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July 12, 2018

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the July 12<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Deb Childers, Westar Energy  
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Amanda Dreasher, Flint Hills Community Health  
Jim Tilton, Emporia Police Department  
Jennifer Skiles, Flint Hills Community Health  
Claude Williamson, Presbyterian Manon  
Tom Andrews, USD 253-Emporia  
David Whittington, Holiday Resort  
Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas Services  
Suzanne Worthen-Miller, The Salvation Army  
Victoria Reynolds, Lyon County Trustee  
Janice Arb, Manager- L-CAT  
Phil Cooper, City of Emporia  
Sandy Johnson, Kansas Department of Agriculture  
Christina Dains, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Chris Hoover, ESU Police

Keith Senn, City of Emporia  
Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management  
Jordan Hartman, Newman Regional Health  
Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire Department  
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds  
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County Emerg. Management  
Andrea Elwood, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Pam Purdum, Tyson Fresh Meats  
Arron Scheve, Lyon County Game Warden  
Brandee Ball, Lyon County State Bank  
David Hurlocker, At Home Health Care  
Hailey Clark, Lyon County 911 Communications  
Damian O'Keefe, Newman Regional Health  
Steve Harsha, KDEM  
Kelly Mayer, Chamber-LEAA

LEPC Chair Victoria Reynolds called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., followed by introductions of those present.

**Motion:** To approve the April 12<sup>th</sup> minutes:

Jennifer Skiles (Jim Tilton) 28-0

Jarrod Fell presented the LEPC Tier II reports for members review. These reports are available to the public upon request and will be present at every quarterly meeting of the LEPC. To view Tier II reports, please contact Cathy Ernst at Lyon County Emergency Management, 425 Mechanic Street, Emporia Kansas 66801 620-341-3203. Cathy will email copies of the Tier II maps with the July 2018 minutes to members of LEPC.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Victoria Reynolds has moved to the Chair seat of LEPC to finish the 2018 term of Erin Starr who is no longer employed with Lyon County. Ms. Reynolds will continue to serve as Chair for 2019. A nomination was requested from members for a Vice-Chair to serve the remainder of 2018, continue as Vice Chair through 2019 and serve as Chair in 2020. Jordan Hartman Emergency Manager of Newman Regional Health was nominated for the Vice Chair position by Damian O'Keefe. Ms. Hartman accepted the nomination.

**Motion:** To elect Jordan Hartman as a member of LEPC to replace Molly Milakovich and to also serve in the position of Vice-Chair for 2018 and 2019.

Aaron Scheve (Jim Tilton) 28-0

**Motion:** To elect/accept Christina Dains to replace Leslie Gilger who is no longer with employed Hand and Hand Hospice and to accept the resignation of Dr. Tracy Tucker from LEPC membership due to a job change.

David Whittington (Jeff Cope) 28-0

**Guest Speakers:**

Sandy Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator- Kansas Department of Agriculture.

An overview of the Kansas Department of Agriculture and its role in emergency response was presented to the group. Drought mitigation and grant programs to help producers with water sources was briefly discussed.

**Coordinator Report:**

Carrie Boettcher has resigned her position as the Emergency Manager at Emporia State University. Once a replacement has been appointed she will pass her seat on LEPC to the new Emergency Manager. ESU is going through the hiring process now.

The LEPC Conference will be held in Topeka on July 25-26, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending can contact Cathy at 620-341-3203 for details.

A big thank you to Westar Energy for the quick response to restore power, provide resources and make it safe to start the debris removal process after the July 26, 2018 tornado in Eureka.

The October 11, 2018 LEPC meeting will include a table-top, discussion based, hazardous material exercise. The purpose of the exercise is to test your agency's emergency plans and to do deconfliction of those plans. The exercise will also facilitate conversations with community partners to discuss plans and shared resources. The time commitment to attend the meeting and the exercise will be approximately 4 hours. Please have your plan updates done before the exercise. It is vital that you let Jarrod or Cathy know as soon as possible if you would like to be a part of the exercise and how many people in your organization will be attending. The next exercise planning team meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will be held in the basement meeting room of the Sheriff's Office.

Quarterly hazardous materials and spills update: None this quarter.

The Wolf Creek Reception Center Training on June 13, 2018 was conducted and went well. A big thank you to all who participated.

The Lunar Kansa event is scheduled for Saturday July 28, 2018 in Emporia.

The PDGA-Junior Disk Golf World Championship will be held July 8-July 14, 2018 in Emporia.

Jarrod is pleased to report that there have been a lot of planning meetings conducted before we host events in our county. Progressive steps with emergency service providers and event stake holders have been made to pre-plan and discuss what each event looks like and how that event will affect the community. This collaboration helps to identify what resources may need to be put forward for each event.

Introduction of Hailey Clark as the 911 Communications Center-Administrative Assistant to the Director and Program Manager of the Everbridge- Mass Notification System. Hailey will be conducting training for agencies who wish to use this service. Please contact Jarrod if you would like more information about utilizing this technology at your events or agency.

The Position for the Lyon County Communications Director has been posted.

A sheltering training will be offered by the American Red Cross at the COAD, (Citizens Organization Active in Disaster) meeting on September 6, 2018. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cathy at 620-341-3203 for more information.

The FHCHC Message Board that was purchased through a health care grant sometime in 2010-2011 is no longer working and repairs have been unsuccessful. If there are no objection, there will be a new board ordered to replace it with 2019 Kansas NE Region, Homeland Security project money.

Discipline Reports:

Lyon County Court Trustee: None

Lyon County Emergency Communications Center:

A COAD training will be conducted on the Everbridge system Tuesday July 17, 2018 from 12:00 to 1:00 in the basement meeting room of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

Emporia Police Department: None

Fire Department/EMS: None

Tyson Foods: None

The Salvation Army:

There is ongoing heavy use of the food pantry. Due to the last food drive they are well stocked to serve the community. Applications for assistance with electric and gas utilities are on the rise. There is not enough funding to go to all applicants to help and many are living without power. Income eligible families can apply to receive school supply vouchers and assistance with a back pack and clothing for going back to school in a few weeks. Contact the Salvation Army for application information at 620-342-3092.

Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness: None

USD-253 Emporia: None

Newman Regional Health:

Construction of the Emergency Room addition is coming along nicely. Damian is hopeful that he will be able to extend a tour of the new facility to LEPC members sometime this fall.

A scheduled High Consequence Pathogen/Serge Capacity, full scale exercise will take place at Newman Regional Health on July 26, 2018. They are excited to see how it goes.

Jordan will be attending a week-long training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in August.

Flint Hills Community Health Center:

July is the start of the fiscal year for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program. Jennifer will be contacting many of you to get updates. There is a mass fatality improvement plan meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. You should have received a draft copy in your email along with other documents.

Amanda is pleased to report that the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration site visit/audit went very well. National Health Center Week is coming up August 12-18. FHCHC is planning activities.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

The State EOC was activated for the June 2018 Eureka Tornado. IMT, EOC support, public assistance, and debris assessment teams were deployed as well as two regional Coordinators. There will be an AAR held here in Emporia at 1:00 tomorrow to go over the state and local response. The drought situation in Chase and Marion Counties is extreme.

Emporia Police Department: None

Sheriff's Office: None

At Home Health Care: None

Emporia Chamber of Commerce/LEAA: None

City of Emporia / Public Works:

In 2013 the Council Grove Reservoir was down 6.5 feet and today we are down 3.5 feet. Water usage is up from 9.7 to 11.7 million gallons a day and it is anticipated that usage will continue to be high for some time. The city has installed a water cooler to help keep the equipment cool and running properly due to the increased demand for water. Crews continue to work hard through the drought conditions, excessive heat, and multiple water main breaks. There have been 8 reported main breaks just in the last 30 hours.

ESU Police: None

Hand in Hand Hospice:

An internal, full scale exercise will be conducted on Friday July 20, 2018 to fulfill their yearly exercise requirement. They are using a replication of the Eureka tornado as the scenario.

Presbyterian Manor: None

Kansas Gas Services: None

Holiday Resort: None

Kansas Wildlife and Parks:

Drought is causing a lot of concern with wildlife and water quality. Hemorrhagic Fever and Blue-Green Algae are just a few of the problematic issues when there is a drought. Melvern, Riverside Pond and the swim beach have verified Blue-Green Algae.

Kansas Wildlife and Parks is continuing to hire and training people to fill open positions in the state. Existing employees are being required to travel to cover gaps other places in the state due to staffing shortages.

The next LEPC Meeting:

October 11, 2018  
Bowyer Building  
9:00 p.m. –1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

*Catherine*

Catherine Ernst  
LEPC Secretary