

**Central Ohio Public Information Network
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 11, 2009**

Next Meeting: 10 a.m. on April 8 at Franklin County EMA&HS

Attending: Mitzi Kline (chair), Franklin County Board of Health and Susan Geier, Columbus Public Health (vice chair/secretary); Amanda Ford, Columbus Police Department; Emma Speight, city of Upper Arlington; Dan Kochensparger (treasurer), Upper Arlington Fire Department

Minutes from February Meeting approved (motion by Ford, second by Kochensparger)

1,000 copies of each COPIN brochure have been printed and were distributed at meeting; Franklin County Board of Health picked up the tab for this printing

Letters of Agreement:

- Franklin County Board of Health
- Fairfield County Board of Health
- City of Upper Arlington

Motion to approve was received by Geier and seconded by Ford. Letters accepted and originals will be kept on file with vice chair/secretary.

Membership Applications:

- Susan Geier, Columbus Public Health
- Scott McAfee, Village of New Albany
- Lynn Cook, Greater Columbus chapter of the American Red Cross
- Carrie Hoover, Village of Canal Winchester
- Rick Tilton, City of Columbus Public Utilities
- Elizabeth Kress, Franklin County Board of Health
- Jose Rodriguez, Columbus Public Health
- Pam Delay, Fairfield County Board of Health

Motion to approve was received by Kochensparger and seconded by Geier. Applications were accepted and originals will be kept on file with the chair of the membership subcommittee.

Doug Smith, Columbus Division of Fire, submitted his resignation from the board and from COPIN as he has asked to be reassigned to street duties. Motion to accept was made by Kochensparger and seconded by Kline. Resignation approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Hotline (Geier):

- The group next meets April 1 at 910 Dublin Road; focus will be on incorporation of city utilities' call center into system and hotline capabilities of the region.
- Minutes of last meeting are posted on the COPIN Web site.

JIC Logistics (Kochensparger):

- Planning continues for the first meeting of this revived group
- Dan and the board discussed the need to exercise in the JIC and to test JIC operations, especially since public information is reportedly not being tested during the April 29 exercise between Delaware and Franklin counties. It was agreed additional discussion needs to occur before a decision is made on how best to proceed and to work with all of the parties involved, including the Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

Membership (Speight):

- Subcommittee member Elizabeth Kress will manage the membership database; the group will also consider what will be public on the COPIN Web site and what will remain private as some contact information may not be public.
- The membership roster from November 2008 will be kept as the subcommittee works to follow up with the people on that list and develop new roster
- Speight wants to add a couple more members on the subcommittee and then work on developing recruitment tools (PowerPoint presentation and speaker notes)
- Kline will speak at an upcoming Citizen Corps Council meeting but in the future speaker requests should be handled through the membership subcommittee
- Speight met with the suburban PIO group and eight membership applications were given out; she will do an active follow-up with them
- Speight said she will look into bring a regional meeting of the City/County Management Association to Columbus this summer and involve COPIN members

Quarterly Newsletter

All content was turned into Kline; draft will be sent out for board review prior to distribution to members

501c3 Stats: No update except there may be grant money available that can help pay for this process

Submitted by: Susan Geier, vice chair/secretary