

Oregon Citizen Corps - State Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –October 30, 2012

Present:

Erik Anderson Marion County Akiko Berkman (phone) Oregon Health Authority Alyssa Bostian (phone) Oregon Health Authority Stella Hickey (phone) Oregon Fire Corps Roberta Janssen Oregon State Defense Force	Mitch Neilson City of Hillsboro Richard Newton Medical Reserve Corps Roger Stevenson Salem Emergency Management Kelly Jo Craigmiles Oregon Emergency Mgmt Bev Hall, Chuck Perino Oregon Emergency Mgmt.
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1. **Introduction and Opening:** Chair Mitch Neilson opened the meeting at 1:00.
2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes from June 13, 2012 were approved as written.
3. **Federal Update – Fred Bretsch:** Fred did not attend.
4. **State Update – Chuck Perino:** Chuck showed a sample of the completed Citizen Corps backpacks. This project won the “State Citizen Corps Council Initiative of the year” runner-up award. The 90 backpacks are currently being distributed to the coastal counties as staff travel to the coast.
5. **2012 Citizen Corps Grant Review Discussion:** Kelly Jo Craigmiles announced that the grant letters have gone out, and went over the results. She said the quality of the applications was not very good this year.
6. **Review of State Citizen Corps SAC Charter:** Section 1 of the charter was reviewed. Voting members were identified – it was decided that Erik will represent CERT and Mitch will represent Citizen Corps Council. Openings are in Tribal Representative, Neighborhood Watch, and VIPS. Mitch said he knows someone in Hillsboro that could fill the VIPS position. As far as non-voting members is concerned, discussion was held about how to fill them. Stella Hickey suggested using organizations such the Volunteer Firefighters Association to fill first responder member roles.
7. **Discussion on SAC Strategic Work Plan and Potential SAC Projects for FY 2013:** A brainstorming session was held with lots of ideas suggested for projects and refocusing of the SAC focus. Discussion followed on the likely lack of funding and its impact on the future of the SAC. Stella mentioned Fire Corps 501 c3 efforts and the success of private sector donations. Mitch brought forth the idea of state tax credits for volunteers training and equipment. Issues with the lack of conformity in groups certifications of instructors and volunteers were discussed as was a statewide volunteer credentialing system. Kelly Jo and Chuck brought up that OEM doesn’t have the personnel or resources for such a vast project.

It was decided to focus on a survey of Citizen Corps groups first. Mitch and Stella will work on the survey with Chuck. Chuck summarized the work plan ideas as follows:

- Develop and distribute a survey for CC/CERT leaders to determine needs/wants
- Look into practical ways of credentialing/classifying volunteers
- Look into ways of addressing the training discrepancies throughout the state.

8. **Good of the Order:** Erik announced that Marion County held their first Spanish CERT training.
9. **Next meeting: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 from 1:00-3:00**
The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.