



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD(CCESAB)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: 1/14/2025 9:00 AM

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

Attendees

| NAME | Present | ASSOCIATION | ALTERNATE | Present |
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| Terrell Booker | x | CCBH | Jason Nehal | x |
| Tracy Pate | x | CDPH | Lexi Uniatowski | x |
| John Corn | | NEORS | Tom Madej | |
| Larry Tafe (non-voting) | x | PSJS Grants | Lezlie White (non-voting) | |
| Bob Zehentbauer (non-voting) | | OEMA | Michelle Sowers (non-voting) | x |
| Chief Briant Galgas | | MHFD | Chief Mike Carroll | |
| Mark Christie (Chair) | x | CCOEM | Kevin Friis | |
| Fred Szabo (Vice-Chair) | x | CLE OEM | Bob Horwatt | x |
| Vacant (Community Rep.) | | Warrensville Hts. | Chief Herb Waugh | |
| Gabrielle Hubbard | x | Metro Health | Tara Vargovich | |
| Paige Herron | x | CWRU | Jacob Sala | |
| Sharon Nicastro | x | ARC | | |
| Act. Chief Bev Pettrey | | CSU PD | Cpt. Scott Secor | |
| Kelly Hickman | | Services for Ind. Living | Nora Wall | x |
| Serena Steele | x | COAD | | |
| Jeremy Mio (non-voting) | x | Cuyahoga County IT | | |
| Christina Fozio | x | 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 | | |
| Jeff Minch (non-voting) | x | Middleburg Hts. PW | | |
| Sam Hudik (non-voting) | x | CCOEM | | |
| Ella Amadeus (non-voting) | x | PSJS Grants | | |

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MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM
- Roll Call conducted; quorum met.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- F. Szabo motioned to approve the minutes from the 11/12/24 meeting. S. Nicastro seconded. All yeas, no nays. Minutes approved.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

- **GRANTS UPDATE**

- L. Tafe provided status updates on several grants and corresponding projects, including the Board of Elections network upgrades, and mass casualty exercises. L. Tafe also discussed the use of reallocation funding for a Metro Hospital mass casualty exercise scheduled for March 25th.
- E. Amadeus discussed cybersecurity-related updates for the .gov migration and regional intrusion detection projects.
- M. Christie provided an update on the county's communication with OEMA regarding concerns about the direct application process that has been implemented for the State Homeland Security Grant Program. M. Christie stated that the county has requested that OEMA add credit to their evaluation criteria for applicants that link projects to a THIRA/ SPR. Process. The county also requested that OEMA provide the list of applicants who apply from their jurisdiction.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- M. Christie provided updates from the Office of Emergency Management. He stated that the Long-Term Recovery planning project was nearing completion and that a tabletop exercise (TTX) to orient/test the plan with stakeholders has been scheduled for Feb. 6. M. Christie also discussed personnel updates from the office, including the recent appointment of Omari Mays to Emergency Management Specialist and the pending reposting of the Hazmat Coordinator vacancy.
- S. Steele provided additional updates on the Long-Term Recovery Plan as well as Functional and Access Needs planning. She also mentioned that ICS300 and 400 courses have been scheduled for March and April. CAMEO and OH-191 will be offered soon also.
- T. Booker introduced himself to the group as the new CCBH representative and also discussed his office's involvement in the Access and Functional Needs planning efforts.
- T. Pate discussed a planned CHEMPACK TTX/ training. She also discussed EPI Investigation training that is being coordinated with the FBI. Lastly, she discussed planning for a conference in November focusing on first responder mental health. Registration will open in June.
- F. Szabo provided an update on Cleveland's EOC renovation. It is expected to be completed by the St. Patrick's Day activation.
- B. Horwatt stated that Cleveland had doubled their planned activations last year and that they are reviewing security plans for special events based on the recent tragedy in New Orleans.
- E. Morgan introduced himself as the new NEORFC director. He stated that the NEORFC is tracking some protests related to the upcoming presidential inauguration. Additionally, he stated that NEORFC responded to 3,000 requests for information last year.
- M. Sowers stated that OEMA leadership is currently working with Lake County in an effort to type a drone team.

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- J. Nehal discussed his work with the Medical Reserve Corps and his efforts to align CCBH's policies with the County's to ensure deployment is efficient.
- N. Wall mentioned her organization's involvement in the Long-Term Recovery planning project.
- J. Minch introduced himself to the committee and expressed an interest in continuing his involvement. M. Christie stated that J. Minch could fill the vacated "community representative" position, if he is interested.
- D. Duty and C. Fozio provided various updates from the Center for Health Affairs including, their efforts to work with CSU to host Hospital Emergency Management Command training. They also discussed the upcoming MARCS radio training and NEOHCC conference that is being planned.
- G. Hubbard stated that MetroHealth Hospital recently completed their Joint Commission Survey with no findings. Additionally, she mentioned Metro's work on the mass casualty exercise planned for March 25th as well as efforts to revise their Evacuation, COOP, and Disaster Recovery plans.
- J. Mio provided a summary of the regional intrusion monitoring project.
- S. Nicastro stated that many ARC volunteers had recently returned from the hurricane response efforts but now are deploying again for the wildfires out west. She said ARC is no longer planning for any downtime between deployments. She also provided an update on their home fire detector campaign. As a result of the program, over 2,000 lives have been saved.
- S. Hudik provided an update on the Office of Emergency Management EMAP reaccreditation efforts. Accordingly, he will be periodically requesting information from partners.
- P. Herron expressed that CWRU has an interest in pursuing EMAP accreditation. She also mentioned that they are working on a MYTEP and planning for an exercise in March. Lastly, she stated that CWRU will welcome two new service canines.
- L. Tafe mentioned that March/April will likely be when the next UASI grant is announced so the CCESAB committees should be tentatively planning their schedules accordingly.
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- **EXECUTIVE SESSION¹**
 - No Executive Session
- **NEXT MEETING**
 - M. Christie stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 11. He also stated that he will send the committee roster beforehand and ask for updates from members.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
 - F. Szabo motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T. Pate. All ayes, no nays.
 - Meeting adjourned at 10:24 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.