

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, May 12, 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: Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Kim McDowell, Tonia Montez, Britta Tonnessen, Carolyn Garcia, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Jon Suk, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent: Gregory Smith, David Campbell, Travis Mead, Bill Legere, Warren Russell, , Karen Wood, Zachariah Fisher, Elaine Hickey, Ty Cunningham

Others Present: Daniel Wiersma, Alison Gottschlich, Autumn Simons, Delsey Rodriguez, Di Cathcart, Gina Halverson, Kathy Shea Michael Pierson, Ryan Sand, William Hayes (SFC)

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 10, 2021 and April 14, 2021 – Approved

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

A. None

V. REPORTS

A. Recognition – Dan Garcia

1. Hospital Seat 5-Kimberly McDowell has been promoted to Chief Nursing Officer, leaving LEPC, appointed 1/8/2018
2. Welcome: Daniel Wiersma, BRH EMT Committee Chair has applied for seat appointment. Daniel has lived in Juneau for 8 years working for BRH as a per diem employee and full time with AirLift NW. He is working on a masters in Emergency Management from Georgetown University remotely and began in Emergency Coordinator role at BRH last June. Will be giving a presentation on the hospital's hazard and vulnerability assessment at the next meeting. Contact at emergencymanagement@bartletthospital.org
3. Access & Functional Needs Seat 11A-Paul Chisholm resigning seat, appointed 10/19/2019

B. Elected Official Report - Gregory Smith – Absent

C. CBJ Emergency Programs Report - Tom: Has been working with Daniel and is excited to have him join LEPC. Avalanche forecasting is done for the season. Wrapping up revisions to the All Hazards Mitigation Plan and annual revision of the Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment due to FEMA on July 1. Reviewing new second-draft landslide and avalanche studies – going public within next couple months. Could drive some zoning changes with separation of landslide and avalanche hazard maps. Working towards next Alaska SHIELD exercise, and building a statewide type 3 FEMA urban SAR team.

D. NWS -Jon Suk – Sunny days are over, cool moist flow continuing for foreseeable future, stronger storms coming end of this week.

E. Other Member Reports – Britta Tonnessen – Red Cross looking for volunteers for virtual homes made safer call about 45 minutes to help people think about safe evacuation routes and smoke detector best practices. Also engaging children through programs to emphasize emotional and psychological resiliency during crises.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 Discussions, Information Sharing, and Updates

1. COVID-19 & Mental Health in Juneau and Beyond – Destiny Sargeant

Local mental health practitioners are full, having to turn people away, so people feel help is unavailable, but people are more willing to seek help. Similarly veterinary services are inaccessible which causes stress and mental health crises. Depression, suicide, and crime are on the rise. Sunny days brought hope to people, a relief to the sense of hopelessness. Community events, activities and physical outdoor meetings offer support – like live music performance at vaccine clinic had people clapping/applauding.

2. Pop-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic's – Michelle Brown

Multiple ways to request an Onsite/Mobile COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

- <https://juneau.org/mobile-clinic> (Get the online request form here)
- Covidquestions@juneau.org
- 586-6000 Covid Hotline

B. Training and Exercise Planning

1. Any training or exercises planned? Where? When? Target Audience (Who's invited)

2. Request: Send brief of written lessons learned from pandemic and changing weather to Michelle Brown

VIII. ACTION ITEMS -None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. COVID-19 Info

1. Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000
2. EOC Logistics covid.logistics@juneau.org
3. CBJ COVID Dashboard <https://juneau.org/covid-19>.
4. Got COVID-19 questions email: covidquestions@juneau.org

B. 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

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

X. NEXT MEETING/S

***Wednesday, June 9th, 2020 – 12:00 pm, - **ZOOM Webinar – Access information will be e-mailed and posted publically prior to the meeting.**

**** Subject to change based on COVID-19 response at the time of meeting**

**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 1:00 P.M.