x	ARC		
Act. Chief Bev Pettrey		CSU PD	Cpt. Scott Secor	x
Kelly Hickman	x	Services for Ind. Living	Nora Wall	
Serena Steele	x	COAD		
Jeremy Mio (non-voting)	x	Cuyahoga County IT		
Christina Fozio		Center for Health Affairs	Derek Duty	x
Mike Herb (non-voting)		Cleveland Public Safety		
Eric Morgan (non-voting)	x	NEORFC		
Natalia Maikranz (non-voting)	x	CDPH		
Chief Aaron Lenart (non-voting)	x	Rocky River FD		
Julie Morron (non-voting)	x	Rocky River Safety		
Matt Vanyo (non-voting)	x	WEB		

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MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM
- Roll Call conducted; quorum met.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- F. Szabo motioned to approve the minutes from the 1/14/25 meeting. J. Jackson seconded. All yeas, no nays. Minutes approved.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

- **GRANTS UPDATE**

- L. White and L. Tafe provided status updates on several grants and corresponding projects. They provided an overview of this year's grant process in anticipation of the FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- M. Christie stated that the committee would review 3 project submissions: a Crewboss Rehab Cart Kit from the Westshore Enforcement Bureau (WEB), an EOC technology upgrade from the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management (CCOEM), and two mass casualty exercises from CCOEM.
- M. Vanyo from WEB provided an overview of their application for a Crewboss Rehab Cart Kit for their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). J. Morron and Chief Lenart offered additional insight on its purpose and how it would fill a gap for first responder rehab. L. Tafe discussed challenges with purchasing a resource that may be too proprietary and how certain items of a "kit" may need to be parsed out. The amount of funding requested was \$18,047.53.
- M. Christie then provided an overview of the CCOEM application for an upgrade to EOC technology. M. Christie provided context for historic EOC upgrades and stated the project was scalable and could be accomplished in phases. J. Mio expressed that new technology is more transferable, should the EOC eventually move locations. The total amount requested was \$706,676.00.
- M. Christie summarized the third application for funding two mass casualty exercises. M. Christie provided an overview of how the office has been conducting Rescue Taskforce (RTF) trainings and subsequently hosting exercises to test the training in various regions of the county. This project would be a continuation of that strategy. L. Tafe expressed the need to broaden the players within the exercises. T Vargovich agreed with that sentiment and expressed an interest in greater hospital involvement. J. Minch also agreed and stated that Public Works involvement in exercises would be valuable. L. White discussed the need to refine the amount requested due to previous exercises not depleting the allocated funds. The total amount requested was \$78,160.00. The conversation concluded with keeping the original amount requested, but reducing the number of exercises from 2 to 1. Further, the one exercise would be broadened to encompass EOCs and other stakeholders. The group concluded that the exercise could be a multi-day event that involved 4 phases: 1.) intelligence gathering, 2.) event, 3.) patient tracking, and 4.) reunification.
- After discussion, J. Minch motioned to submit the projects to the main CCESAB in the prioritized order of 1.) the EOC technology upgrade, 2.) the exercise, and 3.) the Crewboss Rehab Cart Kit. T. Pate seconded, All yeas, no nays.

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- **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cpt. Secor reported that CSU has been planning for commencement as well as a full-scale exercise in mid-July.
- D. Duty reported that the Center for Health Affairs was offering 2 Hospital ICS Training sessions over the summer.
- P. Herron stated that CWRU had also been conducting their commencement planning.
- K. Hickman discussed a Community Fund Management Grant that SIL has been awarded. The grant enables SIL to allocate durable medical equipment to those in need. She also emphasized the need for future exercises to include functional and access needs as role players.
- E. Morgan reported that NEORFC had processed over 1500 requests and discussed a grant that the Medical Examiner's Office was awarded that will enable them to imbed an opioid analyst.
- L. Uniatowski discussed the measles situation and stated that contact tracing has been implemented in anticipation of additional positive cases. She also reported that a first responder mental health conference will be hosted on November 3rd and 4th.
- M. Vanyo reported that it is Police Officer Memorial Week.
- F. Szabo provided an update on Cleveland's EOC renovation and discussed upcoming events, including the Cleveland Marathon.
- S. Steele discussed a recent survey that was administered to local food providers. The purpose of the survey was to capture food-related services and resources that could be made available during a long-term recovery process.
- J. Mio discussed how County IT has assisted the city of Cleveland in the rebuilding of two IT environments that were recently affected by ransomware attacks.
- T. Fuller introduced the new emergency preparedness supervisor from CCBH, Jackie Jackson. T. Fuller also discussed CCBH's efforts concerning the measles situation.
- G. Hubbard discussed MetroHealth's MCI expo and functional exercise that occurred on May 1st. 167 participated.
- M. Christie provided updates on personnel changes at CCOEM, the June 5th ESF EOC Workshop, and several exercises that will occur in the summer and spring.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION¹**

- No Executive Session

- **NEXT MEETING**

- M. Christie stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- F. Szabo motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Pate. All ayes, no nays.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

¹ **EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE HELD PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE (ORC) 121.22(G)** ORC 121.22(G)(5), a public body may hold an executive session to consider "matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes." ORC 121.22(G)(6) provides that consideration of "[d]etails relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or a public office." Under this exception, both conditions must be met: (1) the subject of the meeting must relate to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office; a(2) public disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of that public body or public office.