

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, April 14, 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, Destiny Sargeant, Kim McDowell, Bill Legere, Britt Tonnessen, Dan Garcia, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Jon Suk, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent:

Scott Erickson, David Campbell, Ed Quinto, Travis Mead, Ben Murray, Tonia Montez, Warren Russell, Carolyn Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Zachariah Fisher, Paul Chisholm,

Others Present:

Alison Gottschlich, Autumn Simmons, Charles Wisner, Delsey Rodriguez, Di Cathcart, Jennifer Mannix, Kathy Miller, Louisa Phillips, Pablo Pena, Ryan Sand, Robert Barr

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Juneau LEPC – March 10, 2021 – Approval postponed until next meeting pending edits.

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

A. COVID-19 Facts, Myths, Challenges by EOC Planning Section Chief Robert Barr

robert.barr@juneau.org – ICS procedures have been adapted to fit the pandemic. Currently, form 201 is updated every 4 week operational period. The 201 form provides the following information: “Summary” case counts, vaccination activity, general high level overview, “Objectives”, “Actions, Strategies, and Tactics”, “Task Forces”. Unified command is staffed by City, Hospital and Public Health staff. The dashboard at Juneau.org/covid-19 provides EOC updates daily and situation statistics. “Positivity Rate” is one metric representing community situational awareness, has stayed below 2%. In context of vaccinations, “Eligible” vs “Total” population difference is important – ineligible people are part of the “herd”. A 14 day lookback summary report is updated each Monday. Resident vs non-resident case counts, hospital and testing reports, and much more are all on the dashboard. Risk Metrics, Risk Level is currently at minimal (1), determined by evaluating/assessing 20-25 indicators for particular questions in each of 3 categories. Recent consideration was given to modifying indicators to weigh rates of vaccination and variants. Risk metrics Assembly policy expires the end of April, a new set is being developed and is under consideration for adoption. Most proposed changes relate to travel, the “minimal” risk level, and vaccination rates (which are relatively high in Juneau). No evolved examples exist to base this off. “3 legs

of a stool” of pandemic control - Mitigation strategies, testing, and vaccinations. An expansion of asymptomatic testing is likely as part of a transition from mass vaccination to smaller clinics. Support is available from the City in distributing information and vaccinations to local community organizations. By mid-May, the vaccination rate is expected to be around 50%, and 75-80% is needed for herd immunity. CDC guidance for those having recovered from infection now includes vaccination after isolation period ends. Studies on vaccination in minors are promising and anticipate having Pfizer authorized by end of May. Monitoring variants continues (“interest”, “concern”, and “high consequence”).

V. REPORTS

- A. Elected Official Report** - Gregory Smith – Robert Barr has accepted the position as Deputy City Manager, to begin upon Mila Cosgrove’s retirement at the end of July. Budgeting process has begun. American Rescue Plan Act is helping to offset current deficit. Fireworks regulations and pandemic travel requirements being developed.
- B. CBJ Emergency Programs Report** - Tom: Some high avalanche danger, “considerable” today. Moisture could weaken lower levels and warming temperatures would raise concern. Avalanche last night in Behrend’s path and in White subdivision (path may now be clear for the season).
- C. NWS** - Pete Boyd: No storms in forecast, dry for 1-2 week forecast. Warming trend to above 50 degrees by weekend then back down.
- D. Other Member Reports** - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Avalanche Report** – Tom: See CBJ Emergency Programs Report
- B. December 2, 2020 Storm** – State and FEMA Disaster Declaration & Funding: Not discussed
- C. COVID-19 Discussions, Information Sharing, and Updates:** See Public Participation
- D. Training and Exercise Planning**
 - 1. Reach out to Michelle and Tom with planned training opportunities and needs.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS -None

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. COVID-19 Info

Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000

EOC Logistics covid.logistics@juneau.org

CBJ COVID Dashboard <https://juneau.org/covid-19>.

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, April 14th, 2020 – 12:00 pm, - ****via 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 1:00 P.M.