

SPARC Executive Committee Meeting  
11-14-2014  
1330-1500

Attendees: Brad Robinson, Mike Maddox, Larry Busch, Mark Stevens, Allen Ninness, Bill Sandusky, Jay Sims, Kevin Gillespie.

Minute taker: Brad Robinson

1335- Quorum established, meeting called to order.

General Discussion on Ebola. Mike discussed the IDPH mandated meetings of the hospital executives on hospital response and RIEM Centers. Mike said he will encourage health department participation from the counties that have hospitals that want to be RIEM Centers.

Plans are to follow up with all coalition members at the quarterly SPARC meeting on January 6, 2015. Discussion on asking all coalition members to bring all information of their agencies level of preparedness to share information.

Request to invite the Red Cross to the next SPARC meeting to discuss the reorganization of the regional offices.

Mike asked the opinions of the committee to allow webinar participation of the SPARC meetings. Discussion of using technology to not only bolster participation, but to bring in speakers and topics that could not be presented in person.

Not enough members here to officially act on the re-election schedule. Will address in the next 6 months.

Officers: All current office holders re-elected by unanimous vote.

Coalition's Mission and Purpose: Mike asked the committee to consider items needed to fulfill mission and purpose. Mark Stevens recommended establishing and filling SPARC committees.

Alan suggested bringing in more community partners, like established community groups and businesses in our community. Especially the businesses and corporations that actively participate in disaster preparedness and recovery.

Mike discussed the HUD grant opportunity for disaster preparedness/recovery projects. General discussion on the possibility of applying for funding for EOCs. Alan presented the possibility of creating architectural plans for an EOC and they can be used by any SPARC regional participant to use for grant applications. Also, Mark discussed the possibility of applying for a regional training center.

Adjourned 1509