

MINUTES
JUNEAU LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Wednesday, January 13, 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, Bill Legere, Britt Tonnessen, Carolyn Garcia, Dan Garcia, Nicholas Zito, Karen Wood, Ed Williams, Michael Tunley, Jonathan Suk, Zachariah Fisher, Paul Chisholm, Tom Mattice, Michelle Brown

Members Absent: Scott Erickson, David Campbell, Tonia Montez, Warren Russell

Others Present: Travis Mead, Elaine Hickey, Autumn Simons, Gina Halverson, Michael Pierson

AGENDA CHANGES - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Juneau LEPC – December 09, 2020
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved as presented.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Non-Agenda Items

III. REPORTS

A. Elected Official Report – Gregory Smith – Individual assistance for storm damage approved by state. Heard much frustration regarding vaccination sign ups, looking forward to next POD. Good feedback about actual event. State legislative session beginning next week under CDC guidelines. CBJ Risk Level lowered to 2 (medium).

B. Emergency Programs – Michelle Brown: Many Emergency Plans being updated due to pandemic uncovering need that had not been identified pre-COVID-19. Grants – quarterlies due on Dec 20th and 21 SHSP grant application due Feb. 1. Waiting future vaccine shipments to schedule community clinics.

C. NWS – Jonathan Suk: Storm system coming in, expecting 1+ inch of rain, another storm in 7-10 days, cooler and drier weather expected after that. Warning of spoofed emails sent out appearing to be from NWS that contain abnormal zip files. Do not open, just delete.

D. Other Member Reports – Introduction of new member, Travis Mead, Fire Fighter Alternate Seat. Travis has been with CCFR for about 20 years, beginning as a volunteer and now Assistant Fire Chief.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. December 2, 2020 Storm** – Michelle Brown: State updated the disaster declaration with FEMA to add request for individual assistance. See attached PowerPoint which outline process for reimbursement – save receipts, apply at ready.alaska.gov.

B. COVID-19 Discussions, Information Sharing and Updates

1. **BRH** – Kim McDowell: Temp entrance COVID screening structure has been upgraded to a 3 module building offering better protections and more flexibility. New testing equipment, Roche 6800, arrived and is being setup and validated, expected to provide about 940 usable tests/week, starting for special groups (legislature, airport, others), paid for through CARES funding. COVID PODs have been going well, looking forward to next ones. Received feedback that scheduling software is sending excessive communications. As of this morning BRH has 550 1st doses and 446 2nd doses. Potentially needing volunteers for reaching out to vulnerable populations – stay tuned and see COVID volunteer sign up information on CBJ website. BRH now requiring and providing medical grade masks to be worn in the facility.
2. **Public Health** – Elaine Hickey: Vaccination rollout is smoothing out. Appointment scheduling is essential yet challenging to maintain safety/mitigation measures. Case rates have declined across the State, allowing more thorough case investigations.
3. **UAS** – Dan Garcia: Combination of in-person and distance classes, with in-person limited to what is most necessary. Practice of social distancing and masking during evacuation drills uncovered need for more monitoring to maintain social distancing during drills.
4. **JSD** – Ben Murray: Schools scaling up in person learning, classroom group sizes and schedules vary by grade level to allow distancing. Challenging to stay socially distant during passing periods, lunch and beginning/end of day. Not reporting as a representative of JSD.
5. **KTOO** – Bill Legere: Set up many remote cameras in Capital for reporting on legislative session under COVID restrictions. Concerned about nation wide threats of violence leading up to Inauguration day. Nicholas Zito (AST) reported that AST, JPD, FBI, Capital Security and other law enforcement partners are working on this issue. Including security during upcoming COVID vaccination clinic.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS – Contact Tom Mattice 586-0419

A. COVID-19 Info

1. Community Testing Hotline (907) 586-6000
2. 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 Bylaws update is on hold until State SERC & LEPCA changes are updated.

C. CERT Program – Ongoing Item – Inactive. Seeking strong partnership with CCFR & JPD, and a strong coordinator for the program.

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.