

**Higher Education Subcommittee  
Of the Missouri Homeland Security Advisory Council  
Informal Exchange Minutes  
July 30, 2009**

**Members Attending in Person:**

Commissioner Robert Stein, Chair	Missouri Department of Higher Education
Paul Banta	St. Louis Community College-Meramec
Bill Brinton	Region H, RHSOC
Chip Byers	MOREnet
Lynn Carter	Department of Mental Health
Paul Fennewald	Missouri Office of Homeland Security
Eddie Hedrick	Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Charles Gooden	Harris-Stowe State University
Mark James	Metropolitan Community College-Kansas City
Joan Masters	Partners in Prevention
Bernard McCarthy	Missouri State University
Sam Simon	Saint Louis University
Jack Watring	University of Missouri-Columbia
Jerry Wilmes	Northwest Missouri State University
Charles Witt	Columbia Fire Department

**Members Absent:**

David Fedder	Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP
Julia Clark-Hampton	Jefferson College
John Fischer	Student, St. Louis Community College-Meramec
Michael Horn	Student, Fontbonne University
Dianna Bryant	University of Central Missouri
Bruce Clemonds	Missouri State Highway Patrol
Adam Hanna	Student, University of Missouri-Columbia
Jon Kelley	Missouri Western State University
Joel LaReau	Ozarks Technical Community College
Courtney Hughes	Student, Lincoln University
Christie Gray	Student, Park University
Don Strom	Washington University

**Staff Present:**

Angelette Prichett	Missouri Department of Higher Education
Tim Gallimore	Missouri Department of Higher Education

**Guests:**

Bob Bira	MyContact411
Peggy Taylor	Missouri School Boards' Association
Joel Denney	Missouri School Boards' Association
Dante Gliniecki	State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)
Mary Ellen O'Toole	Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Retired
Lt. Rhonda Swindle	University of Central Arkansas
Jerry Stacks	Conway, Arkansas Fire Department

Jarvis Purnell  
Mark Zinn  
Stephanie Callas  
Maureen Dixon-Sullivan  
Brett Bayles  
Jon Burke  
Paul Rueff  
Susan Jones-Hard

Northern Illinois University  
Student, Saint Louis University  
Student, University of Central Missouri  
Student St. Louis Community College  
Student, Saint Louis University  
  
Missouri Office of Homeland Security  
Clinton K-12 District School Board

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Commissioner Stein called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Third Annual Coordinated Conference on School and College Safety and Security and there were a number of invited guests present. Commissioner Stein introduced all of the guests and HES members and briefly discussed the conference. He indicated that the first conference was focused on K-12 safety and security issues. By the second year of the conference higher education sought engagement, but this year higher education has made inroads as one target and focus of the conference. One critique of the conference this year is that it is “preaching to the choir.” The goal this year is to figure out how to engage those who are not present in future years.

## **Membership Update**

Commissioner Stein provided an update on newly appointed members Joan Masters, Partners in Prevention and Eddie Hedrick, Department of Health and Senior Services.

## **Year in Review**

### ***Website Update*** (<http://campussecurity.missouri.org>)

Chip Byers provided report on campus safety and security website. The website has been quite successful and had a number of hits on June 21, 2009. Angelette Prichett shared that a press release was issued on Mental Health First Aid on that date and may have resulted in more online traffic to the site for information. Commissioner Stein inquired whether the website had good balance and looked for ways to diversify the audience. Feedback indicated that the members were pleased with the look and feel of the website, and that the information was good and fresh, and the site was easily navigated. One suggestion for improvement was to incorporate new technologies through an interactive blog page.

Additional ideas for site usage included using the website as a portal to the best practices toolkit and developing stimulating pieces with statistics that draw the interest of a larger audience.

### ***Survey of Community-Based Agencies***

Angelette Prichett reported that seventy-six surveys had been received from the dissemination of surveys to RHSOCs, VOADs, LEPCs, LEMDs, Red Cross, and other constituents. The surveys showed that the three greatest challenges to community-based agencies working with higher education institutions was communication/collaboration, funding, and staffing. The main issues prohibiting effective communication was identified as lack of involvement by campus leadership and not having a known campus point-of-contact.

### ***Mental Health Seminars***

Lynn Carter reported that the mental health seminars are completed and are posted on the campus security website. To date, only Southeast Missouri State University has requested assistance. Need to focus on getting the word out that the information is available.

### ***Mental Health First Aid***

Mental Health First Aid held a special higher education training session on July 6-10, 2009 in Jefferson City. The session was initially opened up to higher education, then opened to other participants. There were eleven participants from five institutions: St. Louis Community College-Meramec; Mineral Area Community College, Lincoln University, North Central Missouri College, and Missouri Western State University. Commissioner Stein suggested that the HES-HSAC work with the five institutions to determine how to get the word out regarding this training opportunity.

### ***Communication and Privacy***

Commissioner Stein indicated that the document entitled, "*Student Information Privacy Restrictions and Implications*" has been posted on the campus security website. Members and interested others are encouraged to read the document and provide feedback.

### ***Legislation***

Commissioner Stein reported that the HES-HSAC worked collaboratively with key associations to propose enabling legislation during the 2009 legislative session and will work to determine the right time to garner support for the legislation during the 2010 legislative session.

HB668, legislation that would have allowed conceal and carry on college Missouri campuses, was proposed in the 2009 session but did not pass. This topic received quite a bit of attention during the panel discussion earlier in the day and will likely be reintroduced during the 2010 legislative session.

HB103, legislation that would allow college and university police to respond to emergencies and provide services outside institutional property lines if requested by local law enforcement was signed by Governor Nixon on July 13, 2009. Sam Simon commented that there may need to be a statutory definition and authority delineated that distinguishes campus peace officers with training from police officers and security guards.

### ***Student Voice***

Commissioner Stein reported that during this year, the HES-HSAC expanded its student membership from one to four, established a Student Advisory Council, and established a scholarship in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety to ensure student presence at the conference.

### ***Regional and National Visibility***

Commissioner Stein reported that a number of HES-HSAC members have made presentations to get us on the radar.

### **Best Practices Toolkit**

Jerry Wilmes, Lynn Carter, and Bernie McCarthy provided HES members with a proof of concept proposal that outlines the toolkit design and work approach, along with providing key discussion questions. The subcommittee reported that the goal is not to reinvent the wheel but to come up with a way to show “what works” on Missouri campuses. The value in having the toolkit is having Missouri’s state-of-the-art best practices available. Concerns include the need to involve the larger higher education community and expertise. There are also concerns with time constraints that prohibit the subcommittee from being the only participants in the creation of the toolkit. The subcommittee questioned HES-HSAC members and guests what would help their particular institution to have a meaningful product.

Mark James indicated that this is a very ambitious project and only achievable with devotion of a lot of time and the group may be trying to reinvent what’s already out there. Has the subcommittee working on this project investigated other sources such as the National Governor’s Association Homeland Security Website, IACLEA, and MACLEA?

Sam Simon queried whether it is possible to develop a set of standards instead of best practices. Look for practices to create a standard for Missouri.

Brett Bayles, student from Saint Louis University indicated that he wanted to determine what was considered best practice in emergency plans. He began by taking a plan and breaking it into components. He then reviewed fifty other plans from other institutions and analyzed what was best, and used it to update plans on his campus.

Sam Simon recommended that the group use a panel of experts, review all plans, determine what is good and unique, and create a sample plan. Brett agreed to share his work with the subcommittee.

Paul Fennewald suggested that the subcommittee narrow the focus, otherwise the toolkit will not happen. The HES-HSAC members suggested that the subcommittee begin with the current H1N1 pandemic.

Tim Gallimore indicated that HES-HSAC needs to help campuses develop a culture of preparedness. A lot of people shy away from toolkits. Want to develop a tool that campuses can use to prevent or mitigate hazards—don’t wait for a crisis to hit.

More discussion ensued regarding the need for additional HES members to be engaged and that this project belongs to the entire HES-HSAC, not just the subcommittee.

### **Collaboration with SEMA and MOP3**

Dante Gliniecki reported the need for higher education to be involved in human services community. There is a need to have more resources and higher education is suited to many aspects of emergency management. The best practices toolkit may be part of the answer. Higher education can be involved in volunteer coordination, Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Reserve Corps (especially special needs), and Ready-in-3 programs. He encouraged HES-HSAC members to think about community functions that higher education can serve.

Mark Zinn, student at Saint Louis University, reported that his campus has Campus Community Emergency Response Teams. They now have sixty trained faculty, staff, and students trained. The classes are divers and

include all levels of leadership on campus. The dynamics are also interesting because there may be a nursing student leading a team with a campus dean.

Commissioner Stein indicated that HES-HSAC should be looking at this example and thinking of how to incorporate on Missouri campuses. According to a quick survey of Missouri institutions, of the 15 total responses received as of July 29, 2009, only two institutions offer CERT programs for students (Saint Louis University and Northwest Missouri State University). Two additional institutions indicated that they offer CERT training to the community-at-large (University of Central Missouri and Missouri State University).

### **Homeland Security Centers of Excellence**

Dr. Tim Gallimore reported that higher education homeland security initiatives are decentralized and that the group should use their leverage to galvanize what is occurring in pockets around the state to bring together resources. Areas where higher education could participate include: energy, education, homeland security/campus safety, and use of stimulus funds to support projects. Dr. Gallimore reported that he was on State Fair Community College campus and they want to establish a Homeland Security Center of Excellence in campus safety to build a certain level of training, develop curriculum, develop jobs, business, and technology. There is a meeting occurring in late August on the Metropolitan Community College campus to bring in interested parties. Interested campuses should contact Dr. Gallimore.

### **Other**

Commissioner Stein challenged the group to keep the momentum going.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.