

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: October 17, 2019

CHAIR: Amanda Loach

RECORDER: Audrey Gray

MEMBERS PRESENT (P = Present, O = On the phone)

David Barton	A	Celia Jackson-Red Cross	P	
Alan Czajkowski	P	Sarah Leonard-Red Cross	P	
DeeAnn Fetko	A	Louise Fode-NWS Anchorage	P	
Doug Lamkin	A	Kevin Reeve- DHS & EM	P	
Amanda Loach	P	Jodie Hettrick-AFD	P	
Erich Scheunemann	P	Bill Falsey-MOA	P	
Ron Swartz	A	Lore Olson	O	
George Vakalis	P			
Robert Wyatt	A	Public:		
Support Staff		Eugene Carl Haberman	P	
Audrey Gray-OEM	P			
Andrew Preis-OEM	P			
Agency Representatives				
Tom Koloski-DHS & EM	P			
John Werner-JBER EM	P			
Shannon Stipcox-JBER EM	P			
William Kays-AHD	P			
Meg Kohler-DEC	P			

AGENDA/ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP (Track, Open, Close)
Call to Order and Introductions	13:02		N/A
Welcome and Roll Call	Chair Loach welcomed all to the meeting and requested the committee adhere as closely as possible to the time limits named in the agenda	•	N/A
Safety Minute	Louise Fode, Warning Coordinator from the Anchorage National Weather Service detailed the Winter Weather long range forecast, predicting the upcoming winter will likely be similar to that of last winter based on trends seen in the past years.	•	N/A

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Consent Agenda-Approval of previous meeting minutes	Quorum not present, meeting minutes not voted upon, tabled until next meeting	Address meeting minutes in January meeting	Open
Consent Agenda-Approval of Agenda	No quorum, agenda not voted on, meeting ensued	•	
Presentations	No presentation at this meeting. Committee members were encouraged to reach out to Audrey Gray if there is a presentation they would like to see		Track
Reports-Community Right to Know Act	<p>Audrey Gray Demonstrated the functionality of E-Plans, the new platform provided by Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for Tier II reports to be submitted. All reporters should be in the system by March 2020.</p> <p>Chair Loach went over the Alaska State Statutes and the Code of Federal Regulations which mandate what is required to be accomplished by the LEPC.</p>	Audrey Gray will see about who is allowed access to E-Plans and will work on access for those people	Open
Emergency Plans	<p>Chair Loach explained the Hazard Mitigation Plan will begin to be updated in 2020.</p> <p>Andy Preis with OEM went over the Emergency Alert System (EAS) plan update which was done in 2018. Changes to the EAS plan included removal of DHS&EM as a messaging partner, updated contact information for all of the local broadcasters, and an updated event code list. The National Weather Service utilizes the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (iPAWS), and remains OEM's primary partner in activating and sending messages across the EAS. OEM will reconvene the iPAWS committee in the near future.</p> <p>The OEM will also be updating the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP). The Training Exercise Planning Workshop used to develop this plan is being held on December 12 from 9-11am, the</p>	Meeting invite for the Training Exercise Planning Workshop will be sent to the LEPC members	Track


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	<p>LEPC is welcome to attend. One of the items being planned for is the statewide Alaska Shield exercise being held in the Spring of 2022. LEPC is welcome to provide anything they would like incorporated into the plan via email to Audrey Gray if they are unable to attend the meeting</p> <p>In 2020, The Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan will begin to be updated. Recovery and Mass Care sections will be added to significantly in this update</p>		
State Emergency Response Committee	<p>Mr. Vakalis provided an update from the SERC finance committee regarding the cut of the LEPC and SERC money in 2019. The committee is going to report on 10/25/19 at the SERC meeting to look at the use of the flow fund to make up for the cuts, as it was funded when the LEPC first began. They are recommending the following items be considered when determining funding levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Tier II reporters • Population served • Natural hazards in the area • Chemicals transported through the area 	Vakalis to brief the LEPC on the outcome of the SERC meeting decision at the January meeting	Open
DHS & EM	<p>Mr. Kevin Reeve reported the Local Emergency Planning Commission Association meeting being held on October 25, 2019 from 8am-12pm. SERC meeting being held from 1pm-5pm on the same day. They are going to set up planning committees and find a way forward with the funding question. Mr. Reeve also went over the Code of Federal Regulations which mandate activities of the LEPC, 11-005 and 11-001.</p>		Close
Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection	<p>Mr. Tom Kolaski reported APIP is a public-private sector coordination group, at their last meeting the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency presented. The group is currently working on procedures for how to allow access and re-entry to a disaster area for private partners. They are looking at a tiered re-entry policy and the Alaska Emergency Management Association is discussing this topic as well. November 21 is their next meeting and Ann Gravier from Housing and Urban Development is</p>	Add to Oct agenda.	Open

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	<p>presenting.</p> <p>A Quake Smart for business training is being held at University of Alaska Anchorage on December 19. In March APIP is discussing port operations and how to get goods into Anchorage in the case of a port failure.</p>		
<p>Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group</p>	<p>Ms. Lore Olson with Alaska Native Medical Center presented for JMEPG. JMEPG is assisting The Department of Health and Social Services with planning a citywide patient surge exercise bringing patients in from Fairbanks during a National Guard exercise.</p> <p>Ms. Olson shared the capabilities of hospitals in Anchorage and Mat-Su to provide decontamination for patients in the case of a hazardous material incident. She indicated the hospitals' PPE is nearing end of life or has already expired and it is difficult to maintain training for staff. She asked for assistance from the LEPC to determine what capabilities the community has outside of the hospital as well as the expectations of the community. Mr. Erich Schunemann indicated he would give Lore a call and assist her in this matter. Currently the AFD has 7 hazmat Technicians and they would likely call the 103rd from the military if there were a large hazardous materials incident. They would only have the capability to handle the scene of the incident and would not have enough staff to assist at the hospitals.</p> <p>Mr. Vakalis indicated that the Point of Dispensing Plan for hospitals was in place and there is no pandemic influenza plan currently at the Anchorage Health Department.</p> <p>Ms. Meg Kohler from DEC indicated there is a meeting for the hazardous materials decon group on November 7 which Ms. Olson could attend, made up of Federal and State Planners and she can share the meeting with Lore. There will be a meeting on Oil and hazardous materials on November 19 as well.</p>	<p>Mr. Erich Schunemann to reach out to Ms. Lore Olson with information and assistance.</p> <p>Ms. Audrey Gray will send the Hazardous Materials Meeting Invite to Ms. Lore Olson</p>	<p>Open</p>

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Communications: AWARN and ALMR	<p>Mr. Andy Preis from OEM shared that AWARN needs upgrades and looked for funding with the assistance of DHS & EM, but was unable to find enough funding to complete the project. There will be a 1.5 million dollar bond proposal moving forward to get these upgrades made.</p> <p>Handheld portable radios were distributed throughout the Municipality to make up for communications shortfalls in various departments.</p>		Open
Anchorage Health Department	<p>Mr. Bill Kays from AHD shared they did not need any assistance for the Soldotna measles case from Anchorage, and no additional cases were identified.</p> <p>Messages to the community for air quality issues during the 2019 summer months were from the EPA guidelines.</p> <p>AHD is working on building capacity to be able to take on the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery dollars.</p>		Track
Citizen Corps	<p>No Citizen Corps representative was available to provide a report</p>		open
Emergency Operations Center	<p>Chair Loach shared the following items: There were lessons learned from the Pt. McKenzie earthquake and are being followed up on. 7000 people have applied to FEMA through individual assistance or small business administration loans and there continue to be unmet needs. The long term recovery group continues to provide weatherization for the winter for some housing that needs repair. The Chair indicated there were not a lot of people residing in the municipality that had earthquake insurance.</p> <p>Mitigation funding will be coming soon, and the OEM office is looking at priorities in the mitigation plan for the money. This includes doing a data update for risk assessment, bricks and sticks projects, such as</p>		closed

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	<p>seismic bracing of critical infrastructure and a language access project.</p> <p>The MLK Fire response was largely successful and an After action report will be forthcoming.</p> <p>The OEM office assisted in the Civil Emergency for Homelessness.</p> <p>The OEM office also has a 24/7 duty officer for response partners.</p>		
Unfinished Business	Nothing to report		closed
New Business: LEPC By-Laws changes	Ms. Audrey Gray handed out proposed changes to the LEPC by-laws and requested the committee take a look at the proposed changes and get any comments to Audrey.		open
Funding Opportunities	Chair Loach went over what funding opportunities currently exist for the municipality: Economic Development Agency, State Homeland Security Program (deadline Dec. 31, 2019), Post and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (OEM is assisting with applications, and has a January 31, 2020 deadline), Homeland Security Grant Program, Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery.		track
Replacement of LEPC health member	A quorum was not present, item was not voted on.		open
Moving LEPC Forward	<p>Chair Loach would like to see workgroups as a part of the LEPC.</p> <p>Mr. Vakalis indicated there are voting members as well as ex-officio non-voting members on the LEPC who can assist.</p> <p>The committee appreciated the ability to call in to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Schunemann would like to continue to have a presentation at future meetings.</p> <p>Mr. Vakalis said the LEPC is primarily present to review plans and thinks the committee can work on</p>		open

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	one plan at a time to assist with updating them.		
Public Comment	Mr. Eugene Culhavey from the Mat-Su Valley commented that he commends the Municipality for the response to the earthquake and the communication to the public. He attended many public meetings this summer about the fires in Mat-su and they are improving. He suggested the committee consider having live video and audio feed in future meetings to better involve the public	Audrey Gray to explore utilizing a live feed for future meetings	open
Committee Member Comment	Mr. Bill Kays with AHD indicated there is a pill takeback event at Fred Meyer and Providence hospital from 10-2 on 10/26/19 in Anchorage and Mat-Su.		none
ADJOURNMENT:	15:10		



 Signed

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