Indiana Emergency Management/Homeland Security Higher Education Advisory Board

Minutes for March 20, 2009 – Stewart Center, Purdue University

Call to Order & Roll Call by Ray Ruark

In attendance: Ray Ruark, David Tate, Don Wilson, Bill Foley, Jim White, Dave Hankins, Tim Collins, Allen Scott, Scott Lyon, Don Perry, Jason Carroll, Janet Archer, Tom Christenberry, Dianne Mack, Amir Mousavi, Amy Lindsay, Lee Ann Wambach

Guest Speakers: David Hankins with PHSI and Tim Collins (Board Member) with PURVAC

Welcome and Introductions by Dave Tate - Breakfast provided by Purdue Homeland Security Institute

Minutes from January 19, 2009 meeting – Approved

Dave Tate asked if we have time to hear report on Education Summit,

Reports from Committees

  i. Conference – Poster John Talles, Alabama tornado

Fiora Youna from FBI is possible speaker

US District Attorney Partnership – they will support the conference.

Lining up vendors- Jason & Tom – about 10 confirmed, more possible

Other ideas for conference sessions include Tabletop Demonstration — Janet Archer suggested a tornado hitting a college campus and surrounding community; also Judith Monroe from Dept of Health, and Technology Support re: emergency management.

Dave Hankins presentation – Purdue Homeland Security Institute Senior Project Manager –

Purdue offers an area of specialization – 2 courses “HS Area of Specialization” in Graduate Program with 25 students enrolled this year. Three different faculty members offer an interdisciplinary approach. Students are from Agriculture, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Tech, and Nursing. The courses offer a unique instructional pattern of delivery, curriculum development, and student engagement. The variety of subject matter creates invitations for several experts invited as guest speakers, with a course manager involved with scheduling and communication.

1st semester course covers fundamentals, 2nd semester course offers application. What has made this course succeed? – employing a Course Manager to coordinate speakers and keep content and process running smoothly.
PHSI - Pan flu project - look at essential health care services to continue during a pan flu epidemic. Ethical decisions, social issues. Hospital planning in 4 districts in rural counties. When plan is developed it will be tested in a tabletop exercise to evaluate the plan to proof. Test assumptions, test capacity.

EM-Higher Ed Grant – Purdue Campus Preparedness – Risk Assessment on campus, infectious diseases, mental health, and persons with disabilities. Writing plans for each and will conduct a tabletop exercises to test.

Tim Collins has recently moved from PHSI to DHS – Fed currently teamed up with Purdue Science & Technology, in leadership of the Science & Technology Directorate - Center of Excellence in command & control operability – visualization and analysis -- Goal to transition technology to field personnel that need to make decisions and implement strategies for mitigation and response.

He confirmed Purdue & Rutgers will co-lead the Center of Excellence in Command & Control Interoperability – transfer technology to field personnel so they can make informed decisions rapidly. This effort will include STEM initiatives to advance US students’ abilities and interests in science & technology. Currently 80% of Purdue’s graduate students in Engineering are international. This is a Research & Development Grant --- Technology Transition licensing – used by 3 million first responders. The grant is a 6 year project renewable for 3 years – Instrumental in leveraging additional funding and will involve acquiring other partners.

It may be possible to include a report for the fall conference.

Bill Foley reported on 2 upcoming conferences at IUPUI:

April 13– Campus Counter-Terrorism Training

April 29th Emergency Surge – Disaster Medicine & Mass Casualty Symposium

Bill also reported on the recent Education Summit – Close to development of national guidelines for accreditation in Homeland Security/Emergency Management degree programs, which will ripple through to the American Council for Education (ACE) and other accreditation agencies. He expects to see a set of guidelines within the year that will identify core content – then options for thematic variations.

Jim White reported on NorthCom. They are developing a 16-hour training program for citizens’ emergency preparedness – personal preparedness training for college students - 1-credit hour course in October 2009 Partnering with Defense Threat Reduction Agency ---
Janet Archer – described speech from former student at Columbine --- recalling the incident and reflected on lack of preparedness – and aftermath – post-incident response.

**Preparedness Issues should continue to be developed.**

Possible Theme for Conference --- “How do we overcome the “It can’t happen here” mentality?”

ii. Education, Training & Curriculum Development – Chair Kelly Brown absent

iii. Campus Safety – Dianne Mack reporting
   - Had meeting at IUPUI – Indianapolis Police Dept demonstrated ACAMS ---
   - Sponsor Lighthouse Readiness Group presented on Strategic Planning --- topics listed at the end of this report*
   - Next meeting April 28th in Valpo --- Speaker on COOP --- Continuity of Operations
   - Faith-Based Agencies focused on recovery – United Way

iv. Membership – Don Wilson
   - Attempted to write a membership development letter to all Indiana college leaders left drafts for us to review and evaluate.
   - Don asked us to look at the document on Disaster-Resistant University – free from FEMA --- August 2003.

b. Ad Hoc

i. Needs Survey

ii. Web & Communication – Jason Winkle will present at a future meeting

4. Unfinished (Ongoing) Business

a. Quick Review of Discussions at January 2008 Meeting

b. Advisory Board – Executive Meetings – Every Months via conference call or video teleconference – will resume in April 2009

c. Use of state funding to attend national conferences --- will continue investigating this.

d. Establishment /status of new Ad hoc Committees

i. Marketing – Jason Winkle --- will report in May on electronic marketing

ii. special projects –

iii. Research Projects ---
iv. Special presentations

i.  e. Upcoming Board Meetings and Hosts

ii. May 15, 2009 – Valparaiso – Don Wilson


iv. September 18, 2009 – IU Bloomington – Ray Ruark

v. Conference 2009 – October 14 – 16, 2009

vi. November 20, 2009


5. New Business

a. Board/Committee brochure proposal – needs to be complete -

b. Format letter for introduction and membership – to deans, department heads, provosts and presidents

c. Outreach to Indiana colleges and universities ---

i. Don Perry posed a question to the board – Should we invite Proprietary Colleges membership to our group? A discussion ensued about the benefits and drawbacks of including proprietary schools in this board ---- issues seem to center around accreditation and transferability, quality and credentials of faculty, of students, and programs. Also, competition for students and business and the association with “real” colleges.

Guardians of status quo?

Maintain membership requirements as written --- moved and seconded – approved

Dave – How can we increase participation and contact with corporations? Closing the gap between college-level learning and effectiveness in first job ----- Can we investigate stronger partnerships with potential employers of Indiana students.

Brad Thatcher is resigning and has asked Amy to replace him. Scott Lyon will also represent IDHS on our board.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Wambach
lwambach@usi.edu
812/464-1879
Meeting schedule for CS&EP meetings – April 28 in Valparaiso, hosted by Don Wilson; then July, October, and January (quarterly). All meetings begin at 10:00 AM Indy time. Valpo meeting topics include COOP (presented by a corporate expert from Travelers Insurance) and Recovery (United Way). Other topics will be added.

Topics for CS&EP meetings and Higher Ed conference October 14-16, 2009 were identified and are listed below. Priority Topics identified by the group:

**HE-MAN**
- Legislative
- Health-related (pan flu)
- Judy Monroe’s trip to Israel
- Fusion Center
- How to set up an EOC
- NIMS Implementation (i.e. Dennis Sullivan’s studies – update)
- Grants – partnerships for applying
- Cybersecurity – educating/reaching students
- Awareness – reaching faculty and students
- Mass communications/notifications systems discussion – share, outline best practices
- How colleges/universities fit into the community (county plans, LEPC, HS Districts, exercises)
- Recovery (United Way)
- Evacuation planning and coordination
- Policy Groups (high levels of administration) – ICS, how to include them
- Major sporting events – impact on emergency management (i.e. Indy 500)
- 800 MHz – campus talkgroup
- Facilities partnerships
- HSEEP
- Crisis communications (especially with parents)
- COOP

Topics grouped into potential meetings/presentations:

**Preparedness**
- Grants
- Fusion Center
- Legislative
- COOP
Response and Recovery
NIMS
Set up EOC
Recovery
Policy Group
Facilities Partnerships
HE-MAN

Partnerships
Awareness
Fit in community
Cybersecurity awareness

Communications
800 MHz talkgroup
Mass Notification
Linking systems
Crisis communications (esp. w/parents)
Linking in parents on regular basis

Special Events
Evacuation
Effects on Emergency Management
HSEEP

Health
Norovirus/MRSA/TB/Food poisoning/Pan Flu
Mental health
Behavioral Intervention/Consultation Teams
Presentation by Judy Monroe on trip to Israel