

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 12:00 P.M.
Telephonic/Virtual-Zoom Conference
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Michelle Brown confirmed quorum present

Members Present:

Gregory Smith, Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Daniel Wiersma, Tonia Montez, Bill Legere, Britt Tonnessen, Carolyn Garcia, Dan Garcia, Chris Russell, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Jon Suk, Zachariah Fisher, Michelle Brown

Members Absent:

David Campbell, Travis Mead, Warren Russell, Tom Mattice

Others Present:

Alison Gottschlich, Banu Mufale, Bridget Dowd, Charles “Chip” Wisner, Corey Padron, Louisa Phillips, Ryan Sand, Scott Rinkenberger, William Hayes SFC

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 11, 2021 Minutes Approved

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Non-Agenda Items (10 Minutes)

- A. Airport Tabletop Exercise** – Scott Rinkenberger – Annual tabletop exercise consisted of a review of the airport’s emergency plan ‘what may be missing?’. Working on active shooter protocol, adapted for COVID. Working to conduct active shooter exercise composed of both a separate tactical and medical response. Potential timeline, November.
- B. Vaccine Boosters Update** - Alison Gottschlich – Waiting for FDA/CDC recommendations rumoured to possibly be coming out the week of September 20. Within the recommendations may be qualification tiers and minimum intervals between doses, or it may be free for all. Planning for different distribution scenarios.

V. REPORTS

- A. Elected Official Report** - Gregory Smith – New Landslide and Avalanche Hazard Maps are moving to the Assembly shortly. Working with Public Works committee on land fill/solid waste/odor reduction plans. Bid awarded for new Valley Transit Center across from Mendenhall mall which may be completed by next year. Groundbreaking for Riverview Senior Living Center happened today, Sept. 8, 2021. Election is coming up.
- B. CBJ Emergency Programs Report** – Michelle – Check information items for details on upcoming Van Winkle IPC.

C. NWS – Jon Suk – Large storm system coming in Fri-Sat and Mon-Tues, looking to be a moist rainy September.

D. Other Member Reports –

Ed Quinto – March 7-11 Van Winkle Hazmat Exercise. CCFR sponsoring SE EMS symposium April 13-17 2022. Preliminary planning is now happening for the Ironman Aug 6 2022 with partner organizations being brought in. Expecting 1400-1500 athletes, 8000 visitors

Dan Garcia – Public health messaging is very vaccine centric. He recommended adding basic health and lifestyle recommendations like exercise, healthy eating, sleeping well, and reducing stress, smoking, and alcohol which is every individual's own responsibility.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 Discussions, Information Sharing, and Updates: See Public Participation

1. BRH COVID Situational Update – Daniel Wiersma – Shared screen presentation. Screening of patients and visitors is going well. Psychiatric services have expanded over the past year. Since the school year began, there has been a decrease in youth seeking crises intervention. Testing capacity and turnaround time is excellent, testing requirements for staff have increased to protect patients. Clinical capacity is limited not by physical space but by staffing – CBJ's reported hospital capacity metrics have been adjusted to reflect this. Limitations of specialist treatment - patients needing advanced specialist treatment are typically transferred. However other hospitals are now reaching their capacity limits. Rumor suppression – no evidence of any benefit from using Ivermectin in the context of COVID. Visitor policies updated on BRH website.
2. COVID Mitigation Officer – Corey Padron – Discussed with Michelle the idea being developed from last meeting to provide on-call mitigation officer/team intervention service to local businesses. Dan and Corey talked about providing walk-throughs of classrooms, offices, etc... to offer operational mitigation suggestions and support.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS -None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. COVID-19 Info

1. Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000
 - a) See attached Info Release on 'Where to get a COVID-19 test in Juneau'
 2. EOC Logistics covid.logistics@juneau.org
 3. Onsite/Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic form: <https://juneau.org/mobile-clinic>
 4. Got COVID-19 questions e-mail: covidquestions@juneau.org
- B. Van Winkle – Regional Full Scale HAZMAT Exercise Initial Planning Conference (IPC)
November 3, 2021 10am Location: To be announced
POC National Guard 103 Civil Support Team
- C. Van Winkle – Regional Full Scale HAZMAT Exercise
POC- National Guard 103 Civil Support Team
March 7-11, 2022

D. LEPC Seat & Bylaws Changes (From January 2018 LEPC meeting) – On hold

Resolution Change to add new Health Seat, change Vulnerable Populations seat name to Access & Functional Needs, and update Bylaws is on hold until State SERC & LEPCA changes are announced

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

X. NEXT MEETING/S

*Wednesday, October 13th, 2020 – 12:00 pm - ZOOM

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 1:05 P.M.