



# Barton County LEPC

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## Meeting Notes

**February 6, 2018**

10:00 a.m.

Barton County Courthouse  
Conference Room  
Great Bend, KS 67530

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Amy Miller at 10:02 a.m.

### 2. Introduction of Members

Chairman Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all of those individuals present introduce themselves and describe their agency/affiliation. Members and guests were also asked to sign the Record of Attendance.

Members Present:

- Kelly Bachar, Great Bend Regional Hospital
- Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant
- Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
- Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas
- Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS
- Phillip Hathcock, Barton County Solid Waste, Director
- Linn Hogg, RSVP & VIA – Central Kansas
- Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
- Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
- Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services
- Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries LLC
- Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
- Dena Popp, Barton County 911 Communications, Director
- Steve Webster, Eagle Radio-Great Bend
- Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk

Guests Present:

- MaryAnn Keener, Great Bend Regional Hospital
- Deb Tucker, American Red Cross

**3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the October 24, 2017 Meeting**

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the October 24, 2017 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from October 24, 2017.

Motion: Donna Zimmerman

Second: Steve Billinger

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

**4. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Person**

Amy Miller, LEPC Chairperson, informed the committee members present that the bylaws require the committee to elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Nominations would be accepted from the floor.

Action: To elect Amy Miller as Chairperson and Doug Hubbard as the Vice-Chairperson of the Barton County LEPC for the 2018 year.

Motion: Steve Billinger

Second: Donna Zimmerman

Vote: Carried on voice vote

**5. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2018**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, announced that Severe Weather Awareness Week has been scheduled for March 5-9, 2018. The weather safety presentation by the National Weather Service in Wichita, will be on March 6 at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Statewide Tornado Drill is scheduled for March 6 at 10:00 a.m..

Lindsey Bogner mentioned that as a lead up to the Statewide Tornado Drill the ESF 8 Coalition would be holding an exercise at their next meeting on February 26, 2:00 p.m., at the Great Bend Public Library. The exercise will involve patient tracking for hospitals and is being held to help facilities meet CMS requirements.

Jim Leftwich, KDEM Regional Coordinator, added that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management is sponsoring a tabletop exercise based upon a mass fatality scenario which should also work to meet CMS exercise requirements. The South Central Kansas region exercise is scheduled for February 13 at the Heartland Preparedness Center in Wichita.

## **6. Annual Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)**

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, said that the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop was held on November 14, 2017. Miller said she is working with the Great Bend Fire Department to bring G300-Intermediate Incident Command System and G400-Advanced Incident Command System class to Barton County this spring. Both of these classes were listed as training needs for the 2018 calendar.

In addition, Miller said that a Multi-Agency Resource Center class has been scheduled for March 16 at the Great Bend Public Library. LEPC members Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas, and Linn Hogg, RSVP/VIP – Central Kansas, are helping to sponsor the training. Deb Tucker, American Red Cross, will be the instructor for the training. Miller said she would email the flyer to all LEPC members and asked that they forward to individuals and organizations that might be interested in attending.

Linn Hogg also said that she would be working on setting up volunteer training. Hogg noted that it takes 10 individuals to run a Volunteer Reception Center. Volunteer Reception Centers are able to vet volunteers and then pair them up with appropriate jobs.

## **7. Training Opportunities**

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked if any members had training opportunities to announce.

Deb Tucker mentioned the American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. Dodge City will be installing 82 smoke detectors with volunteers. If any organizations within Barton County would be interested in participating in the Home Fire Campaign she asked that her name and contact number be provided to them.

Lindsey Bogner told members that St. Rose Health Center, Clara Barton Hospital and Ellinwood District Hospital are conducting Community Health Needs Assessments and that input from members would be welcome. Bogner said that information was being collected through a Survey Monkey poll.

Gail Demel told the group about Lutheran Emergency Response Training she had attended in Ellinwood. Individuals who attended obtained certifications as volunteers. Demel informed the group that this organization also has a chain saw group that may be requested. A LERT is also available to provide faith based comfort services.

## **8. Reports from Members**

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked if any members had any reports.

Steve Billinger informed the group that the Sheriff's Office has obtained additional 800 MHz radios which will make it easier to communicate with responders across the state.

Kelly Bachar said that Great Bend Regional Hospital had purchased a printer key for the CRMCS (Comprehensive Resource Management and Credentialing System) and the hospital is now able to printer their own accountability cards.

## **9. Other Business and Public Comments**

No members reported other business and there were no public comments.

**10. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC**

The next meeting date will be sent to members at a later time.

**14. Adjournment**

Action: To adjourn the February 6, 2018 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Lindsey Bogner

Second: Brittney Glenn

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Approved: April 24, 2018  
Amy H. Miller