I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Erin Armstrong, Chair, UASI Ad Hoc Committee, called the meeting to order. The roll was called, members present included Matthew Snelson, Cinthya Muñoz-Ramos, Erin Armstrong, Ana-Marie Jones and John Lindsay-Poland. All members were present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Erin Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018, as corrected seconded by John Lindsay-Poland.

Motion passed: 5/0

III. Revised Meeting Schedule

- September 21, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, 1221 Oak Street, Room 255, Oakland, CA
- October 4, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, 1221 Oak Street, Room 225, Oakland, CA
- October 19, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Fremont Main Library – 2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, November 5, 2018, 9:00 – 11:30 am, Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA
- November 19, 2018, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., Old City Hall, Berkeley Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA
- November 30, 2018, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m., 1221 Oak Street, 5th Fl, Oakland, CA - BOS Chambers

Meeting added: December 7, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - 1221 Oak Street, 5th Fl, Oakland, CA - BOS Chambers
- December 14, 2018, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. 1221 Oak Street, 2nd Fl, Oakland, CA - BOS Chambers

IV. Discussion of UASI/Urban Shield Framework

Committee members discussed the Strategic Direction: 1) Create a vision for disaster prevention, response, recovery, preparedness and resilience in Alameda County and the Bay Area Region along with items a. through e.

Summary of Discussion

- Clarify that this is the direction the Committee wants to go in, and not where the County is currently
- Articulate that exercises do not express or contribute to militarized practices
- Prioritize the strengths and weakness, the most vulnerable
• Express this vision as a guiding principle for any disaster preparedness
• Express that any disaster preparedness
• Instead of focus on whole community strategy use the word support – whole community and UASI funding support each other
• Focus on where we want to see the region and the County in general
• Add language around measurable and sustainable
• Articulate from the positive as well as the negative
• Focus on a larger vision for disaster response and recovery

The Committee agreed to incorporate these recommendations into the vision with the assistance of the facilitators.

Committee members discussed: 2) Develop guiding principles for UASI in Alameda County and items a. through g.

Summary of Discussion

• Make sure expand the focus around dedicating resources of recovery in the
• Prioritizing areas as well as risk and scale of disasters
• Pre-disaster homeless, give examples be specific, have open language, look at FEMA language Access and functional needs, confidentiality
• 2017 guidelines adopted by the BOS is a living document, revised as needed
• Vendors, donors or other private interests do not influence the design of training exercises, but should be driven by the public interest

Committee members discussed: 3) Define the goals of UASI in Alameda County and items a. through e.

Summary of Discussion

• Refer to Urban Shield as UASI funded exercises
• Including neighborhood level and non-geographically defined community
• Expand more on the “how” community members are the “first” first responders
• Focus on whole Scope of UASI region, define Alameda County’s goals
• Add “appropriate” engagement of diverse populations
• Not only change the image, but also the message
• Ensure that engagement includes decision making power, capacity and leadership, not just participation

Speakers

Eleanor Levine communities be considered as partners in the process, has participated in CERT trainings; traditional training doesn’t serve the public; all things be done at local levels because that’s who the first responders are

Cindy Shamban – Is the CERT training adequate training for communities; does it give the basics? There needs to be a focus on that kind of training. Has taken CERT training classes; very few people of color and very few young people. There are short-term and long-term needs. Support military training staying out of the communities.

Etta Johnson – community organizer, worked on a fire on San Pablo Avenue, which could have been prevented; assisted dual diagnosis residents affected by the fire; the system did not participate in the displaced residents well-being; they were not housed properly; and they have mental health issues they are dealing with. Police treated residents like criminals.
Amber Piatt – Public Health Justice Collective, Stop Urban Shield; emphasize two points, the American Public Health Association recently passed a resolution, emphasis on right-sizing the role of police for example, fire coordinates fire activities, public health coordinates public health activities; importance of marginalized communities being differentially impacted by disasters.

Committee members discussed Strategic Action: 4) Develop strategic recommendation for disaster prevention, response, recovery, preparedness and resilience that should be implemented in Alameda County and the Bay Area Region and items under a. Training Program, Law Enforcement items 1, 2 and 7.

Summary of Discussion

- Should SWAT be included in UASI funded exercises?
- SWAT exercises should not be a competition
- Rotating core – what does that mean?
- In many disaster situations SWAT is not the first on the scene
- Leave decisions on who is sent to the training left to law enforcement
- No consensus on competition aspect of UASI funded exercises
- Leverage competitive environment; preservation of life awards for tactical competitions
- SWAT has already received a lot of training
- Not just less than lethal weapons training
- Disproportionately impacts households of color
- Continue to utilize SWAT
- Prioritize disaster preparation and recovery and address response at the same time
- Positive valuations of all life

V. Public Comment

Eleanor Levine – Should we be training foreign SWAT teams? Result of active shooter situations, people of color are killed. Focus on what are the values being imparted in the SWAT team trainings.

Tano Trachtenberg, Mayoral Aide, City of Berkeley – Types of scenarios are really critical, scenarios have changed due to public scrutiny; 20 active shooter trainings may be excessive; should be another way of incentivizing without it being competitive.

Etta Johnson, community organizer, – When you think of SWAT, you think of military; it is an issue with protesters. No one is addressing the mental issues.

Philip White, Bay Area UASI – In relation to the BAUSI Training and Exercise, everything is based on the whole community approach, including preparedness, response & recovery. Exercises are based on risk assessment and or identified gaps; after every training there is an evaluation form that is reviewed to help improve the training (after action report). The Office of Access and Functional Needs was created in CAL/OES two years ago and has been incorporated into the exercises.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned to Friday, December 7, 2018.