

## Powell County LEPC Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018

The June meeting was called to order by Ida Miller at 12:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Marianne Saylor, Shane Olsen, John Harrison, Heather Shepard, Michelle Buchanan, Lori Yount, Charles Grose, Trent Freeman, Andy Dreesen, Richard Liles, Earl Hall, Gavin Roselles, Rick Johnson, and Ida Miller

The minutes from May meeting were approved with a motion by Marianne and second by Earl. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Exercise: John provided more planning to support an operation based exercise for the community. The exercise planning team was identified and we made progress in identifying most of the exercise concept design components including exercise type, participation level, location, and approximate duration. We still need to identify the exercise date and anticipated participants and components and listed several discussion points which need to be reviewed including possible litigious situations that could arise during the exercise especially safety concerns.

Our timetable has been slowed due the fact that we need to limit our meetings to approximately one hour per month but are still aiming for completion in the fall. John, our Lead Exercise Planner, recommends completing the combined Concept Development and Initial Planning Meetings in April at one sitting.

We identified who some of the players need to be including the County Sheriff Department, City Police, Ambulance, Fire Department, Hospital, and High School. The Exercise director will be Rick Duncan, Safety Officer – Ruth Koehler, Operations - Kerry Glisson will be the liaison for the School Division; Gavin Roselles is the liaison for the Law Enforcement division; and Andy Dreesen will be the liaison for the Medical division, Public Information Officer – Scott Howard, Admin/Finance – Charlene White and Logistics has not yet been identified. Our plan for spring is to complete the Concept Development and Initial Planning in April, Mid Planning meeting in May, MSEL in June, Final Planning in July, Academic/Discussion based exercise in August or September and the Exercise in Sept/Oct/Nov with follow-up and review in the month following the exercise. One goal will be to test our communication abilities between all major players. Earl identified the need to have an experienced 911 operator involved and also to ensure that the Fire Department and Ambulance are involved. We continued our discussion on our full scale exercise. John had updated the planning session to reflect our discussion in March.

Working thru the power point, we identified various questions and possible barriers to the full scale exercise including who and how to pre-notify of the event and media outreach, volunteers for continuation to Deer Lodge Medical Center, only one dispatcher with 3 phone lines, safety of participants, whether there needs to be parental permission. The absence of school representation has hampered the discussion slightly. Rick will try to present information to community boards that may have decision making capabilities. We did determine a name for the exercise, Exercise El Nino, with a tentative exercise date is becoming fluid as the planning continues.

#### New Business:

Flood Conditions: In May some minor flooding was occurring in areas outside of Deer Lodge. The jersey barriers were pulled on two bridges in town to prevent blockage but so far there hasn't been anything but high and fast water levels. The jersey barriers were put back in place and then the water rose again and flooding is occurring on Fourth and Fifth Streets near Cottonwood Creek. There is water in the basement of the Sheriff's office. The bridges at Fourth and Clark over the creek are also closed again. Tin Cup Joe Creek is flooding over the prison entrance road, at the golf course which was closed, the basement of the DOC training center and at Sun Mountain Lumber and over West College and the south end of Kentucky. Sand bags are still available at the fairgrounds. Trent Freeman relayed that the wastewater treatment plant is running at 5.2 million as opposed to 1.8 million.

Active Shooter Training: School District #1 has contracted with KECI Active Shooter training to conduct Active Shooter Training on Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> for staff. The High School will be using Safari Land Active Shooter Training and will conduct a staff training session on August 28<sup>th</sup>. There will also be training put on by Montana State Prison for Armed Responders one Wednesday in August.

Exercise Planning: Planning discussion has continued with some changes to the Planning Staff. Ida Miller and Kathleen Gonder will take over as PIO for planning and Ruth Koehler and Marianne Saylor will be the Logistics planners. After discussion with current members it was decided that John will set up some planning team meetings outside of the LEPC meetings.

Being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Earl Hall with a second by Richard Liles at 1:00 p.m. The next LEPC meeting will be on July 18, 2018 at noon at Deer Lodge Medical Center.