



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

April 25, 2017

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 10:06 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:

- Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS
- Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer
- Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
- Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
- Dr. William King, Retired
- Chris Komarek, Ellinwood Fire Department, Chief
- Sarah Krom, Sunflower Diversified Services
- Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
- Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital
- Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk

Guests Present:

- Erica Seger, Barton County Health Department
- Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic

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

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

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

Motion: Jane Schepmann

Second: Greg Klein

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. South Central Regional Response to Jacam Chemicals Fire

On April 13, Jacam Chemicals, which manufactures chemicals for the oil and gas industry, experienced a fire at their manufacturing facility located between Lyons and Sterling. Greg Klein, Rice County EMS & Emergency Management Director, responded to the incident. Klein provided background on the Jacam Chemical Company. The company was founded in Sterling, Kansas and recently sold to a Canadian company. The manufacturing company has been cooperative with local emergency services providing annual tours and training to responders.

The fire on April 13 started in a 40 foot tall building on the southeast portion of the Jacam property. Drilling mud was produced and packaged in the building. The Rice County Fire Department has a small hazmat team with is only trained for small mitigation efforts according to Klein. Consequently, Klein was able to request hazmat resources with from outside Rice County. The Hutchinson Fire Department responded with a hazmat truck and 6 fireman. The Wichita Fire Department responded with a hazmat fire truck and 6 man crew as well. The Wichita Fire Department truck was purchased with Homeland Security grant funds and is an asset that is considered deployable throughout the South Central Kansas Homeland Security Region, of which Barton County is a member.

The initial fire response by the Lyons Fire Department was not to apply water to the fire as a result of the pre-planning and training that the department, as well as other fire departments in Rice County, had received in tandem with Jacam Chemicals staff. The Wichita Fire Department was able to provide air quality monitoring and that information was utilized by all responders according to Klein. Other resources that responded to the incident were the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and OSHA. The National Weather Service Office in Wichita provided forecasts during the event. Fortunately there were no residences within the plume area of the fire. As a precaution, the Rice County District Hospital in Lyons readied the facility and staff for a mass casualty event.

Other resources that was utilized by Klein were Light Trailers from Rice County and Reno County that were purchased with Homeland Security Grant funds and the Kansas Highway Patrol provided aerial photographs to the Incident Command Post.

Klein did note that all of the public information was developed by Rice County Emergency Management and the Sterling Fire Department. Although Jacam Chemicals provided information to be disseminated to the public, the company chose not to appear on any of the television station newscasts.

5. Reports from Members

This item was moved up on the agenda for a report from Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital, on the ESF 8 meeting that was held on April 24. The group is working to meet the recent Final Rule on Emergency Preparedness from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS, with the development of a community-wide exercise. Bogner told the group that the rule provides guidelines and requirements for not only hospitals but an additional 16

healthcare provider types. Participating in emergency preparedness for these healthcare providers is required to continue receiving payments for services paid by Medicare and Medicaid.

The group will be meeting again on May 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Front Door Facility in Great Bend. Bogner reported that they are planning two tabletops to be held before the full scale exercise in September. Currently the tabletop exercise on June 26 will be for public health capabilities testing primarily for Incident Command and Emergency Operations Center. The August 7 tabletop will be focused on testing fatality management. The scenario for the full scale exercise is anticipated to be a tornado on the west side of Great Bend.

Individuals were invited to participate in planning and participating in the exercises. Bogner informed the group to contact either herself at Ellinwood District Hospital or Erica Seger at the Barton County Health Department.

6. Severe Weather Awareness Week 2017

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, reported that attendance at the weather safety presentation by the National Weather Service in Wichita, on March 9 at 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. was down over previous years. Part of that may have been because the presentation was on Thursday evening instead of Tuesday evening. Participation in the Statewide Tornado Drill on March 7 was reported by several committee members.

7. Report on Tier II Reporting Facilities

Amy Miller, Chairman, provided a list of facilities that had filed Tier II reports with the LEPC. She noted that the majority of facilities reporting had crude oil as the primary chemical being reported. A notable exception to that is the farmers coops in the county that have a significant listing of hazardous substances. Miller reminded the committee that these reports are available upon request to the public.

8. Reports from Members

Amy Miller, Chairman, asked if any members had any reports. There were no reports given at this time.

9. Other Business and Public Comments

Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital, told members that they would be hosting a PALS class on May 3 and 4, and an ACLS class the last part of May or early June. Schepmann said if anyone was interested to call her at 620-653-5056 for more information.

10. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

The next meeting date has been suggested for July 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Great Bend, Kansas. Final date to be sent to members at a later time.

11. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the April 25, 2017 meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Donna Zimmerman

Second: Chris Komarek

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Approved: July 25, 2017
Amy H. Jellison