



Barton County LEPC

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Meeting Notes

July 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 10:01 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: Stephen Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant
 Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood District Hospital & Clinic
 Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas
 Scott Fleming, Hoisington EMS
 Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS
 Don Halbower, American Red Cross Volunteer, Retired
 Phillip Hathcock, Barton County Solid Waste, Director
 Linn Hogg, RSVP & VIA – Central Kansas
 Mary Hoisington, Great Bend Tribune, Publisher
 Doug Hubbard, Claflin Fire Department
 Roger McPherson, Fuller Industries LLC
 Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management, Director
 Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital
 Shelly Schneider, Barton County Health Department, Director
 Donna Zimmerman, Barton County Clerk

Guests Present: Deb Tucker, American Red Cross
Erica Seger, Barton County Health Department
Lucas Stoelting, Barton Community College
Jim Lane, Fuller Industries LLC

3. Adoption of Meeting Notes from the April 25, 2017 Meeting

Chairman Miller asked if there were any revisions to the April 25, 2017 Meeting Notes. There were none offered.

Action: To approve Meeting Notes from April 25, 2017.

Motion: Mary Hoisington

Second: Scott Fleming

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

4. Debris Disposal and Household Hazardous Waste

On May 17, 2017, a tornado struck the city of Pawnee Rock and rural areas of Barton County. Phil Hathcock, Barton County Solid Waste Director, talked about the debris disposal actions of Barton County. Hathcock told members that he contacted the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to discuss how to continue to meet their regulations and yet respond to the needs of the citizens of Barton County. The Barton County Landfill was able to relax some regulations for the Construction and Demolition disposal and the Barton County Board of County Commissioners waived tipping fees for residents that had been affected by the storm. Approximately 400 tons of debris had been hauled to the Landfill since May 17. Trash haulers, contractors and staff have helped to sort the debris so that it could be disposed of properly, said Hathcock.

Hathcock noted that landowners must complete applications and receive approval from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to bury debris on their land and that this information must be placed on the deed to the property. This informs all future owners of the property that the debris has been buried. Most landowners opt not to do this and will haul the debris to the Landfill.

Tree debris is not accepted at the Landfill and will normally be handled by each municipality at their compost site. As has happened in the past, Barton County Road and Bridge helped pick up tree debris within the City of Pawnee Rock and hauled it to a designated disposal site. Hathcock noted that the Landfill is still getting debris from farmers because as they work their fields they are finding the debris.

Hathcock also informed the committee that Household Hazardous Waste is accepted at the Landfill anytime with an appointment. Simply call 620-793-1898 and speak with a staff member.

5. Annual Review of Emergency Support Function #10 (ESF 10) Oil & Hazardous Materials

Amy Miller, Barton County Emergency Management Director, informed the members that the Barton County LEPC should review the ESF 10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials portion of the Barton County Emergency Operations Plan. The ESF was emailed to members prior to the meeting for their review. Miller did not offer any suggestions for updates to the plan. Miller asked if there were any suggested changes that members would recommend to be made to ESF 10. There were none offered by the members.

6. Training Opportunities

Amy Miller, Chairman, mentioned to the members that ICS 300 and ICS 400 classes were being offered this fall as well as KS 132 – Kansas Exercise Design Course for Discussion Based Exercises which will be held October 3-5 in Topeka. Miller passed around a sheet with the class dates.

Deb Tucker, American Red Cross, talked about an Everyday Hero Bootcamp class that the Red Cross is holding in Cimarron this month. The class trains individuals to become volunteers with the Red Cross and provides information on running a shelter. Tucker said she would like to bring the training to Barton County and said to contact her if someone wanted to sponsor the training.

7. Reports from Members

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

Steve Billinger, Barton County Sheriff's Office, talked about the Safe Defend System for violence/active shooter threats that the USD 355–Ellinwood has purchased. The system notifies school administration, all law enforcement agencies in Barton County and 911 in the event of an incident. There will be training on the system in August when the teachers come back to school.

Brittney Glenn, Ellinwood EMS, talked about Stop the Bleed campaign that she would be willing to teach to agencies. The Campaign trains individuals how to identify "life-threatening" bleeding and how to stop it.

Gaila Demel, United Way of Central Kansas, informed the committee that United Way had provided hands only CPR kits to USD 428–Great Bend and will be giving kits to USD 112–Central Plains, USD 355–Ellinwood, USD 431–Hoisington and USD 495–Ft. Larned this fall.

Lindsey Bogner, Ellinwood Hospital and Clinic, provided an update on the development of a community-wide exercise series for healthcare providers in Barton County in response to recent rule changes from the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services. The next exercise will be August 7 at the Great Bend Public Library, a tornado scenario, and a functional exercise is planned for September 27 with participating agencies participating in their own facilities. Bogner said that anyone who wanted to participate should contact her.

Jane Schepmann, Clara Barton Hospital, asked if anyone had been contacted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment concerning Legionella water testing in the facilities. No one reported being contacted. She went on to explain that flushing water pipes and in particular eye wash stations was necessary to prevent Legionella from growing in water systems.

8. Other Business and Public Comments

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

9. Discuss next meeting date of LEPC

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

10. Adjournment

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

Motion: Donna Zimmerman

Second: Lindsey Bogner

Vote: Carried on voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

*Approved: October 24, 2017
Amy Miller*