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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC)
TRAINING COMMITTEE**

**Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room 22
302 W. Washington, Indianapolis, IN 46204
January 11, 2016
9:00 A.M. (meeting started at 9:20am)**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bernie Beier—Local Government
Representative, Chair
Catherine Dutton—IDHS

Ian Ewusi—IDHS
Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of ISP
James Greeson—State Fire Marshal

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE

Dean Larson—Public Representative

The following Commissioners, staff and audience members were present:

Brad Gavin—IDHS
Charlie Heflin—IDHS
Dawn Sorg—Nature’s Way
Richard Sorg—Nature’s Way

Madison Roe—IDHS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mr. Bernie Beier welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested determination of a quorum.

QUORUM

Mr. Ewusi indicated a quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes from November 9, 2015, was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Beier.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Beier—YES Mr. Bilkey—YES Mr. Greeson—N/A Ms. Dutton—N/A
Mr. Ewusi—YES Mr. Larson—YES

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ewusi reported that the meeting between IDHS staff and Mr. Brandon Wood, IDHS Fire Training Section Chief, to discuss the instructor approval process for hazardous materials courses did not happen. Mr. Wood had however provided information regarding a list of certified hazardous materials instructors in the *ACADIS* database and Mr. Ewusi will be reviewing that database and meet with Mr. Wood in the near future. He noted that the availability of this list may help streamline the IERC approval process of instructors for hazardous materials courses.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ewusi asked for a motion to approve the addition of Dr. Rich Gassaway to the LEPC Planning and Training Resource (LPTR) list. He noted that Dr. Gassaway's training course offers situational awareness matters programs that relate to hazardous material responder safety. It was also noted that Dr. Gassaway is highly regarded by the State Fire Marshal's office and provides three different programs that focus on situational awareness for first responders.

Motion was made by Mr. Bilkey to approve Dr. Gassaway and seconded by Mr. Ewusi. No further discussion was presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Beier—YES Mr. Bilkey—YES Mr. Greeson—YES Ms. Dutton—YES
Mr. Ewusi—YES Mr. Larson—YES

Mr. Beier provided a request from Federal Resources to add Toxmedic class to the list of approved courses on the LPTR list. He noted that the Toxmedic course is offered as part of an overall program in hazardous materials response. Mr. Ewusi explained that the request was to add this specific course.

Mr. Beier made a motion to approve adding the Toxmedic course to the list of approved courses and was seconded by Ms. Dutton.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Beier—YES Mr. Bilkey—YES Mr. Greeson—YES Ms. Dutton—YES
Mr. Ewusi—YES Mr. Larson—YES

Mr. Beier provided a request from Nature's Way and the course it provides to be added to the LPTR list. He invited Ms. Dawn Sorg, co-founder of Nature's Way who was in attendance to give a short presentation about the program. Ms. Sorg reported that the program was an 8 or 16-hour course on conducting small and large animal decontamination and it has been presented around the United States. Mr. Beier asked if Nature's Way was familiar with how often animals are exposed to industrial chemical releases and Ms. Sorg indicated that the figures were not available at the current time. Mr. Ewusi asked how Nature's Way would bill for their services if they were requested to respond to an animal-related chemical exposure event and Ms. Sorg reported that Nature's Way would bill the responsible party directly, not the LEPCs. Mr. Ewusi noted that he wanted to ensure that Nature's Way was aware of the LEPC billing process.

A motion to approve Nature's Way's request to be added to the LPTR list along with the course it provides was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Ms. Dutton. Mr. Larson added that Nature's Way gave an excellent presentation at the EMAI conference and will be a benefit to the LEPCs by being on the approved training list.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Beier—YES
Mr. Ewusi—YES

Mr. Bilkey—YES
Mr. Larson—YES

Mr. Greeson—YES

Ms. Dutton—YES

Ms. Dutton submitted her resignation from the Training Committee due to her pending relocation to Washington State.

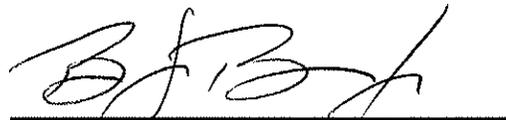
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Larson and was seconded by Mr. Greeson.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING

March 14, 2016
Peabody Library
1160 Indiana State Road 205
Columbia City, Indiana 46725



Bernie Beier, Chair