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Coalition members,

The Shawnee Preparedness and Response Coalition has a number of standing subcommittees that are in need of more members. One of our visions for SPARC is that it will be a diverse membership that truly represents the whole community. Thus, we need to have diversity in our subcommittees as well.

Below is a list of the current standing subcommittees, a short description of their purpose or what they may be doing, and a list of current committee members. Many of these have yet to meet, so if you join, don't feel like you will be playing catch up.

As these subcommittees grow and develop, they will often times expand their own purpose and mission as well.

Please consider joining one or more of these subcommittees and let me or another member of the executive committee know. I have listed the current members of the executive committee at the end of this document.

Communications Subcommittee

This committee will ensure the coalition and external partners will have the plans, devices, information, etc. necessary to effectively communicate both during day to day, and response modes. This committee may be involved in website development or contractor selection, Website and Facebook upkeep, Plan writing including regional Tactical Interoperability Communications Planning, contact list upkeep, and development of tools, guides, information, and training related to communications.

Current members: Lisa Beasley, Salem Township hospital; Rachel Jabr, St. Joseph Memorial hospital

Education and Exercise Subcommittee

This subcommittee will identify training, education, and exercise needs. They will identify methods of providing training, and education and look for ways that our coalition can further develop "in house" training to meet the needs of the coalition members. This committee will also work to develop drills and exercises and complete the regional Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP). Planning for a regional full scale exercise in 2017 will be a part of this group's mission.

Current members: Amy Mathes, John A. Logan College; Kevin Daugherty, Pinckneyville hospital; Judy Courter, Franklin Hospital; Shirley Spangler, Franklin Hospital

Planning Subcommittee

This subcommittee is tasked with developing regional plans and associated tools excluding communications plans. A couple of the current region needs involve some regional medical response plans and regional medical evacuation plans, but also include updating and expanding a regional response plan that includes coalition response and how members will function to assist one another and the community in times of need. Regional MOU development and other planning needs will be addressed by this subcommittee.

Current members: Pam Akins, Union County Hospital; Chrissy Frymire, Heartland Regional Medical Center; Robin Jones, Good Samaritan Hospital; Todd Carr, Hardin County General Hospital; Yvonne Vieregge, Randolph County Health Department.

Public Safety

This Subcommittee will address safety and security concerns and issues. Public safety includes planning, training, and response needs of fire, law enforcement, and private security as they pertain to disaster preparedness and response.

Current members: Pat Creek, Williamson County EMA; Brad Campbell, Herrin Hospital

Business and Industry

This subcommittee will ensure the planning and response needs of our region's business and industry community are addressed. The committee will work on increasing preparedness awareness in the private sector businesses and act as a liaison between the business community and other preparedness partners.

Current members: Tina Hale, Ameren Illinois; Alan Ninness

Functional Needs

The functional needs subcommittee will work to ensure compliance with functional needs requirements among our coalition members. This may be in the form of providing training and expertise, identifying or providing resources, and / or assisting in planning needs of the coalition and it's members.

Current members: Terry Fulk, Jackson County Health Department

Public Information and Community Outreach

This subcommittee will act as a conduit to the community in identifying communication and outreach needs. The subcommittee will also work with local PIOs and PIO coalitions to develop consistent messaging and other resources to assist coalition members with issues or planning needs related to public information or community outreach.

Current members: Rachel Jabr, St. Joseph Memorial Hospital

Finance

This subcommittee will develop budgets, ensure fiscal requirements are met, and assist the Executive Committee with funding matters including short and long range funding projection, funding identification and development.

Current members: Larry Busch, Southern Illinois Community Foundation; Janice Clayton, Southern Illinois Community Foundation; Mike Maddox, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale

Rules and Bylaws

This subcommittee is tasked with the development and upkeep of the coalition's bylaws and other procedural rules. The group will also develop and oversee the election process for coalition representatives and the development and upkeep of the coalition membership applications. This subcommittee may also be assigned to develop other general coalition rules by the Executive Committee from time to time.

Current members: Mike Maddox, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale; Linda Angarola, Illinois Department of Public Health; Mike Hertz, Carbondale EMA / Carbondale Fire; Terry Fulk, Jackson County Health Department.

Please let an executive committee member or me know if you are interested in serving on any of these subcommittees. Typically, the committees will meet by phone conference or GoTo meeting type of session. Some may meet in person, but that depends on the members and their preferences.

SPARC Interim Executive Committee members:

Amy Mathes, John A. Logan College
Brad Robinson, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale
Larry Busch, Southern Illinois Community Foundation
Chris Pulley, Illinois Emergency Management Agency
Jay Sims, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale
Alan Ninnes, Saline County Emergency Management Agency
Rachel Jabr, Saint Joseph Memorial Hospital
Kevin Gillespie, Illinois Department of Public Health
Linda Angarola, Illinois Department of Public Health
William Sandusky, Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency
Jamie Byrd, Egyptian Health Department
Mark Stevens, Jefferson County Health Department
Tina Hale, Ameren Illinois
Mike Maddox, Memorial Hospital of Carbondale