

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: December 6, 2021

CHAIR: Amanda Loach

RECORDER: Audrey Gray

MEMBERS PRESENT (P = Present, O = Online, A=Absent)

David Barton	A	Nichole Tham-DCRA/DCCED	P
Doug Lamkin	P	Drielle Welch-OEM	P
Amanda Loach	P	John Werner-JBER OEM	P
Erich Scheunemann	P	Anita Baker-DCRA/DCCED	P
Ron Swartz	O	Lore Olson-ANMC	O
George Vakalis	O	Jade Gamble-DEC	O
Robert Wyatt	A	Doug Schrage-AFD	O
Support Staff		Michelle Weston-Girdwood Fire & Rescue	O
Audrey Gray-OEM	P	Jason Wheeler-NDRS Consultant for OEM	O
Andrew Preis-OEM	P	Roy English-DHS & EM	O
Agency Representatives		Kelley Biastock-AHD	O
Roy English-DHS & EM	O		
Kelley Biastock-AHD	O	Public:	
Meg Kohler-DEC	O	Neverley Wake	O
Aviva Braun-NWS Anchorage	A		
Kathy Shea-DEC	P		
JJ Little-DHS & EM	P		
Gerard Asselin-APD	P		

AGENDA/ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP (Track, Open, Close)
Call to Order and Introductions	Call to order at 13:05		N/A
Welcome and Roll Call	Chair Loach welcomed all to the meeting and roll call completed.		N/A
Safety Minute	Winter Car Safety was presented by Andrew Preis from OEM		N/A

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FOLLOW-UP

<p>Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 10/17/19 and 1/23/2020</p>	<p>Mr. Vakalis motion to approve, Scheunemann second, no discussion, unanimously approved</p>		<p>Close</p>
<p>Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Vakalis motion to approve agenda, Lambkin second , no discussion, unanimously approved</p>		<p>Close</p>
<p>Presentations</p>	<p>Ms. Nichole Tham and Ms. Anita Baker from DCCED gave a presentation on the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT funding for recovery from the 2018 Pt. MacKenzie Earthquake. Ms. Sally Russell Cox also in attendance from DCCED to assist with questions.</p>	<p>Municipality will need to let the State know what projects they would like to do with the funding available from CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT.</p>	<p>Track</p>
<p>Reports-Community Right to Know Act</p>	<p>Chair Loach gave a report from AFD on Tier II facilities that are required to report into E-plans, reporting timeframe is Jan 1-Mar 1, approximately 460 facilities report annually. IN addition, Chair Loach went over the number of hazardous materials incidents have happened in the MOA from 1/1/2020 to 11/15/2021.</p>		<p>Close</p>
<p>Emergency Plans</p>	<p>Chair Loach updated committee on staffing changes to OEM to include the addition of 2 staff for recovery and 1 for planning efforts.</p> <p>Ms. Gray presented on the Integrated Preparedness Plan created in July 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Preis presented on the Threats, hazards, identifying risk assessment (THIRA) and the Whole Community Input Form (WCIF) completed in July 2021.</p> <p>Ms. Welch presented on where we are in the process of the rewrite of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.</p> <p>Ms. Loach presented on funding opportunities the OEM has in HMGP, EMPG and SHSP, BRIC funding.</p>		<p>Close</p>

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<p>State Emergency Response Committee</p>	<p>Mr. Vakalis, the Anchorage LEPC representative on the SERC, presented information from the previous meetings. SERC looks at all plans that deal with emergencies in the state. The SERC is looking at the structure of LEPCs to assist in making them more efficient.</p>		<p>close</p>
<p>DHS & EM</p>	<p>J.J. Little is the new person responsible for assistance and oversight of LEPCs at DHS & EM.</p>		<p>Close</p>
<p>Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection</p>	<p>Kathy Shea spoke briefly on the purpose of APIP and offered if agencies need an invite to their virtual meetings to contact her for the information.</p>		<p>close</p>
<p>Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group</p>	<p>JMEPG working on Hazard Vulnerability Assessment for all healthcare facilities. DHSS planning a TTX on 12Jan as a lead in exercise for 28Feb -1Mar, focused on hospital evac and patient movement. Annual communications drill being held in next few months. Annual TTX held by JMEPG and Alaska Regional Hospital will be an active shooter scenario, focused on recovery.</p>		<p>Close</p>
<p>Communications: AWARN and ALMR</p>	<p>Ms. Gray gave an update on the changes to the way Nixle is utilized in the MOA. Ms. Loach discussed the timeline of Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) implementation for the Municipality</p>		<p>Close</p>
<p>Anchorage Health Department</p>	<p>Kelley Biastock introduced herself and gave a COVID-19 update.</p>		<p>Close</p>

<p>Citizen Corps</p>	<p>Mr. Swartz gave an update on UAA CERT Team. CERT team was used in UAA EOP update. IN the future they will continue My PI program for teenagers.</p> <p>Chief Weston reported Girdwood CERT has 12 volunteers who help with road blocking and extra hands during emergencies</p>		<p>close</p>
<p>Emergency Operations Center</p>	<p>Ms. Loach gave an update on the EOC. The EOC is a part of the OEM and is currently not activated/open. Many employees from around the Municipality come together to staff the EOC.</p> <p>The EOC has changed from a department model to an ICS based EOC.</p> <p>The OEM has a duty officer on call 24/7, runs through AFD/APD dispatch.</p> <p>Ms. Loach reported on the flooding in Girdwood that impacted the area over the Halloween weekend. OEM was asked to amplify public information and has continued to gather information to assist in recovery efforts.</p>	<p>MS. Loach will update the LEPC on recovery efforts in Girdwood at the next meeting.</p>	<p>open</p>
<p>Unfinished Business</p>	<p>N/A</p>		<p>close</p>
<p>New Business: LEPC Open positions</p>	<p>Many positions are open on the Anchorage LEPC as indicated in the agenda. The Committee would like individuals to fill all positions stated in the agenda with qualified people.</p> <p>Ms. Loach indicated all interested people must submit a letter if interest stating their role in the community and why they would like to serve on the committee. If any committee members have ideas of folks the OEM could reach out to fill these positions to send the information to Ms. Gray or Mr. Preis.</p>	<p>New committee members interest letters will be brought to the next LEPC meeting for consideration by the committee for inclusion.</p> <p>After the committee members are approved, candidates must be approved by the SERC before they are able to begin serving on the Anchorage LEPC.</p>	<p>open</p>

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Extend meeting time	Motion to extend meeting time—Mr. Vakalis motioned, second from Scheunemann, no discussion, unanimously passes.		close
Changes in Ex-Office positions	Health/Medical Ex-Office position will be offered to Dr. Savitt the Chief Medical Officer at AHD National Weather service Ex-Office Position will be offered to Aviva Braun, Warning Coordinator with the Anchorage NWS office DHS & EM Ex-Office Position will be offered to whoever DHS & EM designates.	New Ex-Office members will be voted on in the next meeting and requested to attend.	Open
Changes in LEPC support staff	Ms. Loach announced the new LEPC support staff who will start after the current meeting will be Andrew Preis with OEM and Drielle Welch with OEM.		close
LEPC By-Laws changes	Committee approved tabling these changes until committee has brought on new members.	Tabled until new committee members are in place.	open
Upcoming plans for review	Ms. Welch said the HMP must be updated prior to April 10, 2022 and is slated to have the first draft copy complete by December 17, 2021. Ms. Welch also presented EOP information. EOP will be updated and the new plan will provide more clarity around who does what in an emergency. Currently awaiting a contract to begin this work and is slated to have a first draft by August 2022.		open
Public Comment	Committee will be asked to review both plans before they are finalized. Ms. Anita Baker commented she would like to see the LEPC reach out to the Federation of Community Councils for LEPC membership in high disaster impact areas of the Municipality.		close
Committee Member Comment	Chief Scheunemann commented that during the pandemic when hospitals were on diversion status, they continued to support EMS bringing patients into the emergency departments without any significant delays in patient offload times.		none

ADJOURNMENT:	Next meeting will be Tuesday March 22, 2022 Mr. Lambkin motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Scheunemann. Adjourned at 15:10.	None
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Signed

Date

5/10/22