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**Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**9:30 AM, Wednesday, January 12, 2022**  
**HOTCOG – 1514 S. New Road, Waco, Texas**

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### **Agenda**

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

*Meeting called to order by Chair, Tom Hemrick, at 9:30 AM*

**A. Guest recognition**

*Jordan Gamez, TDEM*

*Charmaene Mathis, Public Health*

*Frank Patterson, MCC*

**B. Member introductions**

*Stephanie Alvey*

*Robert Bergerson*

*Phillip Cantrell*

*Chris Cary*

*Ryan Dirker, for Elizabeth Thomas*

*Michael Graham*

*Matt Groveton*

*Danny Guerra*

*Tom Hemrick*

*Robert LaFoy*

*Brian Messman*

*Leonard Smith*

*Kirk Turner*

*Buffy Waldie*

*Jeff Watkins*

*Martin Widtfelt*

#### **II. Determination of Quorum**

*Mr. Hemrick stated that a quorum was present.*

#### **III. Proof of Posting**

*Mr. Jeske stated that there was proof of posting.*

#### **IV. Public Comment**

*There were no public comments.*

#### **I. Sub-Committee Reports**

**A. Communications Sub Committee Report – Meeting to Follow**

#### **VI. Chair's Report**

*Mr. Hemrick stated that there was no Chair's report and thanked everyone for making the effort to attend the meeting.*

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**VII. HOTCOG Staff Reports**

**A. Homeland Security Grant Changes**

*Mr. Jeske gave the committee the latest updates for the SHSP grants and that the Reasonable Budget Expectation is \$355,000 for our region.*

*Mr. Jeske stated that there are three Requests for Applications (RFA). The previous only had two but the government has added an RFA for Domestic Violence Extremism and Cyber Security.*

**B. Radio Infrastructure Grant Update**

*Mr. Jeske stated that this grant is current and there are several projects that are in motion right now for this grant.*

**C. SERI Grant Information**

*Mr. Jeske gave a brief report on the SERI Grant.*

**D. Review Regional Priorities**

*Mr. Jeske went over the regional priorities for HOTCOG.*

**VIII. New Business - Consideration of and/or Action On**

**A. Review, Discuss, and Approval of November 10, 2021 - EPAC Meeting Minutes**  
*Nancy Cross made a motion to accept the November 10, 2021, EPAC meeting as presented. Michael Graham seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.*

**B. Discussion and Possible Action on Emergency Notification System Providers**  
*Mr. Jeske and Ms. Derrick gave a brief update on the meeting Ms. Derrick had with Code Red. There was a brief description of what they offer as well as a discussion of the proposed amount quoted to the COG and gave a brief update on how many people have been signing up for the Emergency Notification System. There was a discussion with the committee on whether or not we should do a demo for CodeRed and a motion was made by Tom Hemrick to do a demo and Nancy Cross seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was one dissenter but it was not clear who the dissenter was.*

**IX. Announcements or Future Business Items**

**X. Next EPAC Meeting**

**A.** Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 9:30 AM, location TBD.

**XI. Adjournment**

*Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.*