

Minutes: 9/22/2005

## REGION 1 HOMELAND SECURITY TRIBAL MEETING

### Meeting called to order 10:25am :

Present at meeting:

Glenn Coil - Tulalip Tribes

Fuzzy Fletcher - Snoqualmie Tribe

Lorelei Ranney (HLS Adm. Asst.) Tulalip

Lynda Harvey - Tulalip Tribe (Chairman)

Curt Russell - NWTEMC

Steve Hardy - Stillaguamish Tribe

Andy Hendrickson - FEMA RX

Stephanie Peebles - NW WAIHB - Swinomish, Uper Skagit, Lummi & Nooksack Tribe

Joe Hemmerich - Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Greg Stern - Whatcom County Health Dept.

Buffi LaDue - WCHD

TJ Harmon - Region 1 Public Health Emergency Management

Sherolyn Nicholes - Region 1 Public Health Emergency Management

Pat Rusch - Lummi Tribal Health Center

Barbara Finkbonner - Lummi Tribal Health Center

At last meeting we invited our health partners to attend meeting.

We also gave updates 06 Health money. 05 dollars we were given a spread sheet on what we want to get, but the 06 money they are going to be a little bit flexible.

Joe Hemmerich - has not been contact about his wish list. Also he has passed on information to his health person.

Lynda - stated that the DOH money was awarded not applied for and that many tribes did not understand why they were getting this money and sent it back also how to go about getting this money. They are trying to wrap up the 04, 05, contracts to start with the 06 money so everyone should get their A-19's turned in. Johnny is hoping to get the letters out by end of year the amount of the award will be same as the first award.

Lynda and Curt - suggested that everyone use the money to hire additional staffing.

The suggestion was made that you could use this meeting as one of the deliverables. Greg asked if there was anything in writing that people could use to help fill it out the paper work. (Johnny Clark did write something up but it was hard to understand.)

### Region One Retreat

Will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> unknown location at this time this for voting members to discuss were we are going and what we want for the council and to resolve the discontent that the members have had before to walk away with a clean slate. Joe Huden will be the facilitator for this retreat.

Homeland Security is competing for dollars this will be a regional effort. What Risks and Vulnerabilities we have or face and the consequences- what the language is.

- \*Regional Strategic Planning –for future funding
- \*Emergency Response
- \*Charter and bylaws
- \*Vote by proxy
- \*Training
- \*Interoperability & Communication
- \*Planning
- \* Fund distribution how it works
- \*Rules change

When the location is set we will get the word out if you want to attend you are more than welcome.

Lynda – Suggested make modifications on template for Regional Projects, IE, IET. Retreat developed a list at previous meeting would like it brought back up so we don't have to start over would save a lot of time.

Review new Membership, Ex-officio to let Sheriffs and Public Works and other people come to the table. To let everyone know that not one dollar went to the tribes it all went to the county's who had DEM already in place. Some are in question as to why Casino's are considered a Critical Infrastructure. All the tribes need to work on this list of there Critical Infrastructures.

Curt - will attend meetings and trainings in place of tribal members if they are not able to attend so that a tribal perspective is brought to the table.

Greg - say's we are trying to treat the tribes like the statement (No Child Left Behind), also asked how does one designate what is critical and what is a threat.

Steve Hardy - responded with all the thousands of people who go through our Casinos it is a potential hazard such as a biohazard exposure it will affect many.

Fuzzy – No money because someone doesn't think you fit the criteria.

Steve - ½ Agree and the other half don't think so.

Curt - Our Casino are jobs and money for our people so can't see why they wouldn't be considered a Critical Infrastructure.

### **List of Vulnerabilities**

0-3, which everyone will view

Glenn – will be assisting in identifying the buildings of Critical Infrastructure with Tulalip and any other tribes that would like his assistance.

Steve Hardy – They are still working on establishing an Office of Emergency Management.

Tribes don't need State approval to have a DEM in place. They need to pass a resolution to start the process. Tulalip will help in establishing with the tribes to get one in place.

Curt – The Commodity Flow Studies Research we have all info to be ready and established.

Lynda – Region 1 and Tribal Committee Pilot Project NWTEMC hired 2 employees which are Curt Russell and Lorelei Ranney.

Copies – DOJ Grants will make available directly to the tribes to apply for to get the 06 dollars and get copies of Critical Infrastructure.

Greg – Put Mutual Aid Agreements between Health and the 5 counties and Region to Region, or County to County.

Curt – Interlocal between the 8 tribes for down the road as a regional effort.

Lynda – Pilot Project we gave a briefing to bring the Health Dept. to the table. Highest Priorities for the tribes is to get everyone NIMS certified so we will be able to apply for all preparedness funding.

Curt – The December 7<sup>th</sup> training, location not known at this time, but will involve NIMS for the first half of the day then lunch, and then IS 100 and the conclusion of that there will be exercise to make it relevant for everyone to understand why it is so important for everyone to be trained. We have asked everyone if they have extra money in their budget to help with putting on this exercise. Gary James has offered some money to help put this most needed exercise on at Lummi.

Joe Hemmerich - Offered to assist with Casino Security and Scenario if needed.

Lynda – We have already set up Tulalip Casino NIMS Training we have 45 members of the TGA staff signed up to start class. Six of the Supervisors will be attending the Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Class. Public Works also should be a part of the NIMS process and anyone else who wants to attend is welcome to get involved.

### Training

Curt - November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00pm there will be a meeting at the Snohomish County PUD which no one Tribe can speak for another so Tulalip or Stilligumish. But if not available Curt Russell may attend in there place so that the Tribal perspective is present.

In Alabama there is an ODP / CDP (Center for Domestic Preparedness course) which has 28 courses to improve the tribal perspective nationally. The training is somewhat a generic class but it will give them our input by attending. This is a fully paid from November 7-11. There is someone from Snoqualmie going to attend so anyone of the tribes may send someone.

Train the Trainer Class ADR 160

Lynda – Tulalip has 4 people qualified to teach this class as well as Steve Hardy in Stilliguamish.

Lynda and Curt - have been traveling and giving quite a bit of exposure to the NWTEMC all the expense has been paid for by Tulalip and that when free training is offered we encourage everyone to attend.

There has been a change at Nooksack Steve Defries is no longer the Chief of Police. The new Chief is Larry Mount. He was the Chief of Police before Steve so this was a good time to see if our note books work as he is now taking over and may look in the binder as to what has been done for Nooksack.

Lynda and Curt – Have been invited to give the Tribal Perspective so have been signed up to the NWWARN for National and International Information which they receive 3 E-mails a day.

Fuzzy – If you apply to this NWWARN please make sure you have a specific duty and a governmental address because Jennie Thompson at FBI will give you a call if you do not.

Andy – No AOL accounts or Comcast e-mail addresses.

Lynda – HLS is soliciting by comments November 1<sup>st</sup> Tribal Crossings. Be sure to put requests to Tribal attorneys (US visit program and passports).

Curt – The cost and time to get proper paper work done to cross the border.

#### Summary Report

- Go to NWTEMC on the website to get a look at our reports & meeting briefings.
- We have received Bracelets with NWTEMC on them to hand out to the Elders and the children so everyone will not forget our LOGO.
- Press Releases they are also posted to the website so if you have a paper or a flyer please let Lorelei Ranney now so that if we have any articles we can send them out to get in your local paper contact person. This is all to promote the Consortium.
- We have purchased Backpacks to distribute with Emergency Preparedness info to give to the Elders. Bag's have Tulalip Tribes police Dept. Logo and NWTEMC Logo and Shelter in place.
- EMPG Funding Request is due 5:00pm October 21<sup>st</sup>, there is 132 million dollars which was sent in an Amendment to Congress and Michelle Sabin also.

Break 12:05

The 3<sup>rd</sup> component was brought to all the members to meet every month at least once. Curt and Lynda represent the NWTEMC and bring to the attention of everyone.

Slide Show we need to add a slide (which identifies the need).

Lynda – We need to build teams and figure out how we can work together and establish a forum and work with other jurisdictions. We also need to Establish Tribal Codes and Develop a Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Curt – He announced that Lummi is bringing on two new people to write the plans that are needed in Lummi and Whatcom County and assisting the NWTEMC also to bring this to everyone at the table. This Method will be called R and D Method (Rip off and duplicate). The nurse that will be hired will work after hours to help reduce the contract health cost and a advice RN to serve the community and will hopefully become a permanent employee.

Local Public Health is looking to make connections with the Tribes. They are getting the guidelines for working together so that they can work with us to solve problems that are a mutual and we can maintain our sovereignty.

Stephanie Peebles - has been working on the relationship with the NW Tribes.

Curt – Tribal Law to write it the CDC is making sure they get it done so we don't have to have someone from the outside making our decisions for us so that it is done locally.

Lynda – She spoke at Conference in Yakima and brought the cultural aspect and the sensitivity of the Tribes with a personal story.

Curt – Likes to see the Public Health set a forum for which we can support.

Lynda – What Curt is saying is important in that we are in the driving seat and what can we do collectively.

Greg – Routine Public Health, what, and how to treat it, and what needs to be done involves everyone, it means a community response.

Lynda – Emergency Management brings a broader perspective.

Greg – The Myths about Law Enforcement and EMS on protecting the public and Law Enforcement and EMS.

TJ – Nurse and Emergency Director and Health she says that there is no connection between Emergency Management Departments and that the public health perspective is brought in so that in a situation everyone can work side by side to get what ever the problem taken care of such as public roads or water, refrigeration etc, etc.

Lynda – We need a forum that includes State, County, Tribes, Health, and Federal.

TJ – On her calendar for December 15<sup>th</sup> there is a workshop.

- Isolation, Law and Policy,
- Authorities and Mandates
- Social Responsibilities
- Then the attorneys will breakout to discuss the needs and how to deal with them.

This is by invitation only she will be sending out invitations to these Judges, Sheriffs, School District, and Tribal Points of contact.

Follow Up – How would we implement the plan?

Greg – Educating everyone so it is not us and them to protect everyone.

TJ – This will force everyone to suggest other way's of handling things.

Curt – Idea an all day retreat or ½ day on the mission statement.

Greg – What is the Tribes Public Health side when an outbreak occurs? Is the public health going to take care of the entire cost or part? Do they handle it themselves and who does what and kind of help.

Lynda – Who is going to be handling it internally in every tribe?

Greg – There is 35 Health Jurisdictions and 35 Health Issues so make sure the distinctions of the roles.

Lynda – Solid direction. Contact everyone that needs to be involved and bring them together once a month and then Establish who is going to be designated to come to the Region 1 Tribal Committee Meeting for the Tribe.

Curt – This is not the Curt & Lynda show. This involves everyone in order to build and go forward.

Lynda – The Next Meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Stillaguamish Adm. Bldg.

TJ – Suggests a Steering committee to get Ideas and Training.

Greg – Suggests an E-mail if you have any questions or suggestions.

TJ – Invite Regional to meet here a Stilliguamish instead of Burlington. TJ offered to supply Lunch.

Greg – What connection does Police and Health have together?

Lynda & Curt – Our Tribal Police Chiefs are very supportive of the Health Participation aspects.

Lynda – Curt wrote and put conference updates in News Letter.

Lynda – Chiefs are involved in three different consortiums. Binders: are they working? (Yes) an emergency plan we would like them to have in place at Health Facilities. And if a change of personnel it works great because they can come in grab the book and see where they are and what needs to be done.

Lynda – PDM Grant was awarded to purchase a back up lap-top that has all Emergency Management Information.

Sherolyn –Has a video library, we can make copies of these.

Curt –Web site is updated regularly and Danica also updates Website with training. The First Gov.gov is setting up a link to our Website.

Lynda – Will send out minutes in two weeks and will send out three week call out for agenda items and suggestions or any time sooner. There are many of the tribes that want to be involved in this Forum.

Curt – Everyone needs to leave there Egos at the door because we all need to work together.

Lynda – Adjourn meeting at 1:25pm.