

Grant Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Grant County LEPC Meeting Minutes June 18, 2015

Vivian Button called the meeting to order at 11:32am on June 18 with 7 members present and one guest. Those present were Carol Baker, Vivian Button, Jerry Jo Deckert, Richard Everett, Danny Law, Nancy Lucas and Shelia Limbocker. Shelia Limbocker introduced herself and talked about her involvement with American Red Cross. Shelia is the new Western Kansas Disaster Program Specialist.

Jerry Deckert made a motion to accept the Minutes to the May meeting. Shelia seconded. Motion carried.

We received a pamphlet on "Pipeline Safety in your Community" from ONEOK Partners. We downloaded the KDHE CAMEO chemical reports for the area and received two or three Tier II reports that we did not have.

Kansas Department Emergency Management informed Emergency Management that the Region C Regional Mitigation Plan had been approved by Federal Emergency Management Agency. Grant County Commissioners have adopted the Mitigation Plan by Resolution 15-04. The City of Ulysses has adopted the plan by Resolution 2015-6. USD 214 has adopted the Mitigation Plan by agreement. Pioneer Electric Cooperative will discuss adopting the Mitigation Plan at their Board meeting.

The Department of Agriculture is in the planning stages of their exercise for December 14th to 17th. A conference call will be held next week to discuss details. Grant County and Seward County are two of the participating counties.

A date needs to be set for a functional exercise to test the Emergency Operations Center function during a hazardous material incident. The exercise has to be completed with all corresponding paperwork completed by May 2016. This exercise will meet requirements for hospital, health dept and other departments. Nancy Lucas said KDHE wants the care home and assisted living to be included in this exercise. Meade County's exercise is scheduled for July 28, Clark County on October 8th, and Haskell County January 14.

Because of numbers being down a question was sent out about having the meeting at a different time. Ruben from City Shop stated 10:00am or 1:30pm would work better for him. Jerry Jo stated she would rather not have it on a Monday or Friday. Russell Mowrer from DCP Midstream and Mike Jury and Dennis Clark from Energy Transfer-Regency stated they are very busy but hope to be able to attend again soon. Our next meeting will be at the same time 11:30am. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

One of the Southwest Kansas Regional Emergency Planning Council projects was to prepare new citizen preparedness guides. Don had some to pass out and Nancy Lucas also had some she received at the Southwest Hospital Emergency Response Team (SHERT) meeting to give out. A 2015 project will be to publish the citizen preparedness guides in Spanish.

Vivian has been working with Loren Wright to update 911 addresses around the county to prepare for the Nex-gen 911.

Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health has issued a stop movement order for all Kansas poultry and live birds, effectively cancelling all poultry-related shows and events through the calendar year of 2015.

The 2015 Grant County Free Fair will be July 17 thru July 25.

Some of the upcoming trainings are:

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) in Garden City
Dec 15- 16 and Salina July 15 and 16;

G290 Basic PIO November 10-11, 2015 location to be determined (TBD) and in Wichita
September 22-23, 2015;

G291 Joint Information System/Center Planning Course for Tribal, State and Local
Public Information Officers November 12 TBD or Hays September 30.

The 2015 Region 7 LEPC Conference will be in Nebraska City NE on August 6-8.
MGT "Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters Course"
August 19-20 at the Heartland Preparedness center in Wichita.

PER-Advanced Forensic Investigations for Hazardous Environments Course
August 10-14 Manhattan

Richard Everett, regional health department coordinator, talked about a Donning and Doffing class put on by the 73 Civil Support team. KDHE wants at least 4 people from every hospital, EMS and other organizations to take the class. This is on KS.train.org. Richard also talked about an Ebola exercise that has to be completed within 18 months.

Shelia Limbocker, American Red Cross, talked about a Smoke Detector project that could be coordinator with the Fire Department. She also talked about the pillow case project for 3rd thru 5th grade. This is when you prepare for a storm. Kids can accomplish this task. For Example children or students can grab what they need to take with them and put it in an pillow case like shoes, clothes, games, food, water are just a few. Red Cross is going to start conducting First Aid and CPR classes again.

Danny Law, Pioneer Electric stated they have used their Demo Trailer to conduct training for West Texas Gas and at Liberal for a kids program. Pioneer Electric is looking for new safety training for their employees. We discussed holding a class with the Demo trailer for EMS and Fire. Danny will contact John Crosby to set up the class. Because of the electrical requirement, the class will be held at Pioneer Communications.

Carol Baker, Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County hospital stated the hospital has completed a hospital resurvey for the state. They have not got the results yet. Kansas has its first case of West Nile virus.

JJ Deckert stated EMS and Fire held HazMat training on Saturday and participated in the Library truck program along with Law Enforcement, Fire and the post office. They also conducted CPR and First Aid for the Sheriff's Office.

The next LEPC meeting will be July 16, 2015 at 11:30am at Grant County Courthouse Basement training room.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn and Jerry Jo Seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm.

Report respectfully submitted by Vivian Button