

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 21, 2010 – Minutes

Gary Schenck, Chair, called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:03 AM at the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members present: Ron Sagen, Loren Lippincott, Steve Benton, Jay Gasser, Shirley Connors, Randy Thompson, Bridget Aldridge, Karen Cain, Bob Wildermuth, Kyle Geissler, Dan Davis, David Innis and Gary Groelle, alternate for Jude Maurer.

Members absent: Dave Ausloos, David Diestler, Jerry Schuetz, Beth Natter, Tim Curtis and Jude Maurer.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion made by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Steve Benton to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bob Wildermuth and seconded by Ron Sagen to approve the July 20, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Plan of Review – Loren Lippincott advised the Committee:
 - Eight plans were reviewed. There was one removal, five updated and two new facilities. Motion by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Robert Wildermuth to accept the eight plans. Motion carried.

- ◆ Community Right-to-Know – Ron Sagen advised that members have not met as a group yet. He stated he is looking for direction as to what the meeting should consist of. Gary Schenck stated there needs to be a better way of educating the public and admittedly there has not been much done in that area. Ron said he has looked at the County website for information regarding an agenda for the committee but has found very little information. Loren Lippincott stated that information has been lax on emergency procedures when it comes to reaching the public. Shirley Connors agreed that reaching the public is a difficult task and perhaps schools could be helpful in disseminating information. Karen Cain agreed and said the best avenue for her department has been through the public school system. Steve Benton advised that perhaps links could be set up through the Rock County website as a way of communicating to citizens. Kyle Geissler stated he would be happy to assist the committee in setting up an account at the Janesville Gazette and also would serve on the Right-to-Know Committee.

- ◆ Membership – Nothing to report.

- ◆ Plan of Work - Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
September 30, 2010 is the close of the 2010 Plan of Work. 2011 Plan of Work begins October 1, 2010.

Emergency Management Report:

◆ **Budget Report** – Shirley Connors

The budget report was distributed with no questions.

Ron Sagen stated the purpose of the yearly Hazmat Grant was to purchase new equipment and to replace existing worn out equipment. Regarding the Training Expense account of \$3,000, Ron stated that because of the stringent guidelines involving this account, it has been difficult to find outside speakers and/or trainers for various programs within the City of Janesville Fire Department.

◆ **Spill Report** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:

- The Committee reviewed Spills/Release Report. David Innis questioned the first entry on the spill report dated July 23, 2010 regarding white foam on the Rock River. He questioned who would monitor the flow and was advised the Department of Natural Resources would be monitoring this situation.

◆ **Tier Reporting** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:

- The last remaining Tier II facility, Metso Paper, Beloit, has reported.
- Wisconsin Emergency Management, EPCRA Division, will now have online reporting of Tier II's. WEM hopes to have everything up and running by January, 2011. They will not be mailing out any Tier II information for 2011. Fire Departments will have 24-7 online availability showing facilities, hazardous materials, maps, etc. Apparently there will be a limited number of licenses available to each county.

◆ **Training** – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:

- CEEP (Critical Employee Emergency Planning) training is being held on October 13 at the Rotary River Center in Beloit. The City of Beloit, Department of Public Works and Rock County Emergency Management are hosting this training. Registration may be done online. The subject of this training involves caring for families of first responders while they remain on their job during disasters.
- Jay Gasser spoke about the August 24 ethylene oxide training that was done at Abitec, Janesville. The speaker was from the National Response Team in Texas. The training was well received as it was geared toward emergency management and fire departments.
- Jay is also working on another training involving fire department response and emergency response as far as health goes. Indicated he'd like to include the hospitals in the Janesville area as far as their response as well in the event of a disaster or hazardous chemical spill. Karen Cain stated the Health Department is seldom notified when there are emergencies such as spills. She indicated that there has to be a better way of communicating with law enforcement and emergency responders to include the Health Department. Jay stated he wants to keep moving forward working on emergency responses.
- Loren Lippincott spoke in Dave Ausloos' absence regarding the hazardous materials exercise at Air Products in Janesville. Agencies involved were Rock County Level B Hazmat Team, Rock County Emergency Management, Milton Police and Fire Departments and staff at Air Products. The exercise involved a simulated chemical gas leak (ethylene oxide) from a rail car. He stated a lot of good information came from this training.
- Shirley Connors is looking for any type of training speaker who could attend an LEPC meeting as a means of outside resource information. Bridget Aldridge stated that perhaps

someone from the Alliant Energy transmission pipeline could speak regarding high profile lines and pipeline integrity.

Public Health – Karen Cain advised the Committee:

- There has been 16,048 pounds of drugs collected thus far this year and 4,898 drugs have been collected since the drug collection program began in 2006. City of Milton's 24-7 drug collection program has been very successful. She is working with the Cities of Edgerton, Evansville and Janesville as they have also expressed interest in a 24-7 drug collection drop-off site. She stated if every community would have a drug collection site, the Health Department would continue with a twice-yearly drug collection.
- The State received funds for pre-testing for well water from 2008 flooding and these funds were available through August, 2010. Karen stated that there is a sub-division north of Beloit where one well test came back very high with E-Coli rates. The State did a test on one of the septic systems and found it to be completely dry and a break in the line. They estimated it had probably been broken for about nine years. A couple of other wells had E-Coli as well. The groundwater specialist indicated he could smell that something was wrong with the water. One family had to drill a new well because of the ongoing problems. She advised that wells should be tested every year just to be safe.
- This is the beginning of flu season and flu shots are available at the Health Department and other places in the community.
- PIPP Committee (Pandemic Influenza Planning and Preparedness), for those interested in planning for a pandemic, meet quarterly. The focus needs to be changed. There are other types of emergencies that have to be prepared for, therefore, the name PIPP will be changed but the Committee will continue to meet. She would like to have additional people attend that would enable better preparation for handling emergencies. The Committee tried to include every agency that would be involved in emergencies.

Public Input - None.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Next Meeting:

- The next LEPC meeting will be held on November 16, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Steve Benton and seconded by Gary Groelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Shirley Ann Klipstein

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

- 1) *Spill Release Report*
- 2) *Budget Report*

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