

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 16, 2010 – Minutes

Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:00 AM at the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members present: Gary Schenck, Loren Lippincott, Billy Bob Grahn, Steve Benton, Randy Leyes, Jay Gasser, David Diestler, Ryan Reuterskiold, Shirley Connors, Dave Ausloos, Jerry Schuetz, Karen Cain, Bob Wildermuth.

Members absent: Dan Davis, Beth Natter, Randy Thompson, Kyle Geissler, Bridge Aldridge, Tim Curtis, Jude Maurer and Ron Sagen.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion made by Billy Bob Grahn to approve the agenda and seconded by Steve Benton. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Loren Lippincott to approve the January 19, 2010 minutes, seconded by Randy Leyes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Plan of Review – Loren Lippincott advised the Committee:
 - Eleven facility and farm plans were reviewed. The plans were accepted with minor revisions. Motion by Bob Wildermuth and seconded by Billy Bob Grahn to accept the 11 facility and farm plans with the revisions.
- ◆ Community Right-to-Know – Tabled to next meeting.
- ◆ Membership – Tabled to next meeting.
- ◆ Plan of Work - Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - Explained problems she was encountering with the Mass Evacuation Plan. Jim Jensen, Deputy Chief, City of Janesville Fire Department has been working with her. Volunteer that assisted her last year had to quit. The Evacuation Plan is due September, 2010. She asked for assistance from the Office of Justice in the form of a grant.
 - Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 19-23. Normal testing is done on April 22, weather permitting. If inclement weather, testing will be done on April 23. If there is inclement weather on the 23rd, testing will be cancelled.
 - Siren testing will commence April 7.

Emergency Management Report:

- ◆ Budget Report – Shirley Connors
Budget report was distributed with no questions.
- ◆ Spill Report – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - The Committee reviewed Spills/Release Reports. No comments.
- ◆ Tier Reporting – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
 - 144 facilities have responded by sending in their Tier II information. Six facilities have not yet responded. They have been contacted.

- Gary Schenck interjected and stated that Illinois had their electronic database up and running for reporting Tier II information. He is hoping Wisconsin will follow in their footsteps.
- ◆ **Training** – Shirley Connors - Gary Schenck:
 - Shirley advised March 23, 2010, Tornado Spotters Classes have been scheduled. The afternoon class is in the Health Care Center Auditorium from 1 to 3 PM and evening class is 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Clinton Fire Department.
 - Gary Schenck reminded the Committee of the Midwest Emergency Planning & Response Conference at the Radisson Hotel, Rockford, IL May 5-7, 2010. He stated that there are usually excellent speakers if LEPC members are interested in attending.
 - Shirley advised Governor's pre-conference training is scheduled for March 30 and the conference will be held on March 31-April 1, 2010 in Appleton.

Public Health – Karen Cain advised the Committee:

- There will be a prescription drug round up on April 17, 2010 from 9 AM to 1 PM. They will be at the Water Utility Plant in Janesville; Public Works Department in Beloit and Edgerton City Garage. Law Enforcement takes control of the controlled substances. Last year in 2009, 1700 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals were collected.

Jerry Schuetz, City of Milton Police Department, advised the City of Milton is considering a drop box for discarded prescription drugs. He questioned how pharmaceuticals are figured. Karen advised controlled substances are sent to Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and then transported to St. Louis.

Karen stated Public Health Department is working on figuring out a way to have on-going drug collection sites. Attempts are being made to get countywide communication to figure out a site for these collections.

- H1N1 seems to be on the downside. A few vaccines are given out yet but in a much smaller amount.
- Rick Wietersen spoke to the Committee regarding emergency response plans for hazard chemicals stored at facilities and farms. GIS mapping is done to show where these chemicals are and vulnerability zones as well. The mapping system is updated yearly.

Public Input - None

Old Business – None

New Business – Gary Schenck discussed the roles and functions of the LEPC as follows:

- Consistently develop and review site plans with actual copies going to the respective fire departments. County also has plans that are sent to the State of Wisconsin.
- Community Right-to-Know – information regarding chemicals.
- Communications – Aid and assist with emergency communication inter-operability.
- Emergency Response – Contract with City of Janesville Fire Department as it relates to Level B Hazmat.
- Decon trailers were discussed at length. Who owns them? Who has responsibility for these trailers, etc.? Loren Lippincott stated there was a letter from the County Administrator about donating the trailers to those who already have them. Loren is planning on meeting with the Fire Commission to accept. He stated the trailer needs to be added to the list of equipment. Questions remain which are who is going to maintain

the equipment, who will pay upfront to replenish materials, who will pay for the materials that are currently in the trailer.

Gary questioned if the LEPC members even wanted to be involved in the planning of where these trailers are going to go, should the Committee be responsible for maintaining these trailers since the jurisdictions are using the trailers. He stated there are operational issues as well.

Next Meeting:

- The next LEPC meeting will be held on May 18, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Bob Wildermuth and seconded by Karen Cain to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Shirley Ann Klipstein

- ◆ *Materials distributed at this meeting were:*
 - 1) *Spill Release Report*
 - 2) *Budget Report*