

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dan Garcia called the meeting to order at 12pm.

Roll Call: Michelle Brown confirmed a quorum.

Members Present: Gregory Smith, Ed Quinto, Destiny Sargeant, Ben Murray, Kim McDowell, Tonia Montez, Bill Legere, Warren Russell, Britt Tonnessen, Dan Garcia, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Jon Suk, Zachariah Fisher Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent: Scott Erickson, David Campbell, Travis Mead, Carolyn Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Michael Tunley, Paul Chisholm,

Others Present: Alison Gottschlich, Autumn Simmons, Charles “Chip” Wisner, Delsey Rodriguez, Di Cathcart, Jennifer Mannix, Jon Percy, Louisa Phillips, Michael Pierson, Roy English, Ryan Sand,

AGENDA CHANGES - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Juneau LEPC – January 13, 2021
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Non-Agenda Items

III. REPORTS

- A. Elected Official Report** – Gregory Smith – Community feedback on vaccine clinic was that it has been well run and organized. There is another tomorrow and through the weekend, spaces are available, push to reach out to homebound/missed seniors. juneau.org/vaccine. Heard from Dr. Zink today - next Tier would be opening soon. State’s COVID disaster emergency declaration expires 13th or 14th, extension is moving through senate but cannot pass until House organizes. Effects of letting this lapse are wide. Looking at local ordinances to mimic State level effects such as travel restrictions.
- B. Emergency Programs** – Tom: Thanks to POD workers and LEPC for practicing flu PODs over years. Managing ongoing COVID and mudslide disasters, and working on FEMA hazards studies of landslide and avalanche and new grant applications to further these. Quarterly reports, annual grants and budget all due this month. Avalanche forecasting 7 days a week. Avalanche danger around town mostly surface level, current cold temperatures weakens deeper levels, probably leading to pretty high danger later. coastalakavalanche.org to share backcountry reports. 6-8ft snow pack at high elevations. Current top crust layer is preventing much wind carry. Re-inventorying mass casualty supplies used during COVID.
- C. Public Health**-Allison – PODs going smoothly, received good feedback. Next first dose POD is tomorrow and Friday at Centennial Hall. Based on last POD, able to do 2, 4 hour sessions instead of 3. Second dose will be on March 4 and 5. Preparing for another first dose POD in March. Public Health is partnering to go out next week for home-bound seniors and caretakers. Next tier is open for leftover appointments now. Education eligibility for K-12 but not University staff.

D. NWS-Jonathan Suk: Today was coldest of the snap. Slightly warmer weather coming, staying below freezing and dry with single digit lows for 7 to 10 days. “Taku winds” so far this year have been mild.

E. **Other Member Reports** – None

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**- None

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **December 2, 2020 Storm** – Michelle Brown: State contacted & met individuals in Juneau for assistance with storm damage. Fed decisions on funding should be coming soon.

B. **COVID-19 Discussions, Information Sharing and Updates**

a. Dan: University has held drive in concert broadcast via radio. Trying to schedule more events. Fine tuning in person class protocols. Reminder that supply reordering can take longer than expected, order early. Stockpiles need to be resupplied.

b. Tom: Airport COVID testing team shifted from City to a contractor.

c. Britt: Providing preparedness programming virtually for young students. Helping plan distribution of smoke detectors and exit planning for families.

d. Tom: New BRH equipment had some delays but up and running, testing and calibration moving forward. High capacity will probably be bottlenecked by serum consumed by test.

e. Bill: KTOO coverage of legislature operating remote cameras running well. Planning small slow reopening beginning in March. Staff awaiting vaccines.

C. **Tom**: Upcoming tabletop exercises at Airport and Urban avalanche SAR. Urban SAR capacity built through past exercises, but need more, as demonstrated by recent landslides. Looking to establish Type 3 FEMA Urban SAR team (none yet in AK). State and FEMA offering more ICS online classes.

VI. **ACTION ITEMS**

None

VII. **INFORMATION ITEMS – Contact Tom Mattice 586-0419**

A. **COVID-19 Info**

f. Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000

g. 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

VIII. **NEXT MEETING/S**

***Wednesday, February 10th, 2020 – 12:00 pm, - **to be announced**

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

***Future Temporary Meeting Locations*

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.