

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 12:00 P.M.
Telephonic/Virtual-Zoom Conference
(Questions Call – 586-0371)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ed Williams called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Ben Murray confirmed quorum present

Members Present:

Gregory Smith, Scott Erickson, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Kim McDowell, Bill Legere, Warren Russell, Carolyn Garcia, Dan Garcia, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Zachariah Fisher, Tom Mattice

Members Absent:

David Campbell, Travis Mead, Tonia Montez, Britt Tonnessen, Nicholas Zito, Jon Suk, Paul Chisholm, Michelle Brown

Others Present:

Alison Gottschlich, Di Cathcart, Kristin Bartlett, Nancy Groseman, Robin Brenner, Ryan Sand, Pete Boyd, Daniel Wiersma

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Hearing no objections the minutes were approved as presented.

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

A. Juneau School District Report – Kristin Bartlett – Continuous cycle of emergency preparedness, 4 areas. 1) Plan developed with CCFR and JPD updated regularly. 2) Routinely exercised and drilled. 3) Response teams, partnerships with local organizations, IC protocols with CBJ and EOC. 4) Short and long term recovery, continuing operations, resource acquisition and communications. In Jan/Feb 2020, began planning, training, strategizing, and customizing protocols. In March, Emergency Declaration was issued resulting in operations logistics and planning for all associated functions, more staff training, IC and EOC structures launched, Governor school closure order, technical communication challenges - volume and timing. Constant adaptations required customization to general guidance from DEED, DHSS, CDC, and mask recommendations updated. Facility adaptations include HVAC maintenance, large space air scrubbers, small space air purifiers, and Plexiglas barriers, directional arrows in halls, entry/exit protocols, transportation, and food distribution. Attendance was about 1000 students below expected normal enrolment. In person attendance is now about 50%. Delays as a consequence of goal to starting are slow and gradually growing, not starting and stopping. Some in person offerings since August for Special Ed, CTE, tests, music, activities, internet. Began a more broad opening in January, different school levels using different mitigations – district has had some cases but not spread. HS can attend every day, not cohorted, relying on distancing,

masking. MS and Elem 2 days per week. Elementary began with 6 students per cohort, increasing to 12. To mitigate Spring break travel risk, the following week is distance only. Voluntary staff antigen testing every week, all negative. Tom recognized the School Districts partnership within the community, and their excellent response to offer services throughout.

V. REPORTS

A. Elected Official Report

1. Gregory Smith – Appreciation for JSD response. Appreciation to Tom for avalanche work. State's emergency declaration ended, City passed what is becoming a more-permanent-than-intended solution. Encouraged by good vaccination progress.

B. CBJ Emergency Programs Report

1. Tom: Two FEMA disaster reimbursements. New landslide and avalanche hazard studies for Thane Rd and Downtown Juneau, in 2nd revision, will be finalized and sent to LEPC and Assembly. Could lead to revision of hazard zones. Avalanche danger has diminished a little with weather, new storms could raise danger and large slides have been seen in the region. Appreciation for outreach and partnerships in handling the avalanche evacuation. New technology allows digital photography overlaid on past LIDAR data to show how much snow there is on individual slide paths. Digital training offerings coming. JPD dispatching project. New grant applications out - port security assistance, firefighting, trying to maximize potentials, opportunities at hospital.

C. NWS

1. Pete Boyd: Winter storm warning in effect. Near normal temperatures and precipitation for spring weather towards the end of the month.

D. Other Member Reports - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

1. Dan: University response is similar to JSD's in mitigating risk for education, in person classes, food service, etc. Becoming routine, seeing light at the end of the tunnel!
Tom: Seeing less demand for vaccine as it becomes more available. Important to tell people need for vaccination to return to normal. Think about the marketing, understanding who depends on us to be healthy.
Greg: Thinking about another asymptomatic testing event.
Dan: Could be important with warmer weather and travel.
Allison: Vaccine task force about to do April vaccine allocations. Plan will be to continue offering public PODs at least through April. Yesterday received word of receiving an extra 700 doses for March, deciding how to allocate that. Juneau about 25% fully vaccinated. Looking at addressing hesitancy, breakdowns by age and ethnicity. Spring and summer may have more targeted outreach with Mobile PODs. CDC updated guidelines - fully vaccinated people may gather unmasked with fully vaccinated people. Juneau may receive 1-dose J&J vaccine in April, useful for certain cases.
Tom: Large PODs are convenient, utilize them while you can.

B. Training and Exercise Planning

1. Reach out to Michelle 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, - **to be announced

**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 1:03 P.M.