



HICS FORM 202: INCIDENT OBJECTIVES

1. Incident Name: NWWIHERC Board of Directors	2. Operational Period: February 5, 2021, 0800-0900	3. Incident Location: Teleconference
5. Attendees: Aimee Wollman Nesseth (Coordinator), Brittany Fry (Vice-Chair), Randy Books, Darren Van Blaricom, Natasha Cardinal, Wayne Street, Candi McConnell, Jon Schultz, Dr. Haley, Sara Wartman		

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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 0803 by Natasha Cardinal. Bob was unable to attend today. Brittany was on another call and joined a bit later.
Additions to the Agenda and Announcements	Motion to approve the agenda with no changes made by Sara Wartman, seconded by Randy. Motion approved.
Review of Minutes	The minutes from January were sent out prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Natasha, seconded by Sara. Motion approved.
Financial Update	<p>Approval of HERC Coordinator's (Aimee's) January Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional travel this month in an effort to get supplies to various locations in the region. No questions. Motion to approve expenses made by Sara. Seconded by Natasha. Motion approved. <p>BP 2 Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aimee sent out the Budget update yesterday for review. Need to spend at least an additional \$50K prior to June, 2021. Some of those funds are already encumbered with things like scholarships, contracts for WISCOM and Medical Advisor. Scholarships are available for some upcoming training including CALS (February and April classes in Cameron) and BDLS/ADLS coming up in May in WI Dells. Information on registration for these classes is on the Calendar section of the website. Scholarship form is on the NWWIHERC website under Resources, 2020-21 Scholarship Application.
Advisory Group Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on eICS. Brian Kaczmarek is taking the lead on this for the State. He will be working with Aimee and Bob to roll out in this region. Svea Erlandson (Training and Exercise) is leaving the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC) for a position with the WI National Guard. Caitlin Washburn (Trauma Program) is also leaving OPHEC for a position with the Department of Corrections. Joe Tatar has also left the OPHEC. New person hired for the Planning position at OPHEC. Her name is Amanda Houser.
Old Business	<p>WING Testing Sites –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing volume at these sites is very low, so much so, that several Counties have made the decision to close their sites including St. Croix County and Polk County. Several sites may be closed this weekend due to the extremely cold weather forecast. NW Regional site is thinking about reducing hours of operation, but no decisions made yet. Hospitals are also seeing lower demand for testing. Not sure what the plan is for testing support after March 10, 2021. <p>Vaccination</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biggest issue remains lack of vaccine availability to date. Most vaccinators are ready to go with larger volumes, but the supply is just not there yet. This is week 8 of the Regional HUB work. Thank you to Rick Merryfield, Rob Goodland, and the DNR Supply Management Team working at the HUB. • DHS is working is apparently working on several additional vaccination clinic plans. Nothing has been announced for sure. Looking at FEMA resources, possible fixed State sponsored sites, and mobile vaccine clinic teams. <p>Hazard Vulnerability Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a regional conversation virtually on January 26, 2021. Over 80 people on the call. Civil Disturbance bounced up to 92% given the current climate with politics. Last summer there was some impact with ambulance services in our region to Duluth and Twin Cities Metropolitan area. Not sure this is accurate historically for Civil Disturbance within the region. Changed some numbers for a more accurate reflection of the risk, per Board Members. Consideration of Acts or Threats of Violence in exercises or training will include the potential for Civil Disturbance as well. • Pandemic – dropped down from last HVA, which was surprising. With the new variants there are things we just do not know about the vaccine in the future. If we are telling people to quarantine/isolate or wear masks and they are not following through, then how well are we really doing with mitigation and preparedness? Hospitals and Local Public Health has done a tremendous amount of work. With new variants coming out we need to consider our vulnerability in the middle of this pandemic and rate the pandemic higher. • Cyber Attack – Also ranked very high. No huge event that has impacted us historically, but the preparedness for such an event was considered. We have not done too much around cyber security for the last 3 years. Investing some time in training would be beneficial. <p>Medical Advisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been meeting and discussing vaccine hesitancy with all of the HERC Medical Advisors, every other week. Seeing high declination rates in some populations. Working on messaging to promote vaccines. Email was sent out to Chief Medical Officers in the region to work with them and provide resources that would be beneficial and consistent with messaging from the State.
New Business	<p>CAT Tool Capability Planning Guides (Submitted). The CAT tool is locked until mid-February. Will print for review at our next Board Meeting.</p> <p>Vistelar Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Escalation and De-Escalation Training completed for Cohorts A and B. Training for Cohort C, focusing on Public Health, will take place next week. Have opened the course to EMS and EM in an attempt to try to fill the seats. <p>Work Plan, Training Plan, and BP3 DRAFT documents have all been submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed some of the changes between this current fiscal year and next year’s draft work plan. Waiting for further guidance from ASPR regarding several new items on the work plan. <p>Date of Next Membership Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board decided to move the next Membership meeting to April 9 instead of April 2 which is Good Friday.
Adjournment Next Meeting	<p>Motion to adjourn at 0855 by Randy, seconded by Natasha. Motion approved.</p> <p>Next regularly scheduled Meeting will be March 5, 2020. 0800-0900 Teleconference. Stay Healthy!</p>
5. Prepared by:	Natasha Cardinal and Aimee Wollman Nesseth

