



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



**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Date/Time: 8/16/2021 9:00 AM

Location: 4747 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Cuyahoga Heights, OH 44125 (Room A)

**Attendees**

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Rebecca Hysing	x	CCBOH	Heidi Scaife	x
Tommy Doot	x	CDPH	Katie Lyden	x
John Corn		NEORS	Tom Madej	
Larry Tafe (non-voting)		PSJS Grants	Lezlie White	x
Bob Zehentbauer (non-voting)		OEMA	Michelle Sowers (non-voting)	
Chief Briant Galgas		MHFD		
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	
Marek Owca		Metro Health		
Megan Koeth		CWRU	David Diggins	
Tom Revolinsky	x	ARC	Kaiser Hamilton	
Lt. Bev Pettrey	x	CSU PD	Sgt. Paul Owens	
Laura Gold		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 9:10 AM.
- Roll Call conducted, quorum was not met

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Approval of the 6.7.21 meeting minutes did not occur due to not having quorum.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**4. GRANTS UPDATE**

- L. White provided an overview of the Grants Division's current procurement activities. She also provided an update on the FY21 SHSGP request and mentioned that, at the time of the meeting, she had only received 1 project from Lake County in addition to the 5 projects from Cuyahoga County. The Region 2 County EMAs are scheduled to meet on 8/18 to finalize the region's submission to OEMA.
- L. White also discussed the recurring cybersecurity requirement for SHSGP funding. The Committee discussed various ways for the CCESAB to better evaluate cybersecurity projects. The consensus of the group was to expand membership of the EM Committee to include IT/ cybersecurity subject matter experts. And, if warranted in the future, consider establishing a separate cybersecurity committee within the CCESAB should the expanded EM committee prove to be insufficient.

**5. REVIEW OF UPDATED CCOEM PLANS**

- No plans for review. M. Christie provided general planning updates from the County Office of Emergency Management regarding the Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes, the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment/ Stakeholder Preparedness Report (THIRA/SPR), and the Mitigation Plan. B. Horwatt discussed Cleveland Emergency Management's efforts to update and condense the city's EOP.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- M. Christie provided an update on the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management's 5-year reaccreditation process with the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). The Office was officially reaccredited in July.
- F. Szabo and B. Horwatt provided several updates from Cleveland, including: the Airport Full-scale exercise scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>, efforts to enhance sharing Emergency Management information within the city, hosting the 2022 Homeland Security Conference, and the 3-remaining planned EOC activations for 2021 (for the Rock and Roll HOF Induction, the Marathon, and Winterfest).
- T. Revolinsky provided updates on the American Red Cross' response to recent weather events and discussed their current strategy for congregate sheltering.
- R. Hysing and H. Scaife provided updates on the COVID-19 conditions. Cuyahoga County is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health released a notice earlier in August supporting the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance that recommends the use of face masks indoors regardless of vaccine status. R. Hysing and H. Scaife also discussed the emerging news concerning COVID-19 booster shots for immunocompromised individuals.
- Lt. Pettrey discussed CSU's preparations for welcoming students back onto campus. She also discussed plans to facilitate a Rescue Task Force (RTF) training in the spring.
- S. Steele provided updates on Communities Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD). She stated that she continues to receive interest from volunteers to assist at the vaccine clinics. Presently there are 26 CERT teams representing 35 communities in Cuyahoga County.

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- T. Doot and K. Lyden provided updates from the Cleveland Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH is resuming their virtual Joint Information Center (JIC) operations in response to the COVID-19 Delta variant and increasing vaccination efforts. The Annual Dispensing Drill is scheduled in Oct.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting concluded at 10:00 AM.
- Next Meeting is scheduled at 9:00 AM on October 18<sup>th</sup>.