

AGENDA NOTE – HRPDC ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING

ITEM # 18: PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

A. Joint Environmental Committee

The Joint Environmental Committee met on October 7, 2010. The meeting included:

- Presentation from HRPDC staff on Virginia's Coastal Zone Management Section 309 Program Enhancement Strategy.
- Presentation from HRPDC staff and local government representatives, serving on the Department of Conservation and Recreation Regulatory Advisory Panel, concerning the process to revise the state's Stormwater Management Regulations.
- Presentations from HRPDC staff on the HRPDC Climate Change Study and the Sustainability Grant Proposal.
- Consideration of comments on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Virginia Watershed Implementation Plan.
- Consideration of the HRPDC staff annual reports on Regional Stormwater Cooperation and HR STORM.

This meeting was followed by an EPA Webinar on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. The webinar originated in the HRPDC Board Room and included presentations from a number of EPA staff.

B. Directors of Utilities Committee

The HRPDC Directors of Utilities Committee is scheduled to meet on October 13, 2010. The agenda will include discussions of several components of the Regional Sanitary Sewer Overflow Consent Order, Groundwater Regulations, the Hampton Roads Regional Water Supply Plan and the work of the state Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee. It is expected that recommendations on the Consent Order components will be developed for consideration and action by the HRPDC in November.

C. Regional Housing Program

Hampton Roads Loan Fund Partnership

The FY11 allocation of HOME funds for the down payment and closing cost assistance program has not been announced by DHCD to date. Additionally, due to

the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (S.A.F.E), housing administrators that provide mortgage lending, community grants programs, such as down payment assistance and foreclosure/mortgage default counseling are required to become licensed. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has asked the State Corporation Commission (SCC) for further clarity of this law as it relates to housing programs and projects currently administered through localities and local housing authorities.

The Housing and Human Services staff hosted three – 20 hour test preparation seminars to fulfill the Federal laws requirement of pre-examination education. Housing providers from James City County, York County, City of Virginia Beach, and Housing Authority Officials from Suffolk, Chesapeake, and Newport News participated in these trainings.

Housing and Human Service Technical Support

Staff members are also continuing to assist the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium and are currently assisted with on the Fourth Annual Housing Awards that was held on September 30, 2010. Regional Housing Leaders were honored for their work in developing and advocating for safe and affordable housing for residents of the Hampton Roads Area. Frank Lafurno, Hampton Redevelopment & Housing Authority, Jessica Gugliemo, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation, Lynn Finding, LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc and Shernita L. Bethea, Housing and Human Services Manager for the HRPDC were all 2010 award recipients.

The HRPDC staff participated in the South Hampton Roads Disability Services Board Symposium on September 21, 2010. The goal of this event was to enhance the communication between the local governments, local training organizations, the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services system, and citizens with disabilities in order to facilitate preparation for employment and future hiring. Over 150 consumers and employees registered and attended this event. Based on feedback from the symposium, the SHRDSB board will be developing more outreach initiatives with this grant initiative. Audio Visual equipment and software will be purchased in October. This equipment will allow the SHRDSB members to provide on-site presentations and workshops on employment issues to local government agencies as well as provide training and outreach to consumers. While state funding for disability service boards across the Commonwealth has been discontinued, the SHRDSB has worked diligently to continue to assist in increasing awareness concerning employment issues, obstacles and opportunities for people with disabilities in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, and Suffolk.

D. Regional Economics Program Report

Technical Assistance

Economics staff routinely provides technical assistance and support to member jurisdictions and regional organizations. Information from both the HRPDC Data Book and the Commission's Benchmarking Study provides easy access to a great deal of regional information. Over the past month, staff has provided information to individuals, member localities, regional organizations, and the media. Presentations were made to the LEAD Hampton Roads class as well as to the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority.

Census 2010

HRPDC staff continues to act as a Regional Census Partner to the U.S. Census Bureau. Census information has been added to the organization publications and the Commission's website. HRPDC staff serves on complete count committees at both the regional and jurisdictional levels, and has offered a variety of services to the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau recognized the Commission's efforts as a Census partner by providing an award plaque to the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Regional Competitiveness

Staff is working on a regional competitiveness study. The purpose of the study is to review the components of growth in competitive economies and evaluate the regional capacity for growth. This analysis will include an in-depth analysis of the region's occupational and industrial composition, with a particular focus on the region's labor supply.

Joint Forces Command (JFCOM)

Since the announcement of the potential closure of Joint Forces Command, a major combatant command headquartered in Hampton Roads, HRPDC staff has been investigating the economic impact that JFCOM has on the region. Several economic impact briefs have been released including information and analysis related to JFCOM's significant economic presence. Staff continues to monitor information that is released from the Department of Defense and will provide updates as new analysis becomes available.

E. Emergency Management Project Update (October 2010)

Debris Management

The development of a special regional WebEOC board that all localities, SPSA, and VPPSA can use to share information regarding debris management, contracts, and a method to ensure pricing is reasonable and reimbursable with FEMA when a declaration is made has been developed. The boards were populated with the contracts and other pertinent information as Hurricane Earl approached and bypassed Hampton Roads. The localities and SPSA found WebEOC to be a great venue for supporting their needs.

Hampton Roads Regional Jail and Inmate Evacuation Committee

The committee is scheduled to meet on October 7. A draft RFP to solicit a consultant to conduct the functional jail assessments for emergency operation plan enhancements and development of jail evacuation planning is currently being vetted and will be completed. Grant funds to support this initiative are expected to be received by December 2010.

Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (HRTacRAN)

The EM Administrator continues to work with the Hampton Roads Interoperability Communications Advisory Committee (HRICAC) Oversight Group in an effort to find a funding solution for sustainment of the system for follow-on service and maintenance procurement. The FY09 Port Security Grant Application that was submitted to VDEM in August 2010 as a potential temporary solution for sustainment. Representatives from the Area Maritime Security Committee conducted their initial review as part of the application process. If selected, awarding is expected to occur later this year. However, the FY07 Port Security Grant had some leftover funding that may be applied to this project. All necessary requests were made to VDEM to utilize these funds. VDEM sent the request to DHS in July as have yet to receive a response despite multiple attempts to resolve this request.

Peninsula Local Emergency Planning Commission (PLEPC)

A grant application was submitted to VDEM, by the City of Hampton on behalf of the PLEPC, for funds to update the current Peninsula Local Emergency Response Plan.

The City of Hampton was granted this the award in the requested amount. The HRPDC is supporting the work for this grant with a consultant (hired by Hampton) and the management of the project with the City of Hampton and PLEPC.

FY 2011 Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminars (HOEPS)

The Emergency Management staff continues to lead this seminar with public health partners and multiple health care organizations. The HOEPS planning committee has begun meeting on a monthly basis to begin planning next year's (2011) seminar. Tentative dates for next year's event is May 4th on the Peninsula and May 5th on the Southside.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

The grant applications for updating the Southside Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Franklin Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Southampton Hazard Mitigation Plan have been awarded. We have received the awarded, in the full amounts requested, and have accepted them. FEMA has requested additional information (letters of support from all towns) from Southampton County on their application and the emergency management staff continues to work with the County Administrative staff to fulfill the requested information. A draft RFP has already been developed and was vetted with the working groups on October 5th during a project kick-off meeting with representatives from the City of Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Franklin and the Counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton. The RFP will be finalized and released for consultant support on this project.

The Emergency Management staff continues to work with the City of Hampton's Emergency Manager by providing support to update the Peninsula Hazard Mitigation plan. A contractor was selected to provide support for the Peninsula plan and hazard mitigation planning activities have been initiated. The HRPDC is currently conducting an internal data call and working with all departments to gather the required information to support this planning process. Once complete, the HRPDC EM staff will work with locality emergency managers to fulfill any data gaps needed.

A website supporting this project for the staff, local agencies and future public participation has been established: www.remtac.org/mitigation.

Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP) Support

The Emergency Management staff continues to support the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team and the three workgroups to ensure existing projects and data is integrated. The three workgroups are (1) Evacuation and Transportation, (2) Commodities, Resources, and Volunteers, and (3) Mass Care and Sheltering.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Emergency Management staff continues to manage and support the Hampton Roads Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program for the Urban Area Working Group (UAWG). With the support of the consultant performing the Capabilities Assessment work, a final draft version of the Hampton Roads Homeland Security Strategy (HRHSS) has been completed based on the gap analysis from the assessment. The UAWG has been briefed and the HRHSS is being reviewed by all stakeholders.

Discussions and planning for future grant years continues with the refinement of a tool to track all projects under the UASI grant that have been requested, supported, and requires sustainment in the future. The UAWG has indicated that they want to ensure a portion of future grant funds are made available for sustainment with the rest dedicated towards new projects that will only be supported by the soon to be revised HRHSS.

The FY 07 UASI grant is nearing completion. A few projects have not been completed and an extension request for 6 months has been submitted by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to DHS on behalf of the UAWG. The request was granted and four projects were extended until November 30, 2010. All four are expected to be completed by October.

FY 10 UASI grant funds are expected to be received in December or January as indicated by VDEM's grant office.

Hampton Roads Medical Special Needs and WebEOC Implementation Update (FY 07 & FY 08 UASI Project)

The WebEOC Subcommittee continues to implement their plan for institutionalizing WebEOC in the region.

The Special Needs website and registry (www.hrspecialneeds.org) reconstruction is complete with all accessibility requirements being met. An official presentation and announcement will occur during the October 2010 Commission meeting.

Maritime Security and Response (FY 08 UASI Project)

Staff continues to solicit input from the Area Maritime Security Committee for the FY08 UASI project that is a follow-on project from FY07. At this time, it is also unclear whether the AMSC will utilize the funds available for this project. If not, further direction will be sought from DHS via VDEM.

Multi-Region Target Capabilities Assessment (FY 08 UASI Project)

The Emergency Management staff, on behalf of and in cooperation with the HR and Central Virginia (Richmond area) UASI regions, provide program management and implementation support for the Target Capabilities Assessment (TCA), through the UASI Grant program. The consultant has been analyzing the data and is nearly complete. The gap analysis was briefed at the September UAWG and REMTAC meetings. The final component to be completed is the revision to the HRHSS as indicated above in the UASI section. Also, staff is working with the UAWG and consultants to develop a scope of work for the next set of DHS Target Capabilities to be assessed with FY10 UASI funding.

Pet Sheltering Support (FY09 UASI Project)

The Committee supporting this effort met and finalized what equipment and supplies need to be procured for the trailers to support pet management in shelters. Staff has worked with the procurement staff to establish a contract mechanism to begin procuring the trailers, equipment and supplies. A price quote, with specs, will be delivered and passed onto the committee for consideration, revision, and/or acceptance if within the allowable grant guidance.

First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC)

The Emergency Management (EM) staff continues to advance the First Responder Authentication Credential (FRAC) pilot program in Hampton Roads initiated and lead by the Governor's Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (OCP) through State Homeland Security Grant funds. OCP continues to work with Verizon to establish the issuing stations. The Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs Association has been working with OCP's project manager in order to have the FRAC's first issued to the fire service throughout Hampton Roads. The contractor providing the service and

equipment is implementing system updates in order for it to be certified as production ready. The project manager is currently vetting dates for a working group meeting to plan for additional work stations.

Hampton Roads Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (HR CIPP)

Strategic planning by the Emergency Management staff for the development of a regional Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) program is on-going in coordination with the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness Critical Infrastructure Protection Coordinator.

The proceedings from the regional workshop with private and public stakeholders were developed delivered. The results from the workshop are facilitating the development of the regional Critical Infrastructure Resiliency and Strategic Plan. Moreover, the regional plan will implement key objectives of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and the Virginia Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency Strategic Plan (VCIPRSP). The HR CIPP Working Group met October 1, 2010 to review the draft of the regional plan. Efforts will continue to be expanded to support revisions of the plan and expanding stakeholder support. A website supporting this project has been established: www.hrcipp.org

2010 Department of Education's Emergency Management for Higher Education (EMHE) Grant

As part of the grant application process, colleges and universities in the region have the opportunity to apply for grant funds "to develop, or review and improve, and fully integrate campus based all-hazards emergency management planning efforts for institutions of higher education." The College of William and Mary and the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education (which represented Old Dominion University, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Christopher Newport University) requested and received a letter of support for the grant application. We are currently awaiting notification of the award.

F. Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program

The HRPDC and HRTPO staff submitted an application on August 23, 2010 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. HRPDC and HRTPO staffs briefed the Boards of the HRPDC and HRTPO on the grant proposal during the Board meetings held on July 21, 2010. The application was developed through cooperation between the HRPDC and HRTPO staffs, locality staffs, and the Hampton Roads Center for Civic

Engagement. Due to grant program requirements the defined region for the proposal was expanded to include Mathews County, Virginia and Currituck County, North Carolina. On September 28, 2010, the Mathews County Board of Supervisors authorized its County Administrator to execute the Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Hampton Roads Regional Sustainability Consortium.

Discussions with federal agency staff at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Roundtable on October 1, 2010 indicate that nearly 300 proposals for this program were received by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HRPDC staff understands that grant award announcements are now expected to be made during November or December.