



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

SHELTERING MEETING MINUTES SRPEDD – 88 BROADWAY – TAUNTON, MA VIRTUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 10:00 AM MEETING MINUTES

Members Present

Rick Ferreira, TEMA
Ed Caron, Acushnet EM
Stacey Lane, Norwood DPH

Guests Present

Support Staff Present

Kevin Ham, SRPEDD

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1. **Welcome:** Mr. Ferreira opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and introductions were made.
 2. **Approval of 08-25-20 Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 25, 2020 meeting minutes. Voted approved unanimously.
 3. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
 4. **FFY18 & FFY19 Budget Update:** Mr. Ham provided an update on the FFY18 funding which expired in March of 2021. He mentioned that there is \$10,439 unallocated and would like to find a project for that funding. He mentioned there still is time to use this funding. Mr. Ham mentioned that for FFY19 there is will be an extra \$10,000 to \$30,000 for projects since it's unlikely the Inflatable Shelter will use the full \$90,000.

Mr. Ferreira mentioned that if we have funding, we should use the funding. He stated that the committee should use it for the portable hand washing stations. It's a portable sink with a foot peddle and hand towel dispensers which is built into one unit. Mr. Ferreira stated that there are challenges with schools and events to run a shelter. He mentioned that this is a viable expense. Ms. Lane mentioned that hand washing is never going to go away, and it is being more enforced now. She mentioned first responders need to wash their hands and it is important today and from now on in the future. She mentioned she agreed with Mr. Ferreira on getting the more expensive one with paper towels, etc. Mr. Ferreira mentioned again if we have the funding, we should purchase the items.

Mr. Ferreira recommended purchasing six of the portable washing stations. He mentioned this is a valuable resource. Mr. Caron agreed and mentioned it should be one station for each trailer.

Mr. Ham mentioned that we have six Shelter Support trailers and some have room and some are pretty full. He stated we could find the room for them. The committee discussed purchases six hand washing stations at \$1,200. Mr. Ham mentioned that Foxborough has room and Bridgewater and possibly Barnstable would take one in. He mentioned he could find host for the portable hand washing stations.

A motion was made and seconded to have Mr. Ham look into pricing for six portable washing stations. Voted approved unanimously.



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5. **Old Business:**

- a. **Coronavirus Challenges:** Ms. Lane mentioned we are watching the color [covid map colors] we are in with school going back. Mr. Ferreira stated that he has been watching he school committee meeting in Taunton. He mentioned schools have their hands full with moving desks, etc. If you are in green you should open. Ms. Lane stated that she is holding steady in yellow but working on flu vaccines and getting them out. Hopefully a Covid-19 vaccine will be coming around the corner she mentioned. Mr. Caron mentioned that in Acushnet the Fire Chief is having training done for paramedic and EMTs for Covid testing for the schools. This will let them test teachers and even students if needed. The CARES Act has covered the funding for that expense. He mentioned the hotspots are the nursing homes. Mr. Ferreira mentioned he is doing reimbursement for the FEMA. He mentioned that a lot of people think you can put a lot of expenses in the CARES Act but some will not be covered.

6. **New Business:** Mr. Ham mentioned SRPEDD is still working at home and it is working out well. Mr. Ferreira mentioned that we are going to see a lot of changed in these large offices especially in Boston.

7. **Items not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting:**

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM, virtually.

9. **Meeting Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.