



**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC)  
Teams Meeting Notes  
October 6, 2020 / 9:30 a.m.**

**Opening Remarks/EPPC Update**

**Chairs**

**Roll Call**

**NCTCOG Staff**

- Quorum was met.

**Approval of Notes from the December 2, 2019, and August 12, 2020 Meetings**

**Committee Members**

**Motion:** Sean Hughes, seconded by Steve Howie to approve the December 2, 2019, and August 12, 2020, meeting notes. The motion carried.

**Action Items**

**Committee Members**

- REPAC Handbook Recommendations
  - o Recommendations
    1. Designation of the REPAC Higher Education (SME) seat as a non-voting seat (Impacts Higher Education Nominees)
    2. Creation of REPAC Cybersecurity (SME)
    3. Creation of Virtual Attendance Guidance
      - Sean Hughes had an issue with the verbiage in sentence “a.” specifically with the word “all future meetings.” I would like to remove the word “all.”
      - Steve Howie likes the idea of virtual meetings due to reducing the long-distance drive time. Steve highly recommended keeping the virtual meetings as an option
      - Randall Gurney like the idea of virtual meetings due to the amount of time spent traveling to the meetings, but recommends that a requirement is put in place to have a certain amount of the REPAC meetings virtually when COG opens up
      - Eric Gildersleeve likes the idea of working virtual. COVID is here to stay, and virtual meetings give us more capabilities to prepare us for future pandemics
      - Chase Wheeler recommends meeting halfway, 50% virtual, 50% meet in person when we can
      - Irish Hancock recommends that there be a continued investigation by the COG and regional personal at a later date whether or not to host an in-person REPAC meeting vs. virtual
      - Randall Gurney – this topic is on their EM working group meeting agenda that is scheduled for this Thursday
      - David Mccurdy thinks virtual meetings are a great opportunity and want to know do we have to have a certain requirement that states we have to have at least one in-person meeting per year for members
      - Eric Gildersleeve states that when having scoring project meetings, there may be some challenges when scoring projects virtually technically.

Maybe come up with a way to socially distance for this meeting in order to successfully have the meeting

- Option A – Remove the word “all” in sentence 3.a.
- Option B – Recommend to conduct a review with COG and Regional partners to conduct future REPAC meetings in a concurrent virtual/in-person meeting

**Motion:** Elliott Reep, seconded by Sean Hughes to approve the revised verbiage in section 3.a. to read “Recommend to conduct a review with COG and Regional partners to conduct future meetings in a concurrent virtual/in-person meeting.” The motion unanimously carried.

**Vote posted in Microsoft Chat:** Recommend to allow REPAC members to attend in person or virtually. Section 3.b. REPAC members will be allowed to go in to the chat to cast your vote. Voting results will be announced at the end of the meeting during Discussions. (Voting forms will be posted in the Chat.)

- REPAC Subject Matter (SME) Nominations

**Motion:** Eric Gildersleeve, seconded by Randall Gurney to accept all of the REPAC Subject Matter Experts (SME) nominations. REPAC members will be allowed to go in to the chat to cast your vote. Voting results will be announced at the end of the meeting during Discussions. (Voting forms will be posted in the Chat.)

#### Discussion Items

- Community Lifelines

Jeff Murray  
Protective Security Advisor  
US DHS CISA

- Eric Gildersleeve had had a question of whether there will be funding allocation consideration and will it be a city or state plan. Eric also wanted to know what was their thoughts on infrastructure allocation
- National Critical Infrastructure Prioritization Program (NCIPP) Data Call
  - Bryan Gray suggested that Dickies Arena get on the list. Ed Justin will look into it.
  - Marcie Bruner suggested that they should look at Texas Live
  - Prefer a state approved plan

- Voting Results

- REPAC Recommendations
  - 1. Through 5. Approved
  - All recommendations will go before EPPC for final approval
- REPAC Nominations

**Motion:** Steve Malley, seconded by Randall Gurney to approve the nominations and approval votes for the REPAC Subject Matter Experts (SME) seats. REPAC members will be allowed to go in to the chat to cast your vote. Voting results will be announced at the end of the meeting during Discussions. (Voting forms will be posted in the Chat.)

- REPAC Nominations
  - Police – Claude Locke, votes were unanimous
  - Public Works - Manny Palacios, votes were unanimous
  - Higher Education – Mariah Phipps/Steve Malley, votes were unanimous
  - Medical/Mass Prophylaxis – Richard Esparza, votes were unanimous

- REPAC nominations will be confirmed at the October 26 EPPC meeting
- Nationwide Cybersecurity Review
  - Opened on October 1
  - Every jurisdiction that has submitted their own project for funding must complete the survey by December 31, 2021. (Whether the project was funded or not.)
  - Per OOG, there will not be any extensions granted this year
- Grant Timeline
  - eGrants opens for applications on December 14, 2020
  - eGrants closes on February 11, 2021. All projects must be certified by the authorized Official by February 11, 2021.

**Upcoming Dates**

October 19, 2020	NCIPP Data Call Closes
December 14, 2020	eGrants Opens for Applications
December 31, 2020	NCSR Access Closes
February 11, 2021	eGrants Closes for Applications

**NCTCOG**

NCTCOG Updates	NCTCOG Staff
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- Melanie Devine Retired
- Shad Lancaster has moved on and now has a job with FEMA
- Reduction with the T&E Program – There were 2 Layoffs
  - Donna Jackson
  - Alex Clark
- USAR Trainings
- Executive Director’s Office (EDO) through HUD has hired an Economic Development Coordinator – Pritiben Patel
- Melissa Smith is leaving Steve Howie group – per Steve, Alex Clark has a job in his organization.
- ERG Update

**Upcoming Events**

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| - EPPC                  | October 29, 2020    |
| - REPAC Scoring meeting | January or February |

**Committee/Public Comment**

- Doug Bass wanted to know if the Cybersecurity Workshop will be coordinated via link?
- David McCurdy wants Marcie to resend the Cybersecurity link again
- Results of the Handbook voting will be discussed at the EPPC meeting

**Next Meeting**  
**TBD**