

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 22, 2011

American Red Cross
2927 Losey Blvd. South
La Crosse, WI 54601
9:00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Smith, Keith Butler, Lois Losby, Bob Mulliner, Gregg Cleveland, Ron Berg, Jennifer Shilling, Tom Wright, Vicki Burke, and Shari Vanderbush.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jay Loeffler, Marc Schultz, Sue Kunz and Mike Horstman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Phil Niemer, Keith Carlson and Franz Fredricks

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamie Harmon-Abbott, American Red Cross and Bob Ritger, HRSA Regional 4 Consortia

CALL TO ORDER

Pat Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Burke/Berg to approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2011. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

BYLAWS REVIEW FOR VOTING AT NEXT LEPC MEETING JULY 20, 2011

If no changes, or minor changes, we can vote at the next meeting. Voting will reaffirm them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jamie, American Red Cross said that the tornado event has been their biggest response since the flood in 2008. Their new vehicle was out and about and getting food and water to the public who needed it. Since returning from maternity leave, has reviewed the response, things went well and they are now working with long-term recovery.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom asked Keith about the siren in the Green Bay Street corridor. Was this slated to be fixed this month? Keith is not sure of what the repair status is. Keith recommended that Tom talk to Dale Hexom of the City. Who gets the report of sirens that don't work; it is generated at Dispatch and forwarded to all the municipalities. No talk of any newer alert systems in La Crosse.

The Hazmat Materials program will only have a 6 month extension for \$68,000 instead of a 2 year contract. So the Team may be in limbo and the City doesn't do their budget on a 6 month timeframe so that will be an issue. They were told they will be reengineering the program but they don't know exactly what will be happening. Is there anything the LEPC can do? Not yet until something is decided more definitely. Jennifer will check with her office to find out the status.

Bob said there was a Vigilant Guard exercise on May 18th that did a paper transfer of patients and included the higher rated staff so they are now more familiar with ICS.

Keith reported that the paper reporting of Tier II's has been changed to electronically only. The LEPC will be the entity on who receives this data. This can remain as the Emergency Management Office. When the on-line system opens for access we will forward the link. This program is called WHOPRS through the State of Wisconsin.

For the Emergency Management grant, FEMA will be requiring that we will hold 4 exercises each year. This doesn't make a lot of sense to everyone; the new WEM Administrator got an ear full yesterday at the Regional Meeting. This will be a very difficult and time consuming to do, not to mention expensive.

Tornado response and hail storm has been about it. The May flooding went right to the line and stopped so there was no further damage, no breaching of the levees and no major damage. So we sailed through this one okay. Did we hear about any contractor scammers, only one business is questionable, but otherwise they were regular businesses.

Bob Mulliner will be retiring from Trane and the July meeting will be his last meeting. Bob is representing a company business, and he may have a name for us to contact regarding being a member of the LEPC.

Pat said the Nation is in the middle of updating their Alert System. But the FCC has not advised what the program will be. Broadcasters would be required to put in all new equipment, this is one option. The other protocol would add on to the existing system. In this system the President could press one button and alert the entire nation electronically. This will be tested on September 1, 2011. This is coming and Pat hopes to have more information on it next month.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Voting for the reaffirmation of the Bylaws
Quarterly Hazmat Report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 am.

The above minutes may be approved, amended, or corrected at the next Committee meeting.

Kim Olson, Recorder