Oregon Citizen Corps - State Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes –February 13, 2013

Present:
Erik Anderson (phone) Marion County
Steve Bullock Multnomah County
Eric Gebbe (phone) Public Health
Stella Hickey Oregon Fire Corps
Mitch Neilson City of Hillsboro
Richard Newton Medical Reserve Corps
Dawn Nordquist Hermiston Fire Corps
Bev Hall, Matt Marheine Oregon Emergency Management
Chuck Perino Oregon Emergency Management

1. **Introduction and Opening:**
Chair Mitch Neilson opened the meeting at 1:00.

2. **Previous Minutes:**
Having a quorum, the minutes from October 30, 2012 were approved as written.

3. **Federal Update – Fred Bretsch**
Fred did not attend, but sent an info sheet. CERT Manuals are now available. There is a new FEMA Citizen Corps Program Manager, Chad Stover. He would like to have a conference call with all State POCs as soon as possible, and possibly include local Councils. The new Preparedness Day of Action initiative is now called “America’s PreparAthon.” Chuck will send the attachments for the above topics to the SAC electronically.

4. **State Update – Chuck Perino**
Chuck announced that all except a few of the backpacks for the coast have been distributed. Because of the change in funding stream (having no separate Citizen Corps grant money, but now all under Homeland Security Grants), the POCs for the SAC are changing. Matt Marheine is taking over Chuck Perino’s role, and Sidra Metzger-Hines is taking over for Kelly Jo Craigmiles regarding the funding person. A press release will be going out.

5. **Future of SAC-all**
Mitch posed the question as to the reason for the SAC now that the Citizen Corps separate grant money has gone away. Matt said that the SAC could do legislative backing, policy, guidance, and standards of training. Consensus was that members liked the SAC, but to keep volunteers, you need to keep them engaged. Discussion was held regarding standards of training and credentialing, and the problems that go along with those. Mitch would like to push for State tax credits for volunteers. Steve would like Citizen Corps be informed about grants like the EMPG program.

For the next meeting, it was decided that members bring recommendations for grant guidance, review the definitions of each of the five groups, and ask their own programs how they see themselves as a part of Citizen Corps.

6. **Citizen Corps Program updates**
None noted.

7. **Good of the order**
Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be April 10, 2013 from 1:00-3:30 pm at OEM.