

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, January 12, 2021 - 12:00 P.M.
Telephonic/Virtual-Zoom Conference
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Ed Williams called the meeting to order at 12:03 P.M.

Roll Call: Michelle Brown confirmed quorum present

Members Present:

Scott Erickson, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Daniel Wiersma, Warren Russell, Britt Tonnessen, Loren Jones, Ryan Sand, Chris Russell, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Jon Suk, Zachariah Fisher, Erin Walker-Tolles, Michelle Brown

Members Absent:

Wade Bryson, David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Travis Mead, Tonia Montez, Bill Legere, Tom Mattice

Others Present:

Alison Gottschlich, Autumn Simmons, Charles “Chip” Wisner, Daniel Blount, Dan Garcia, Delsey Rodriguez, Kathy Shea, Michael Pierson, Quacyya Cuaresma, Sabrina Boone, Scott Rinkenberger

II. INTRODUCTIONS and WELCOME

Officially welcome Loren Jones - Red Cross Alternate Seat; Chris Russell - Right to Know Primary Seat; Ryan Sand - Right to Know Alternate Seat; Erin Walker-Tolles - Vulnerable Populations Alternate Seat

III. AGENDA CHANGES

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2021 Minutes Approved

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Non-Agenda Items

Michael Pierson – Arctic Edge 2022 (March 14-19) will have significant components in Juneau. Portions of the preparation will begin appearing in town starting Feb. 18. This is a DoD training event in Gastineau Channel, and is expected to have minimal impact on partners. Artic Edge is not associated with the Van Winkle exercise. DoD is preparing a public information campaign to alleviate concerns.

Scott Rinkenberger – Airport is in the preliminary planning stage for their FAA mandated triennial full scale exercise to be held in the month of July.

VI. REPORTS

A. CBJ Emergency Programs Report

Michelle Brown – Working on Van Winkle Exercise with Red Cross and other organizations. Quarterly grant reports and budget being finalized. Tom is busy with weather events, avalanche forecasting, and collaborating with DOT to keep Juneau open and accessible. Clear your roofs of snow! LEPC chairman vote in February.

B. CCFR & AKANG- None

C. Red Cross

Britta Tonnessen, Introducing Volunteer Recruitment Specialist, Quacyya Cuaresma – Based on Dena'ina land in Anchorage. Creating networks and connections across SE is a priority-volunteer disaster action team members and recovery case workers.

D. Elected Official Report – None

E. Other Member Reports

Michael Tunley: DoT&PF held a classroom version of ICS 100 trainings last month in Juneau. This resulted in excellent discussions of how it can be better applied in the field.

Jon Suk, NWS – Storm system is coming in, expecting well above average precipitation and temperatures at or above freezing. Forecast for a couple weeks out is for about average precipitation and temperatures.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Juneau Winter 2022

Warren Russell, Concern over snow loading on roofs. Use roof rakes, minimally break off hanging loads to avoid falling off the roof. CBJ does not have program to assist - ask neighbors for help. COVID social distancing has resulted in distanced support networks within the community.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Seat 11 - Currently titled Vulnerable Populations.

History: January 2018 LEPC voted to change title of seat to Access and Functional Needs at next By-Laws Change. Discussion: Current seat holders recommend leaving title as Vulnerable Populations. Moved to Action Items

B. Seat 12 – (New) Healthcare System.

History: January 2018 LEPC voted to add a new seat for “Members of organizations that represent the local healthcare system”. No action, continuing to Assembly for adoption.

C. Seat 13 – (New) Local Cultures.

History: December 8, 2021 LEPC voted to add a new seat that could represent Tribal interests. Tom Mattice agreed to take this recommendation to the Law Department to advise the LEPC on an appropriate title and description. Discussion: Currently the Law Dept. has recommended the seat be titled ‘Local Cultures’ with a description of ‘A representative with intimate knowledge of local cultures and practices, including tribal culture and practices’. LEPC Recommendation: Add new seat, with the condition that the CBJ Law Dept. shall provide direction on the final title and description language.

Sabrina Boone, CCTHITA – “Local Cultures” is not specific to CCTHITA's desired purpose of Tribal Government representation on the LEPC. She recommended separate seats with equal voting rights; one for CCTHITA and one for Douglas Indian Association.

The LEPC committee decided to table this seat until a solution could be reached by working collaboratively with the CBJ Law Dept. To this purpose they established a subcommittee to work with CBJ Law Dept. Volunteer members are Sabrina Boone, Daniel Wiersma, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, and Ben Murray.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. MOTION** by Michelle Brown to retain title for Seat 11 and 11a “Vulnerable Populations”, voiding vote from 2018 to change seat name to “Access and Functional Needs”

Members discussed their concerns. Britt Tonnessen, RC felt “Vulnerable Populations” is too broad. Michael Tunley, DOT advised that “Access and Functional Needs” is consistent with FEMA terminology.

Roll Call Vote on Motion to retain “Vulnerable Populations” title for Seat 11

Yeas: Scott Erickson, Destiny Sargeant, Warren Russell, Ryan Sand, Karen Wood, Zachariah Fisher, Michelle Brown

Nays: Britt Tonnessen, Michael Tunley

Motion Passed 7:2

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. COVID-19 Info

Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000

EOC Logistics covid.logistics@juneau.org

COVID-19 questions e-mail: covidquestions@juneau.org

B. Van Winkle – Regional Full Scale HAZMAT Exercise

POC- National Guard 103 Civil Support Team

E-mail christopher.e.phinney.mil@army.mil (907) 980-6079

CCFR POC – Ed Quinto ed.quinto@juneau.org

Next Planning meeting February 12, 2022 - Time: 9am & Location AKANG/UAS Joint Bldg

Exercise March 21-24, 2022

After Action Report: March 25, 2022

C. SE AK EMS Symposium - [Southeast Region EMS Council – Ensuring the Best Possible Emergency Medical Care Across Southeast Alaska \(serems.org\)](http://serems.org)

POC – Andrew Pantiskas, CCFR e-mail: andrew.pantis

Pre-Symposium March 30 – April 1, 2022

Symposium – April 2-3, 2022 Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall

D. Airport Full Scale Exercise – July 2022 (Details TBA)

POC – Phil Adams

E. Ironman – Organized by The IRONMAN Group www.ironman.com

Local POC Liz Perry, Travel Juneau liz.perry@traveljuneau.com (907) 586-1761

Main Event: August 7, 2022

F. CERT Program – Ongoing Item – Inactive. Seeking strong partnership with CCFR & JPD

NEXT MEETING/S

***Wednesday, February 9th, 2020 – 12:00 pm, - ***

****Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month***

*****Future Temporary Meeting Locations***

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.