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January 14, 2021

The January 14, 2021 LEPC meeting was conducted via Zoom. Those attending were:

Kelly Mayer, Emporia Chamber and CVB  
Jarrod Fell, Lyon County Emerg. Management  
John Koelsch, Lyon County Sheriff's Office  
Keith Senn, Emporia Public Works  
Tim Frevert, The City of Emporia  
Claude Williamson, Presbyterian Manor  
Andrew McHenry, Emporia State University  
Pam Purdum, Tyson Foods  
Loretta Torres, Quest Services Inc  
Rolland Trahoon, Evergy  
Roxanne VanGundy, LCECC  
Amanda Dreasher, Flint Hills Community Health  
Trent McCown, KDWPT  
Shane Brunner, LCAT  
Victoria Smith, Court Trustee  
Aaron Scheve, KDPWT Game Warden  
Emily Prouse, K-State Research & Extension  
Jon Reed, Hometown Health Care  
Renee Hively, Flint Hills Community Health  
Ruth Wheeler, District Court  
Sam Seeley, Lyon County Zoning  
Jennifer Millbern, Flint Hills Community Health  
Brandy Shaefer, LCAT  
Shane Clark, USD 252-South Lyon County  
Adam Blake, The Emporia Gazette

Chip Woods, Lyon County Road & Bridge  
Dallas Sedgwick, Hopkins Manufacturing  
Janice Arb, Lyon County LCAT  
Jim Anderson, DaVita Emporia Dialysis  
Jeff Cope, Lyon County Sheriff  
Cathy Ernst, Lyon County LEPC Secretary  
Amanda Cunningham, Crosswinds  
Hayley Guion, Newman Regional Health  
Adela Maynez, Hopkins Manufacturing  
Harold Blits, Newman Regional Health  
Sanjuanna Le, Hills Pet Nutrition  
Brian Rees, Lyon County Extension Agent  
Brandon Beck, Emporia Fire and EMS  
Andrea Elwood, Hand in Hand Hospice  
Kevin Risley, Emporia Police Dept  
David Whittington, Holiday Resort  
Sarah Wickham, American Red Cross  
Steve Samuelson, KDA  
Paul Beadles, USD 253-Emporia  
Brandee Orender, Lyon County State Bank  
John Vopata, Emporia State University  
Kelly Bolin, USD 253-Emporia  
Crystal Williams, Hometown Health Care  
Jane Blocher, American Red Cross

LEPC Chair Andrew McHenry called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Motion:** Approve the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes as corrected:

Keith Senn (John Koelsch) 40-0

Andrew McHenry reviewed the process to view Tier II reports. These reports are available to the public upon request and will be present at every in-person 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.

Old Business: None

**New Business:**

A copy of the 2020 LEPC bylaws were emailed to all members prior to this meeting for review. No amendments were proposed by members. The bylaws will remain unchanged for 2021. The bylaws will be emailed out yearly for members to review prior to the January meeting.

Review Emergency Operations Plan- ESF-10: There were no modifications or changes needed at this time.

**Membership Updates:**

Andrew McHenry and Kevin Risley have volunteered to continue serving as the 2021 LEPC Chair and Vice-Chair for a second term. An email was sent out to all members on September 15, 2020 requesting feedback or objections. There were no objections to the second term of service.

**Motion:** Remove Joshua Ballenger, Emergency Manager of FHCHC. He is no longer employed at FHCHC.

Harold Blits will replace Damien O'Keefe to represent Newman Regional Health.

Kevin Risley (Amanda Cunningham) 40-0

**Coordinator Report:**

Hazardous materials and spills update:

- 01/08/2021 A fuel tank caught fire while being removed from 800 Anderson, Emporia.

A COVID-19 testing site has been set up and continues to offer testing services at the Anderson Building. This is a State of Kansas program that is not linked to Lyon County, FHCHC, or Newman Regional Health. This testing site will end on 01/28/2021.

A mid-term After Action and TEPW Workshop will be held next week.

COVID-19 Vaccine Phase I distribution is well underway.

**Flint Hills Community Health Center, COVID-19 Response Update:**

Most of 2020 was spent working on Phase I mitigation strategies and testing for the SARS COV 2 virus. We have now moved into the second phase of response. The second phase is planning for and the administration of vaccinations. Kansas has deviated from the CDC priority vaccination guidelines. Lyon County will follow the State of Kansas Prioritization Plan which has vaccine distribution in five stages. Phase I is wrapping up and will be moving into Phase II by February 1, 2021. Please reach out to Lyon County Public Health on the COVID-19 Hotline at (620)208-3741 if you have any questions.

**Lyon County 911, Roxanne VanGundy:**

A brief presentation was given on exciting new technology to include location services that are now available to Lyon County residents. Text from 911 & What3Words allow significantly better language services and location services for rapid, accurate deployment to calls.

**USD 253- Emporia Public Schools:**

Kelly Bolin expressed her gratitude to Flint Hills Community Health, Lyon County Emergency Management and LEPC team members including community partners for their support with the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the great relationships that have been made through this group, we were able start working together immediately in March of 2020 to rapidly connect with one another and provide timely information to inform and protect the community.

Members will be notified when the quarterly schedule can safely resume.

There being no further business, the LEPC adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

*Catherine*

Catherine Ernst  
LEPC Secretary