



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

July 21, 2014

1:30 p.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 1:35 p.m.

2. Introduction of Members

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

Members Present: Don Halbower, American Red Cross
Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
Doug Hubbard, Barton County 911 Communications, Director
Chris Komarek, City of Ellinwood, Fire Chief
Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
Martin Miller, Great Bend Airport, Manager
Ron Seidel, Kansas Gas Service

Guests Present: Pam Stiles, Barton County Health Department
Jim Leftwich, KDEM, South Central Regional Coordinator
Linda Michaelis, Great Bend Regional Hospital

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the April 21, 2014 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the April 21, 2014, Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from January 27, 2014.

Motion: Mary Hoisington
Second: Ron Seidel
Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Region E Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, informed the members that there was a meeting on July 9 in Pratt for emergency managers concerning the Region E Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. There are seven counties in the region that make up Region E - Barber, Barton, Comanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Pawnee, Pratt and Stafford. The Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Blue Umbrella Solutions, a contractor, discussed what entities had submitted information and what information was still needed for the update. Miller said that several entities still need to submit Action Items. Miller also described the process for applying for hazard mitigation funds following a Presidential Disaster Declaration. She informed members that entities must have been a participant in the Hazard Mitigation Plan and formally adopted the plan to be eligible to apply for hazard mitigation grants.

Miller said that she would be issuing a news release within the next week in an effort to get Barton County citizens to complete a Hazard Mitigation Survey that will be used in the update.

5. Barton County Fair Report

Pam Stiles, Barton County Health Department, reported that they had an information booth at the Barton County Fair, July 9-12. They had grant money that allowed them to purchase 200 emergency kits to be given away to individuals who stopped by their booth. The health department also assembled a larger preparedness kit that they had individuals register to win. Stiles said the booth encouraged people to stop and talk with them and that people do not seem to stop at booths if they do not have something to give away. Stiles also said that they had KSERV cards to give out to people who were interested in volunteering through the local health department. She said that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is asking local health departments to register individuals to be general volunteers as well as registered nurses.

6. Exercise Reports

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, reported that she was involved in planning a tabletop exercise with Great Bend Regional Hospital and the Great Bend Fire Department. The tabletop is designed in large part to allow emergency responders to work with local utility companies and the handling of a mass fatality situation. The tabletop is currently scheduled for September 30. There were no other reports from members concerning exercises.

7. Review of Emergency Support Function 10 (ESF 10)

Chairman Miller informed the members that the Emergency Support Function 10 (ESF 10) needs to be reviewed once a year and that the review will take place at the October LEPC meeting. Miller said she would email everyone a copy of ESF 10 before the next meeting for the members to review. The ESF can then be discussed in the October meeting.

8. Training Opportunities

Chairman Miller told members that there was a Basic Debriefing Certification class scheduled for August 7 and 8 in Great Bend. The training is being sponsored by the CISM Team of Central Kansas. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a crisis intervention program for helping individuals deal with traumatic events. Miller said that the training is being sponsored to increase the membership of the Central Kansas CISM team. A discussion concerning CISM followed. Doug Hubbard provided a history concerning the local team. Don Halbower commented that the American Red Cross has a formal program and that all American Red Cross volunteers are required to attend a session after extended deployments.

9. Reports from Members

There were no reports offered.

10. Other Business and Public Comments

Jim Leftwich, South Central Regional Coordinator, described the upcoming Vigilant Guard exercise at Crisis City. He said that it is estimated that 2,200 military members and civilians will participate in the exercise that is scheduled to start August 1 and be completed by August 8.

Linda Michaelis, Great Bend Regional Hospital, informed the members that a group of health affiliated individuals in the South Central Hospital region would be attending a weeklong training, Health Care Leadership, in Anniston, Alabama, on October 26-31, 2014.

11. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

The next meeting date has been scheduled for October 20, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Barton County Courthouse, Room 101, Great Bend, Kansas.

12. Adjournment

Action: To adjourn the July 21, 2014, meeting of the Barton County LEPC.

Motion: Don Halbower

Second: Doug Hubbard

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

*Approved: 10-20-2014
Cory J. Miller*