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July 11, 2019

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office was the location of the July 11<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting. Those attending were:

Kelly Bolin, USD 253, Emporia Public Schools  
Suzanne Worthen-Miller, The Salvation Army  
Drew Richabaugh, Hill's Pet Nutrition  
Keith Senn, City Public Works  
Jennifer Millbern, Flint Hills Community Health  
Roxanne VanGundy, LCECC-911  
Andrew McHenry, Emporia State University  
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds Counseling  
Aaron Scheve, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks  
Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber & CVB  
Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire and EMS  
Jeff Jackson, Kansas Gas  
Rolland Trahoon, Westar  
Jarrod Fell, Emergency Management  
Andrea Elwood, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Hayley Guion, Newman Regional Health  
Dallas Sedgewick, Hopkins Manufacturing  
Amanda Dreasher, Flint Hill Community Health  
Hailey Clark, LCECC-911

Matt Collins, Lyon County Highway Department  
Claude Williamson, Presbyterian Manor  
Sandra Hopkins, Lyon County LCAT  
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County Emergency Management  
Jon Reed, Home Town Health Care, LLC  
Jim Anderson, DaVita Dialysis Emporia  
Brandee Ball, Lyon County State Bank  
Renee Hively, Flint Hills Community Health  
Kerry Sull, City of Emporia  
Paul Beadles, USD 253 Emporia Public Schools  
Victoria Smith, Court Trustee's Office  
Christina Dains, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Megan Tajchman, Fresenius Kidney Care  
Sean Nolte, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline  
Harold Blitz, Newman Regional Health  
Tammy Vopat, Lyon County Clerk

LEPC Chair Victoria Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., followed by introductions of those present.

**Motion** to approve the April 11th minutes:

Jennifer Millbern (Tammy Vopat) 34-0

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Victoria Smith 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.

Nominations or removal of members to LEPC: None

#### Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Sean Nolton, Operations Leader/Field Operations-Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline

A natural gas pipeline safety presentation was given. Gas Control Emergency Number 1-800-324-9696.

#### Introduction of Guest Speakers:

Harold Blitz, Facility Safety Director, Newman Regional Health

Hayley Guion, Emergency Management Coordinator-Newman Regional Health

The Newman Regional Health Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, Emergency Operation Plan and Emergency Evacuation Plan were presented. Input from the group was requested.

#### Coordinator Report:

Due to the damage from abundant rain and floodwater Lyon County has qualified to be part of the Governor and Presidential disaster declaration for public assistance and reimbursement from F.E.M.A. The actual event for the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service for public assistance has been on-going since the end of April 2019. If we have additional flooding and damages, we want to have good documentation of those damages to add to the public damage assessment for reimbursement. Lyon County will be working through this process for the next year. The Highway Department and Communication Center have done a great job keeping the public aware of the status of the county roads. A digital map was developed through the Emporia GIS Department that can be edited. The Highway Department and the Communications Center have been using the map to keep the public informed of road conditions and closures. This visual aid can be quickly updated as information changes. This map will be a great tool for different events to share information with the public.

Jarrold gave a radio project update. This upgrade will replace an old, outdated system that does not have adequate coverage and that we can no longer get replacement parts for. Jarrold and Roxie will be working on this project for the rest of this year and through 2020.

Emergency Management has completed our exercise training requirements for 2019. Jarrold would like to begin talking about exercises for 2020. Jarrold and Jennifer Millbern briefly discussed the possibility of a Priority Prophylaxis Tabletop exercise for 2020 and a Point of Distribution /Mass Distribution exercise for 2021. A Training and Exercise Planning Workshop is scheduled for January 9, 2020, immediately after the LEPC meeting to discuss and plan county exercises for the next 3 years. Please plan to attend this meeting if you would like to be involved in future exercise planning.

Jarrold complemented USD 253 on a job well done with the exercise they wrote and conducted at their summer training.

The LEPC Region 7 Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on August 8-10. Contact Cathy for more information.

#### Hazardous spills this quarter:

A mercury spill from a broken thermometer in Hartford. The Emporia Fire Department responded and resolved/cleaned up the spill.

A suspicious letter was received at Emporia High School. It was determined that there was no threat to the public after an investigation.

There was a fuel/solvent spill between road 175 and road Y. A truck went over between Road 170 and 175 spilling solvent and fuel. Hazardous Materials were called out for the cleanup.

#### Discipline Reports:

Court Trustee: None

Presbyterian Manor: None

#### Public Works:

An update was given on infrastructure damages from abundant rain and flooding.

#### Communications:

The Communication Center is expanding its community outreach and looking for churches and community groups interested in hosting a 45-minute program that is meant to give the public an idea of what happens in the 911 Center. If you know of an organization that would like to host one of these presentations, please have them call Roxie VanGundy 620-341-4226 to schedule a time. The communications center is actively recruiting new dispatchers. If you know someone who would make a great dispatcher send them her way.

#### Flint Hills Community Health Center:

There is a new phone system at F.H.C.H.C., and there are some connection issues. Those issues should be resolved in about one week. Grant funds will be available soon for mental health and substance abuse first aid training for law enforcement officers. F.H.C.H.C. has several positions open including practitioners, nurses, marketing manager and in the dental clinic.

Jennifer Millbern is updating the county Mass Vaccination Plan and the Priority Prophylaxis list. Email requests have been sent out to agencies requesting the name of the emergency contact, phone number and the numbers of employees for each agency that would need to have access to priority vaccinations. Please send this information to Jennifer as soon as possible. Jennifer would like to hold training and seminars, then move to a tabletop exercise in 2020 for a closed Point of Distribution exercise. A larger open Point of Distribution would take a year or more to plan and she feels it would be a great exercise for our community.

The new year for Public Health and Emergency Preparedness started July 1, 2019, and from that may come new work plan items that will be brought to the group. This starts a new budget year and also a new grant period for the C.D.C. This may bring changes to public health emergency preparedness, hospitals, and health care coalitions. Community Preparedness Committee meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. Contact Jennifer if you would like more information about this group.

Jennifer contacted the State and there have not been any official reports of water safety concerns at the Olpe City Lake.

#### Wildlife and Parks:

KWL&P are down 25% on field staff. Due to high water, wildlife is being displaced and are showing up in towns. There has also been an increase in water rescue responses. There is a hunter safety course scheduled for August 2 and 3 in Olpe. Check the KWP&T website for dates and location of additional classes.

#### Hometown Health Care, LLC:

Hometown Healthcare has been in Lyon County for approximately 9 years. They are looking for ways to becoming more active in the community.

#### Sheriff's Office:

There are multiple deputy and jail positions open at the Sheriff's Office We also have staff out on medical leave. Non-emergency calls will be answered as soon as possible.

DaVita Dialysis: None

Fresenius Kidney Care: None

Emporia State University Emergency Management: None

Hopkins Manufacturing: None

Lyon County Highway Department: None

Lyon County Clerk: None

The Salvation Army: None

The City of Emporia: None

USD 253- Emporia Public Schools:

A tabletop exercise was conducted at the districts' summer training. The training this year was focused on non-teaching staff members. Teams from each building participated. A follow-up training is planned in August to give the Safety Teams that participated in the exercise the opportunity to bring the discussion to all the employees at each building. Thanks to Jarrod for his assistance in the exercise planning process.

Fire/EMS:

An update was given on emergency responses to large events in Lyon County and the impact to emergency services and resources while those events were going on. Emporia Fire/EMS continues to refine plans and learn from those events to improve our processes.

Emporia State University: None

Hand in Hand Hospice:

Christina Dains has accepted a position with ESU as the Student Wellness Nurse.

L-Cat: None

Newman Regional Health:

There is a Wolf Creek drill scheduled for September 2019. An Active Shooter full scale drill is being planned for some time in the fall. N.R.H. continues to regularly practice tornado warnings and drills.

Hill's Pet Nutrition: None

Crosswinds Counseling and Wellness: None

Emporia Chamber & CVB- LEAA:

There are multiple large events going on this week in our community including a national tractor show, softball tournament, Lunar Kanza run/bike ride and the P.D.G.A. Junior World Disc Golf Championship.

Westar Energy;

Rolland expressed his appreciation to the Communication Center for their support as they continue to work together to find ways to educate the community and share information. 911 Communications has been posting outage maps on social media to help keep the public informed and mitigate multiple reports.

Kansas Gas Services: None

Lyon County State Bank: None

The next LEPC Meeting:

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Lyon County Sheriff's Office

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

*Catherine*

Catherine Ernst

LEPC Secretary