



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD (CCESAB)**



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date/Time: 6/7/2021 9:00 AM
Location: Virtual

Attendees

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Rebecca Hysing	x	CCBOH	Heidi Scaife	
Katie Lyden	x	CDPH		
John Corn	x	NEORS	Tom Madej	
Larry Tafe (non-voting)		PSJS Grants	Lezlie White	
Bob Zehentbauer (non-voting)		OEMA	Michelle Sowers (non-voting)	x
Chief Briant Galgas	x	MHFD		
Mark Christie (Chair)	x	CCOEM	Kevin Friis	x
Fred Szabo (Vice-Chair)	x	CLE OEM	Bob Horwatt	x
Vacant (Community Rep.)		Warrensville Hts.	Chief Herb Waugh	
Marek Owca	x	MetroHealth		
Megan Koeth		CWRU	Sgt. Paul Owens	x
Tom Revolinsky	x	ARC		
Lt. Bev Pettrey	x	CSU PD	David Diggins	
Laura Gold	x	Services for Ind. Living		
Serena Steele	x	COAD		
Chief Mike Carroll (non-member)		Lyndhurst FD		
Shimon Mermelstein (non-voting)	x	CLE OEM		

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.
- Roll Call conducted, quorum met

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M. Owca requested that the spelling of MetroHealth be corrected in the 4.19.21. Minutes approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

4. CCOEM UPDATES

- K. Friis discussed the Office of Emergency Management's intention to initiate the reviews/updates of various plans and annexes. Many of the update intervals had been paused due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. K. Friis mentioned that 26 of the approximately 80 plans CCOEM maintains had been used during the pandemic. He also mentioned that meetings would be scheduled in the coming months to initiate the After-Action Review (AAR) process for the local response/recovery efforts. M. Owca recommended soliciting Beth Gatlin and representation from the Hospital Zone One calls to be part of the AAR process.
- M. Christie discussed the scheduling of future meetings for the committee for the remainder of 2021. August 16th, October 18th, and December 13th are the dates currently set for future meetings.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS

- M. Christie stated that the Mass Vaccination site at the Wolstein Center would end operations today (6/7).
- M. Christie updated the committee on CCOEM's EMAP reaccreditation efforts. CCOEM received its Preliminary Assessment Report and was recommended for compliance with all standards. CCOEM will receive the official decision in July.
- M. Christie stated that the Mitigation Plan update process would commence soon and that members of this committee would be invited to participate.
- S. Steele provided an update on the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP). Efforts are underway to update the Plan to encompass all planned trainings and exercise for years 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- S. Steele also mentioned that the State is opening the process for counties to request trainings beginning in July.
- J. Corn expressed that the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) would soon begin to accommodate trainings at their facility once again.
- S. Steele provided an overview of volunteer coordination activities at the vaccine clinics. To commemorate National Volunteer Week the County Executive provided volunteers with certificates of appreciation.
- R. Hysing provided a summary of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health's (CCBH) current activities. Efforts involving large vaccination clinics have tapered off, CCBH is focusing on small community-based clinics in areas with lower vaccination rates. Also, case volume has significantly dropped (50-75 cases per day in Cuyahoga County). The positivity rate has also dropped. Vaccines administered by Board of Health is approximately 58,000. CCBH is working on an agency AAR
- K. Lyden added that CDPH had seen a drop-off in vaccine numbers and that they are now focusing on smaller community-based vaccination clinics. Additionally, CDPH is working with schools in Cleveland to get students vaccinated. Homebound vaccine efforts in Cleveland are occurring twice per week. CDPH has administered approximately 59,000 doses of vaccine

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- M. Owca provided an update from the hospital perspective. He expressed that like Public Health, they are winding down their pop-up drive thru clinics. Focused outreach to underserved populations is occurring. The Hospital Zone One calls have decreased to once per month.
- J. Corn provided an update from Utilities. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) is transitioning to recovery efforts and beginning to open up to the public again. The data that NEORS is gathering seems to either hold steady or trend downward. NEORS continues to take samples twice a week and are presently evaluating if they will continue to surveil at that level.
- F. Szabo provided an update from the Cleveland EOC. The EOC is producing weekly SitReps every Monday and has 4 planned activations for special events through the remainder of the year. Additionally, the EOC is monitoring the Free Palestine demonstrations in downtown Cleveland. Cleveland is slated to host the National Homeland Security Conference in 2022.
- L. Gold provided an overview of the mission of her organization, Services for Independent Living. Services for Independent Living is a non-profit that provides services and advocacy for people with disabilities in Northeast Ohio. L. Gold also discussed the upcoming launch of the Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) hotline. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Administration for Community Living) announced the launch of a national hotline to connect people with disabilities to information and services to improve access to COVID-19 vaccines.
- L. Gold also discussed the completion of a home modification program via a grant received to provide home modifications for people with disabilities. The program also provides education to people with disabilities on how to prepare for emergencies.
- T. Revolinsky provided updates from the American Red Cross. The Red Cross is starting the process of resuming congregate sheltering operations.
- Lt. Pettrey discussed CSU PD's exercise planning and stated that they were participating in the Wolstein Center After Action review process.
- Chief Galgas posed a question about second round of vaccinations for first responders. M. Owca provided an overview of the current research and expressed that the studies were still ongoing.
- P. Owens provided a brief update on the CWRU vaccination efforts, which are expected to be concluding by the end of the month.
- M. Sowers provided an update on Ohio EMA operations. Ohio EMA is concluding support at the Wolstein Center POD and beginning to shift focus back to non-covid activities.

6. NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is August 16th

7. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn by M. Owca, seconded by J. Corn. All ayes, no nays
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.