



KCSARA Governing Body Meeting

Bellevue, Washington
Minutes for February 6, 2012

Attendees:

Dennis Brislawn	Ameeta Chainani	Mike Arnold	Mary Beebe
Martin Chisholm	Paul Davison	Kyle Dropp	Dennis Gaddy
Nancy Gaddy	Josh Gerstman	Teresa Hildebrandt	John MacDuff
Randy Riggs	Frank Rossi	Richard Smith	Todd Stone
John Traylor	JD Wallace	Jon Wartes	Janelle Wierenga

Note: Names in bold print are KCSARA Unit Reps

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Dennis B. Richard moved to approve minutes of meeting, 01/09/12; seconded by Paul, and passed.

Mission Activity & KCSO/WSSARCA Report (Dennis B)

- Alzheimers and Dementia walk away missions
- KCSO would like us to continue our work on benchmarks implementation. We are taking a positive turn to work with the system and where it can be. Jon will mediate and get your concerns in front of decision makers
- Ops meeting is not going to occur.

Treasurer's Report (Dennis B)

- Have P&L and B/S for 2011, and Jan 2012. Send questions and comments to Garth. Members requested accounts well ahead of time, not two hours before meeting.
- Need treasurer who doesn't have to be a SAR volunteer.
- All must use the new reimbursement form or it will delay response.
- Garth working with Chris to get mailing list of unit treasurers.

Executive Committee Reports:

- **Benchmarks:**
 - ✓ Tracie is in charge of this project and I will be working with her and get this behind us in about a month. Defining skills and how those skills will be measured. Some counties may opt out of benchmarks and go on their own.
 - ✓ Still looking into equivalences for those units with oversight from state organizations built in. Units like dogs and trackers are accountable to a higher unit so concept applies. 4x4 and IST do not have any such relationship.
 - ✓ Version 80 has provision to change by February 1, 2013.
 - ✓ SMR expressed that some aspects seem logistically a problem.
 - ✓ Question was asked about how specialized training falls into this and the answer was that it is not currently part of this process, only core/basic training that everyone is

supposed to have. Training directors are working towards creating an academy that meets the benchmarks so if units go to the academy, they should not have a problem meeting the benchmarks. Academy first, then unit specific training. We also need to look at our credentialing process.

- ✓ A lot of changes are happening at KCSO and we may not see much from them. We can get more autonomy if we meet the requirements.
- ✓ Garth and Dennis are reps to SARVAC but we need clarity before taking it up the chain.

Actions:

- ✓ A week prior to next benchmarks meeting on 21st, units should send to Tracie/Jon, a first draft gap analysis on the 14 areas.
- ✓ Dennis to send out official call for meeting as well as Trackers' Gap Analysis.
- **ICS:** None.
- **Mapping:** None.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Training (Paul & John T):**
 - ✓ Sent minutes from training meeting to all training directors.
 - ✓ 11 weeks out from 1st academy date; have venue (Green River Community College), have all course directors, doing administrative side of managing rosters, cards for WAC, making presentation material consistent.
 - ✓ Need feedback on opportunities to interact: lunch process on the Saturdays? Hiring vendor to provide lunch –BBQ/potluck per unit? Budget? Sponsor? Will include info with registration.
 - ✓ KCSO providing deputies.
 - ✓ Looking into ICS 200 class.
- **Operations/UL Meeting (Dennis B):**
 - **ELT (Brian):** None.
 - **RAD (John T):** Looking at late March.
 - **Communications/Repeater:** Snohomish repeater having some problems – Darren looking into it. Brian sent out narrow banding report and he has been talking to ESAR. Other units moving along ok.
 - **Database:** None.
- **Publicity/PIO:** None
- **Ways & Means:** None
- **Equipment:** None
- **Qualifications (Jon):** Jon distributed final report and statement from IST on how they see themselves. To be reviewed at next KCSARA meeting. There has been some degree of tension/misunderstanding between IST and some other units, re IST's role. Efforts at Ops meeting to review new unit qualifications did not work, so we took up as separate conversation. 14 individuals met 4 times for 2 hrs. each. Need to look into the implementation ideas that came from the process. IST, in the minds of many people, is interlinked with ICS. Implementation of ICS is coming from IST, but KCSO is the final authority. KCSARA needs to emphasize ICS, but IST does not have administrative role, they have input into it like other units. KCSARA members need to realize that we need a

blend of field experienced and ICS trained and competent people. IST should avoid the perception of being seen as a chain of command, and giving orders. Be careful to stipulate that it is coming from KCSO. KCSARA members should cooperate with IST as representative of KCSO. KCSO to provide more detail about how ICS is to be applied on missions. Reasonable degree of consistency would be helpful. KCSO is leaning on KCSARA to pick up the slack while they go through a lot of changes. People working in base are valuable and we don't want to turn them off. Act on issues promptly, or within a day or two. Jon's personal feelings: high regard for Scott Preston as a very functional leader. Next steps: Jon to discuss follow up activity at next KCSARA meeting. Each unit to come up with mechanism to process issues that come up internally and externally in delicate or pressing contexts. Qualifications committee reports to KCSARA so this organization is where next steps will be imposed.

Member Unit Reports

- **ESAR (Mike):** Training still going, 65 people passed Course 2; Course 3 rolling in March. Subject rescued couple of years ago, joined ESAR and gave interview to People magazine before he joined so didn't know he needed permission. Mike to send official email to Dennis about this.
- **NWHSAR (Dennis G):** Starting training this month; dates on website.
- **SMR (Todd):** Fairly busy January with missions on Mt. Rainier. Nice event for us because our history started on Mt Rainier but we haven't been called out there for a long time. Avi training scheduled.
- **SPART (Randy):** Avalanche refresher March 31st. Finished Avi 1 classes last couple of weekends.

Old Business:

- **Mission Statement (Dennis):** Need one more month to review draft.
Action: Units to send comments to Ameeta two weeks before next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on March 12, 2012 at Master Builders Association in Bellevue.