



AGENDA

ST. LOUIS AREA REGIONAL RESPONSE SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, June 8, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CAPTAIN CHRIS HUNT
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FROM THE MAY 2023 MEETING
3. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - a. Program Updates JIM WILD
 - b. Subcommittee Reports SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS
4. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of Subcommittee Nominations Memo MICHELE RYAN
 - b. Regional Security Expenditures KRISTEN CAPPS-JONES
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next regular STARRS Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023.

Meeting Location:

East-West Gateway Council of Governments
1 S. Memorial Drive, Suite 1600 Board Room
St. Louis, MO 63102

STARRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023

The meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors was called to via in-person & virtual conference call, with those in attendance check-marked:

ATTENDANCE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abe Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Hollrah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michele Ryan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Granda	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jerry Lohr</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mike Arras</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ben Perrin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Jim Wild</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Morris Taylor</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gettemeier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joann Leykam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Nick Allen</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bryan Whitaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Jocelyn Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Kohlberg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>John Miller</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Robert Wylie</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dennis Jenkerson	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>John Nowak</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Derek Rieger	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Josh Wilderson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Weber
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frederick Patterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Scheibe	<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Russell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kurt Frisz	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tina Davis</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Simmons	<input type="checkbox"/> Kyle Foerst	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Robinson
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff McCreary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Kate Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Koch
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Matt Tobben</i>	

Also in attendance were Jason Campbell (Barnes-Jewish Hospital), Major Kelly Hudson (US Army/Task Force 46), and East-West Gateway Council of Governments & STARRS staff including Staci Alvarez, Leah Watkins, Himmer Soberanis, Kristen Capps-Jones & Brad Zoref.

Members excused in advance from this month's Board meeting include Chief Dennis Jenkerson,

CALL TO ORDER

Captain Chris Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Attendance was recorded by sign-in and virtual meeting attendance list. A quorum was confirmed by Staci Alvarez.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Captain Hunt requested approval of the April 2023 minutes which was motioned to approve by Joanne Leykam motioned, which was seconded by Chief Greg Brown. The motion was carried unanimously and was approved at 9:06 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PROGRAM UPDATES

Brad Zoref shared an update on the Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP), explaining that the MERCI exercise would occur in coordination with the EMI course occurring in

June to satisfy surge exercise requirements. John Whitaker from DHSS is changing positions and will no longer be the HPP Program Manager, however a replacement has not yet been selected. Brad also shared that continue to work on their workplans for current and upcoming years.

Kristen Capps-Jones shared an update on the CCTA projects explaining that the CCTA Workshops remain ongoing. Workshops focus on Investigation, Reunification and Recovery (IRR) as well as Notification, Reception & Reunifications Operations (NRRO). Stakeholders (58) from numerous disciplines (10) have participated in the projects and are assisting with development of regional documents. Flyers and invitations were provided to Board members. The Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) group recently met as well. Kristen also shared an RCPG update including information about upcoming workshops over the summer and provided a Training & Exercise update sharing that ICS300 & ICS400 courses would be coming to the region at no cost from TEEX via the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium. Kristen also provided updates on other upcoming training events, including an upcoming Incident Management Team course in May and the upcoming Community Specific Integrated Emergency Management course in June.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chief Greg Brown shared that the May Communications Core Group meeting was canceled due to a lack of agenda content and that the next meeting was scheduled for July. Nick Kohlberg shared that the Healthcare Coalition recently met in-person for the first time since 2019 and that they continue working on their Strategic Plan and building out priority projects for the group, including the multi-agencies coordination system, cache assessment and others. Nick Allen shared an update from the Healthcare Preparedness subcommittee, including the creation of focus groups. Roger Smith shared that the Mass Fatality group recently met. Zach Koch shared that the Public Health subcommittee met recently. Derek shared that the Training & Exercise subcommittee has been pushing out information on upcoming training. Brian Gettemeier shared that US&R has sixteen members in a heavy rigging class this week with additional training coming up in June.

TASK FORCE 46 REPORT

Major Kelly Hudson, TF 46 Interagency Officer, U.S. Army provided an update from Federal Task Force 46 (C2CRE-B), sharing information on the Task Force's creation and purpose. Task Force 46 operates out of Lansing, Michigan and will respond within 96 hours in support of a large-scale disaster. The Task Force provides annual training multi-disciplinary/interagency events in select cities with scenarios tailored to the host cities to build partnerships and refine practices and procedures in support of rapid response and integration. For 2023 they are training in Nashville, Tennessee in August. Major Hudson provided an overview of the anticipated Nashville training & exercise program, inviting STARRS participants to observe at the event. Discussion occurred following the presentation between the Major and STARRS Board members on the Nashville event and a similar anticipated St. Louis event in 2024. Kristen Capps-Jones shared information about the planning for the 2024 exercise and also updated the group on travel options for this year's Nashville event. Kristen also shared that the THIRA/SPR process would be updated with information learned from these processes.

ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Michele Ryan shared information related to STARRS subcommittee membership additions. Two applications were presented. Greg Brown made a motion to approve the nominating committee report with that correction, which was seconded. The motion was approved at 9:40.

REGIONAL EXPENDITURES

Kristen Capps-Jones provided a summary of regional security expenditures for May, including the renewal of the Fusion Center CLEAR PRO system, the Fusion Center Cybersecurity Coordinator position, respiratory equipment for the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and the St. Louis County Police Department, and for a Mass-Spectrometer systems for regional hazardous materials response teams. The total expenditure is for \$599,282. A motion for approval was made by Joann Leykam and seconded by Derek Rieger, the motion carried, and the expenditures were approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Wild opened discussion on moving the STARRS Board of Directors meeting to a different day/time to resolve issues with meeting conflicts with law enforcement chiefs and fire chiefs. In discussion it was proposed that a new survey of other meeting time/date options should be sent out, and that the current time/date slot (second Thursday, 9:00AM) for the meeting should not be an available option.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the STARRS Board of Directors is June 8, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Captain Chris Hunt



Memo to: Board of Directors
From: STARRS
Subject: New Appointments & Nomination of Committee Appointments
Date: June 8, 2023

The Nominating Committee has approved the following subcommittee nominations and removals and offers the following for board consideration and approval.

Subcommittees

The Nominating Committee recommends the following additions to subcommittees:

- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Brennan Burk, St. Charles County Dept. of Public Health

The Nominating Committee also recommends the following removals from subcommittees:

- **EMS Subcommittee** – Brian Zinanni, Clayton Fire Department
- **Public Health Subcommittee** – Doug Bolnick, St. Charles County Dept. of Public Health

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of Directors approve the Nominating Committee recommendations.

Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Staff

Subject: Regional Security Expenditures

Date: June 5, 2023

Staff is requesting authorization to expend funds in support of regional security that will improve the region's disaster preparedness and response capabilities. Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. Attachment A summarizes the purchases, totaling \$229,273.

COMPLEX COORDINATED TERRORISM ATTACK (CCTA) PLANNING, TRAINING & EXERCISE

CCTA Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO) Program – The Region's CCTA program has expanded the ILO program within the St. Louis Regional Fusion Center, building a robust prevention, intervention, and response mindset to a CCTA type incident through planning, training, and exercise. In January, the Board approved a contract award to Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to provide ILO planning, training, and exercise services. This contract included the option to conduct a virtual and a functional exercise if additional grant funds became available. These grant funds have been made available and it is the intent of the Region's first responders and St. Louis Regional Fusion Center to validate lessons learned, outputs and other measurable components from the CCTA ILO program through these exercise activities. Staff is requesting approval to expend additional funding for Hagerty Consulting to conduct an ILO virtual exercise and a Hunter Seeker ILO functional exercise to provide this validation. The virtual exercise will validate outputs from recent milestones of the CCTA ILO program, through the use of new/updated training materials and processes with recently trained ILOs. The functional exercise will include a multi-day event that will validate the engagement of frontline first responders and the St. Louis Regional Fusion Center through varying scenarios and examine the viability of ILO information processes. Each exercise will result in an After-Action Report (AAR) and Improvement Plan (IP) that will assist in guiding CCTA program enhancements and improvements. The total cost of the exercise activities will not exceed \$229,273 from the UASI grant program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of funds as follows:

- allow the Executive Director to authorize Hagerty Consulting, Inc. to conduct the ILO additional services for the virtual and functional exercises for an amount not to exceed \$229,273;

for a total amount not to exceed \$229,273 from the UASI grant program.

ATTACHMENT A

**Expenditures for Equipment and Services
June 5, 2023**

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Emergency Response Equipment, Planning, Training & Exercise (UASI)				
Hagerty Consulting, Inc. (Evanston, IL)	CCTA Intelligence Liaison Officer Program	Regional	1	\$229,273
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				\$ 229,273

Total UASI Expenditures: \$229,273