

ESSA Advisory Forum Conference Call
April 28, 2010
1900 hrs

Participants: Janine, Beryl, Ruth, Cathy, Laurel, Luana, Jeff, Elaine, Judy, Deanna, Audrey

Kelowna Meeting:

Kelowna Conference Presentation: All co-presenters to be identified.

Green T-Shirts: 1 style- Golf Shirts ESSA Logo Advisory Forum

First part of meeting: run through the presentation

Working Breakfast 9-11 – focus on the presentation

Computers available so people can look through the presentation – Janine and Luana to bring laptops.

JIBC – to video the entire plenary

Limit the taping of sessions to the presentations only, not the question sessions.

Future directions:

Review original notes from Squamish, Williams Lake and Richmond

Exchange ideas via email

Review and bring thoughts at the in person meeting

Add to the conference evaluation: There are 3 different areas that the Advisory Forum is looking at working on the following topics – what would you like them to do? Run off a separate form with these questions.

Roundtable:

Judy – Quadra Island Regional Meeting

- 42 people attended the meeting on the island
- PEP has indicated that they will begin supplying business cards, and name tags
- Training – Pep is eliminating pre-requisites for training as it seemed too difficult to get the prerequisites
- Exercises – try to include your neighbouring communities with your exercises
- Insurance – PEP insurance does not cover public information events as it is not training or response.
- ID Cards – PEP ID cards are available now, system is working
- Criminal Record Checks: PEP is recommending that everyone goes through a criminal record check
- 10 Islands were represented at the meeting

Training

- Question still remains if PEP/EMBC will fund training for St. John Ambulance and Red Cross training.
- Uncertainty if PEP will be amalgamated with EMBC or not...
- Bob Kennedy, PEP ESS Training Specialist will be attending the conference and we will see if he can provide an update either during the Advisory Forum or conference.

Luana – PEP debrief on the avalanche was a real grind, with over 40 people attending

- It took 8.5 hrs. to go through the agenda. Heavily attended by First Responders and very specific and dealt with internal response agency issues rather than the overview.
- SAR based debrief, the PEP SAR rep was quite helpful regarding legislation and policy.
- SAR Association – SAR is doing a SAR reality show. Fundraising idea, people will be interested in the program. Level 1 ESS Response – reality TV !!

Cathy: Get the support/relationship with your EPC, get them on your side so you don't have to rely 100% on PEP.

- Need to get clarification in print from embc for guidelines on non-primary residents in an evacuated location.
- In 2003 MHR staff had to approve expenses. Now that these employees are not available they download to the local authority and expect the local authority to be on the hook for non-pep approved expenses associated with a response.
- Zellers – PEP – there is an unpaid balance. Referral forms have not been sent to Victoria, so the payment has not been paid as they don't have the matching referral form from the local authority teams.
- MEIA and ESS no longer have the same accounts and if communities do not send their paperwork, PEP can't pay Zellers, thus creating the outstanding balance.
- Distribution of information. What about PS 1 and 2. Red Cross ISR