

ROCK COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

March 15, 2016 - Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Gary Schenck called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:01 AM at the Emergency Operations Center in the Rock County Health Care Center.

Members Present: Chair Gary Schenck, Norvain Pleasant, Jay Gasser, Tim Banwell, Sondra Klipp, Tim Banwell, Noel Sandoval Lt. Brad Altman, Sondra Klipp, Commander Troy Knudson, Lt. Ron Sagen, Chris Walsh, Robert Swenarski, Robert Wildermuth, Chief Loren Lippincott, Robert Wildermuth, Jay Gasser, Rick Richard and David Botts.

Members Absent: David Ausloos, Dick Mellom, R. Running, Steve Benton, DC Jim Holford, and Sgt. Shena Kohler.

Guests: Catherin Kolb – Shine Medical Technologies and Jeff Bartelme – Shine Medical Technologies.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Loren Lippincott and seconded by Robert Swenarski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Chief Loren Lippencott and seconded by Norvain Pleasant to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Plan of Review – Committee reviewed 4 plan updates and one removal. With minor revisions the plans have been approved to be submitted to the state.

Community Right-to-Know – Lt. Ron Sagen had nothing to report but did state that Sgt. Kohler would be meeting with him at a later date to propose some new initiatives.

Loren Lippincott spoke briefly about the Governor's conference and specifically the LEPC breakout session. He noted that LEPC's were taking a more all-hazards approach regarding their community outreach and working on community preparedness for all emergencies. Beth Kline stated that anyone looking for resources could go to the www.ready.gov website for more information about community preparedness.

Plan of Work – Beth Kline reported that first half submissions will be signed and turned in to the state by the end of March.

Membership – Jay Gasser stated that there was still a vacancy for a media member and that he may have a potential candidate.

Budget – Beth Kline stated that several items were purchased for educational and outreach events. Sgt. Kohler sent out an e-mail asking those in the county with a trailer to send in a list of consumable items they may need to re-stock the trailers.

Spill Report - Spill reports were distributed. Question about the spill reported at Stateline Recycling were, how was it found out and what prompted the discovery of the spill? What is all one piece of equipment or several that were leaking? How was this not noticed for that long? Dave Botts mentioned that the yard of Stateline Recycling is similar to a mud pit and that it could go unnoticed visually because of the state of the yard, itself. Rick Richard asked what the environmental impact would be. Several members stated that it would be similar to an oil spill. The other questions remained unanswered due to lack of information on the DNR report.

Training – Beth Kline announced two future training opportunities being held in the Rock County EOC. Recovery from Disaster: Local Governments Role will be hosted on May 31st and Local Volunteer and Donations Management will be hosted on June 1st and 2nd. To sign-up for either of these trainings, go to WEM's training portal, www.trainingwisconsin.org. There will also be forthcoming announcements about E-Sponder basic classes made available in late spring/early summer. Announcements will be made when dates are confirmed.

Chair Gary Schenck welcomed the members who had been to the Governor's conference to speak. Dave Botts stated that the speaker from SPU (Seattle Pacific University) was impactful particularly in her finding that most schools don't have plans in place or plan to have any plans at all proactively. Most schools put safety/emergency plans in place after an incident. Beth Kline state that one of the speaker's simple recommendations was to put an ANSI lock on all doors, stating that no one behind a locked door had been killed thus far in all of the reported attacks (push button from the inside – key entry from the outside). Ron Sagen mentioned that there were other methods of locking the door being discussed/designed. Dave Botts responded that these methods were brought up by the speaker at the conference, specifically, stating that many methods would be too difficult for some children to activate but the push of a button on a door lock was simple and effective.

Public Health – Noel Sandoval reported that the latest count of cases of elizabethkinga meningoseptic was up to 48, with 15 fatalities. These cases were reported mostly in the south eastern part of Wisconsin (none in Rock County). All fatalities reported were in those over 65 and who had compromised health.

Additionally, several people who have travelled recently to areas of the world with the Zika outbreak have been tested and none in Rock County have come back positive for the virus. Sondra Klipp asked about an uptick in cases of Influenza A. Noel said there has been a slight increase in reported cases but that it has not been as severe as in past years.

Committee Updates – Ron Sagen asked that the Hazmat Team be added as a regular agenda item and reported on the Janesville Fire department's purchase and use of the PEAC, pre-planning and incident planning tool that will incorporate the Tier II submissions as well as the facility plans for the county. Once all of the information has been input into the PEAC system, Ron offered outreach to any of the local county fire departments that may want more information on the facilities of note in their area.

Public Input – Rick Richard stated that the president of Blackhawk Technical College would be retiring and that the top 5 candidates for consideration would be available to meet in April.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – None at this time.

Next Meeting: The next LEPC meeting will be held March 15, 2016 at Rock County Health Care Center EOC.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Bob Swenarski and seconded by Ron Sagen to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Kline

Materials distributed at this meeting were:

1. Spill Report
2. 2016 Budget