
MEETING NOTES

December 14th, 2016

King County Metro

Participants: Ann Kennedy (Paratransit Services), Danielle Bailey (FEMA), Deborah Witmer (City of Seattle), Francois Larrivee (Hopelink), John Rochford (KC Metro), Mike Ryan (SHS Region 6), Nicole Johnson (Pierce Co. DEM), Pattijean Hooper (City of Kirkland), Randy Fay (Snohomish Co. EM), Robin Pfohman (Public Health), Sophia Lopez (City of Bellevue), Zoë Jorna (Hopelink).

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting began at 9:35am. Attendees provided introductions.

Zoë Jorna asked members if they had any objections to their names or logos being added to RARET materials. It was decided to include agency logos rather than names.

John Rochford announced some Seattle streets will be closing at 10:30 am for the Sounders parade.

BRIEFING: WINTER WEATHER MOBILITY TASK FORCE

Neil Crosier was unable to attend and provide the briefing. Robin Pfohman and John Rochford stepped in to provide the workgroup with a little background. The Winter Weather Mobility Task Forces was defined as a way to conceptualize how to handle winter weather conditions.

Zoë Jorna will contact Neil Crosier about providing more detail at the next meeting.

BRIEFING: SERVICE PROVIDERS SUBCOMMITTEE

John Rochford began by saying he wished the group had good news to share. The subcommittee has identified several barriers and found that there is no extra insurance coverage for providers while serving in an emergency. John Rochford mentioned that transportation providers working for a brokerage are voluntary and there is no incentive for them to risk damage to their vehicles. Deborah Witmer proposed the idea of collecting best practices from transportation providers on the East Coast.

John Rochford also mentioned that the subcommittee has bounced around the idea of premium pay as an incentive to transportation providers. Ann Kennedy warned that this could be a sticky situation that providers may take advantage of and that it should be a case by case basis. Robin Pfohman asked if the RARET workgroup should work to set a premium set rate. Randy Fay advised waiting as there is often a three to four day lag in a disaster declaration and no

guarantee of reimbursement. Pattijean Hooper echoed Randy's point. Robin Pfohman brought up the idea to offer providers with trained drivers premium pay. She also brought up the idea of trying to open up current SDOT, Metro, etc. training opportunities to transportation providers.

Cross-county transportation is another barrier the subcommittee identified. Francois Larrivee mentioned that cross-county transportation is an opportunity to support one another and that we should go back to the HCA to get pre-authority. Ann Kennedy mentioned that the HCA has allowed for cross-county transportation before and that the problem often lies with city or county regulations.

WORKSHOP PLANNING

The next topic was on the upcoming communications workshop series, scheduled for January 27th (Snohomish), February 3rd (King), and February 10th (Pierce). The workshops will be in the form of a mini table-top exercise. For the focus of the workshop, Robin Pfohman suggested that we keep the scenarios focused around known gaps. She also suggested that we use the table top to connect broker communication systems back to how we create concepts. Pattijean Hooper thought this table top could be good for the emergency managers as well. Francois Larrivee thought the value of the table top may be that it exposes gaps in communication. Robin Pfohman mentioned that medical centers should be included in the workshop.

A big question that kept coming up was about regional coordination. Randy Fay posed the questions: What does regional coordination look like? Who is going to make the call on priorities? Sophia Lopez and Francois Larrivee saw the importance of the regional effort and mentioned that we should start with the small, local table tops and then progress to a large regional table-top. We will try to use these small workshops to promote a large regional table top. Pattijean Hooper suggested that before we begin planning we write out two or three objectives for the workshop.

ACTION ITEMS

- *Zoë Jorna* will assemble a subcommittee to plan the workshop
- *Sophia Lopez* will look through Cascadia injects
- *Zoë Jorna* will begin researching a date and location for the regional table-top

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 10th from 9:30am to 11:00am
Metro's King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98104

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