

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

DATE: June 29th, 2022
 CHAIR: Amanda Loach
 RECORDER: Andrew Preis

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

		P	<u>Other Agencies Represented:</u>		<u>Other Attendees:</u>
Chairperson – Amanda Loach		P			
<u>LEPC Voting Members:</u>					
David Barton		A	Lore Olson (ANMC, JMEPG, pending Hospital seat)	O	
Doug Lamkin		AE	Alyssa Farrar (AWWU, pending Local Environmental seat)	O	
Erich Scheunemann		AE	Sylvia Heinz (Team Rubicon)	O	
Ron Swartz		P	Ron Britton	O	
George Vakalis		AE	Jamie Acton (MOA Transportation)	O	
Robert Wyatt		A	Jason Beach (MOA Radio Shop)	O	
			Ashley Lally (ASD)	P	
<u>Support Staff:</u>					
Audrey Gray-OEM		P	Drielle Welch (OEM)	P	
Andrew Preis-OEM		P	John Huffman (UAA EM)	P	
			John Werner (JBER EM)	P	
<u>Ex-Officio Members (non-voting):</u>					
Health – Dr. Michael Savitt		P	Gerard Asselin (APD, pending LE seat)	P	
			Manch Garhart (GVFD, pending Fire/EMS seat)	O	
Weather – Aviva Braun			Shawna Watson (ACS, APIP Private Chair)	P	
SOA/DHS&EM – JJ Little		P			
<u>Reporting Agencies:</u>					
Community Right to Know (CRTK) - Jean Boyda		A			
State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)		AE			
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) – JJ Little		P			
Alaska Partnership for Infrastructure Protection (APIP) – Shawna Watson		P			
Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG) – Lore Olson		O			
Communications (AWARN/ALMR)		P			
Anchorage Health Department (AHD) (Kelly Isham. Pending Health/Medical seat)		P			

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/Citizen Corp) – Manch Garhart	O		
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	P		


AGENDA/ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP (Track, Open, Close)
Call to Order and Introductions	Meeting called to order by Chair Loach - 1:09pm (late due to technical issues)		
Welcome and Roll Call	Welcome and housekeeping items – Preis Rollcall – Preis Committee members present: 1/5 (quorum)		
Safety Minute	Pet Preparedness – Audrey Gray – pet preparedness presentation Talked to the group about how to best prepare for the critters during emergencies, just the same as family members.		
Consent Agenda- Approval of previous meeting minutes from 12/6/21	<u>May, 2022 meeting minutes</u> Motion to approve: Second: No Quorum, tabling the vote		
Consent Agenda- Approval of Agenda for 5/4/22	<u>June, 2022 meeting agenda</u> Motion to approve: Second: No Quorum, tabling the vote		
Presentation	JJ Little – DHS&EM presentation on the Whole Community Input Form (WCIF) John Huffman, previously with JJ in community planning section, has moved on to UAA EM Community Planning Section at SEOC: JJ Little is SERC Coordinator Roy English LEPC Coordinator Whole Community Approach		

	<p>Next SERC meeting coming up in October</p> <p>CPG101 V.3 is the informing document from FEMA Goes over the National Preparedness Goal, National Preparedness System.</p> <p>WCIF informs on local community census info and impact data, hazard concerns, priorities. Also informs on local jurisdiction's priorities (POETE) and capability gaps. Can help identify funding sources to help close gaps.</p> <p>WCIF emulates the THIRA/SPR. This year's cycle includes THIRA and SPR, across all 32 core capabilities.</p> <p>WCIF is a requirement for receiving EMPG funding, and SHSP funding.</p> <p>Alaska Assessment (NIMS compliance), establishes baseline of a community's current EM activities, current/recent responses to major events, prospects for future growth of community's emergency management.</p>		
<p>REPORTS: Community Right to Know Act (CRTK)</p>	<p>Absent, no update</p>		
<p>Emergency Plans</p>	<p><u>Drielle Welch – OEM Hazard Mitigation Plan:</u> Final FEMA approval received May 15th, 2022, valid through May, 2027. Working on updating project list, and also looking to convene the Hazard Mitigation Committee to prioritize projects, and look for funding. CDBG-DR/Mit will be used to integrate AHMP with other city plans, especially hazards identified in the plan.</p> <p><u>CEOP Update:</u> In the middle of extensive update to the plan. Drafts of annexes and sections have gone out to SME's and partners/stakeholders for feedback. Feedback due by Friday 7/1. Let Drielle know if you need to be added to that Teams channel to give updates. Contractors coming to Alaska to be on site for some additional coordination and planning in August, working/meeting with</p>		

<p>State Emergency Response Committee (SERC)</p>	<p><u>George Vakalis – SERC:</u> Absent, no update</p>		
<p>Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS & EM)</p>	<p>No update</p>		
<p>Alaska Partners for Infrastructure Protection (APIP)</p>	<p>Shawna Watson – public chair APIP. APIP takes summers off of meetings and will start back up again in the fall.</p>		
<p>Joint Medical Emergency Planning Group (JMEPG)</p>	<p>Lore Olson – JMEPG Chair Meetings have moved from monthly to every other month. Last month cancelled due to lack of agenda items. HPP submissions due tomorrow, many members working on those. Hopefully approved for a lot of training requests and initiatives. Ongoing hospital liaison desk (HLD) discussions internally and how that will look/function going forward. Lore is leading this discussion with JMEPG members and AHD.</p>		
<p>Communications: (AWARN/ALMR)</p>	<p>Jason Beach – MOA Radio Shop. Upgraded part of the core AWARN system in Anchorage, from having been installed in 2007. Cutover successful with no issues. Recently updated AFD fleet maps including latest updates from Forestry.</p>		
<p>Anchorage Health Department (AHD)</p>	<p><u>Kelly Isham – Manager of Emergency Preparedness (EP) and Response program at AHD</u> EP program taking advantage of funding sources for equipment. Approved to purchase 7 sheltering systems used for alternate care sites, medical, etc. Should match up with other sheltering systems already in inventory both with MOA assets and around the city with other medical facilities. Can anticipate these systems arriving soon in Anchorage, some on the way shortly, some being “printed” and will be sent soon. Question about all-weather capabilities on the shelter systems. They are double lined and insulated, but there will be a point where</p>		

	<p>they are not viable to use. Heater systems pumping in warm air can help.</p> <p>Spoke about Sullivan mass care shelter closing end of the month. Covid response is transitioning mainly to at home testing as a whole approach. This is convenient, but hinders data collection and tracking/reporting positive case rates and positivity. Severity, hospitalizations, mortality are continuing to be low, which can be tracked.</p>		
<p>Citizen Corps/CERT</p>	<p><u>Ron Swartz</u> – UAA EM Curriculum in use at the Alaska Military Youth Academy.</p> <p>Manch Garhart – GVFD. Working with CERT on crowd control and other things in anticipation for Girdwood Forest Fair coming up over the holiday weekend.</p>		
<p>Emergency Operations Center</p>	<p>Amanda Loach, Director - OEM: EOC activation for Elmore Fire 6/23 for about 5 hours. On scene unified command with MOA/State assets. EOC supported with public information, resource coordination. 16+ agencies assisted in the response and support. Flight restrictions, mapping, spot forecasting, responder support with food, situational awareness with partner agencies.</p>		
<p>Unfinished Business: Open LEPC positions</p>	<p>Re-arranged the roster to show existing and filled positions that include voting members, ex-officio non-voting members. All are waiting for SERC to approve at next meeting in October, 2022. Need to have as many nominations ready for that meeting as possible.</p> <p>Vacating inactive seats, discussion about removing current people based on absences, and refilling them with committed people.</p> <p>UAA seat previously held by Ron Swartz, asking the will of the group to replace Ron's seat with John</p>		<p>Andy to send out LEPC application, make sure fillable form is online as well.</p> <p>Andy to follow up on making sure all links on website are active, especially bylaws and application.</p>

	<p>Huffman who is taking his EM job at UAA. Ron started on the LEPC 15 years ago as law enforcement rep, would encourage us to continue to have UAA represented on the committee. John willing to fill said seat.</p> <p>All of these seat vacancies and seat fills need to go through the formal approval process by the SERC.</p> <p>On to the tentative positions. Mr. Opalka has not been heard from for law enforcement seat. Mr. Asselin is still interested in filling the seat. Will bring this up next meeting to push forward to the SERC as an official nomination.</p> <p>Open positions noted.</p> <p>Alyssa Farrar – AWWU applied for local environmental seat. Interested and qualified. Handles emergency preparedness, safety, and security at the utility.</p> <p>Manch Garhart interested in first aid position, may be turning in application soon.</p> <p>Beverly Wake from Team Rubicon interested in applying for community group seat.</p> <p>John Werner suggested to reach out to air guard for civil defense seat.</p>		
<p>Other Unfinished Business: plan update calendar</p>	<p>No discussion, will bring this up next meeting for a vote to include in the bylaws.</p>		
<p>New Business: LEPC recommendations/discussion</p>	<p>OEM is applying for funding to update EAS plan, also working in IPAWS integration, as well as EOP update, so tabling discussion on the EAS plan update.</p> <p>Ron Swartz – UAA EM discussion. UAA campus is leasing Alaska Airlines Center to Save America for Saturday, July 9th. Former Pres. Trump coming for</p>		

	<p>the rally to support several key seats up for voting this year in Alaska. It is real and happening as of today, with a signed contract. 11am – entertainment 1pm speaking starts 4pm Trump</p>		
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>John Werner – July 30/31 open house. EM has done risk assessment, coordinating agencies all talking/working together. Incorporates air show, performers, vendors, recruiters, tons of machines on display. Safe, secure, exciting. Richardson and Boniface gates to get on base, Open to general public. Audrey Gray – OEM. Thanking Ron for all his contributions to the community!</p>		
<p>Committee Member Comment</p>			
<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>Motion requested to adjourn meeting Motion: Second: Executive decision with lack of quorum. Meeting adjourned at 2:43pm Next meeting will be Wednesday September 28, 2022 1pm-3pm Loussac Library/MS Teams hybrid</p>		<p>9/30/2022. Date</p>

Signed

Date