

**MINUTES
of the meeting of the
CARSON CITY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
September 13, 2016**

The Carson City LEPC held a public meeting on September 13, 2016, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Fire Station No. 51, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Alternate Chair, Tom Tarulli.

2. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Voting members present were Nicki Aaker, Stacey Belt, Mark Cyr, James Freed, Phillip Harrison, P.K. O'Neill, Dan Shirey, Jim Shirk, Tom Tarulli and Ann Wiswell, which constituted a quorum.

Chris Smallcomb (National Weather Service) was present as a non-voting member.

Voting members absent were Jeff Melvin, Bob Schreihans and Matt Shafer. Non-voting members absent were Jerry Evans and Keith Forbes.

Also present were Angela Barosso (Carson City Health and Human Services), Ben Johnson (Washoe Tribal Health Center Director - prospective appointee to LEPC) and Iris Yowell (Carson City District Attorney's Office).

3. Agenda Management Notice – Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Tom Tarulli noted there had been no changes on agenda items.

4. Public Comments and Discussion

There were no public comments.

5. For Possible Action: Approval of June 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Phillip Harrison, seconded by Ann Wiswell, with all ayes in favor of the minutes of the June 7 meeting be approved as submitted.

6. For Possible Action: To review and approve the Mid-Cycle FY 2016 State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Application – Planning and Training – *FireShowsWest*

Dan Shirey explained the Hazardous Materials Track available during the upcoming *FireShowsWest* conference. He reviewed the application for the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) grant funding of two (2) LEPC sponsored Haz Mat Technicians' registration fees – a total of \$390.00. Because the grant application had been due prior to this meeting, an application has already been submitted to the SERC, pending the committee's approval.

Phillip Harrison asked if the Hazardous Materials Track program was available to the private sector. Stacey Belt explained that grant funding would most likely not be available, but the Carson City LEPC could help facilitate attendance if requested.

James Freed reported that he would be attending this conference with grant funding from another source.

It was then moved by James Freed, seconded by Stacey Belt, with motion carried unanimously, that the Committee approve the submission of the Mid-Cycle FY 2016 SERC HMEP Grant Application – Planning and Training for *FireShowsWest*, as described, to the State Emergency Response Commission.

7. For Possible Action: To appoint Ben Johnson (Director, Washoe Tribal Health Center) as a Health (with Tribal affiliation) Representative to the LEPC

Tom Tarulli presented this agenda item out of order, as Ben Johnson was unavailable at the time of initial presentation. Upon arrival, Ben Johnson introduced himself and thanked the committee for inviting him into membership. (*Lisa Christensen, the Local Environmental Representative with Tribal affiliation, recently left her position. Ben Johnson's contact information had been forwarded to the LEPC by Lisa, along with a request to replace her position on the committee.*)

It was moved by Stacey Belt, seconded by Dan Shirey, with all ayes in favor of Ben Johnson being appointed as a Health representative to the LEPC.

8. Briefing on winter weather expectations and possible effects regarding emergency services (Discussion Only – No Action) (*Chris Smallcomb, NWS Reno*)

Chris Smallcomb distributed packets to committee members, containing information regarding winter weather expectations.

Chris explained that although predictions of El Niño and La Niña can be made, these climate patterns have very little bearing on winter weather conditions in our part of the world (Western Nevada). He reminded members of last years’ “typical” winter in our region, even with the predicted severe El Niño pattern.

This winter is predicted to be neutral – a very weak La Niña, according to Chris. He reported that according to historical USGS peak flow data, major flooding events in our area have occurred during weak La Niña years (specifically, 1997 and 2005).

As Chris had mentioned earlier, predictions are not always relevant; though this may be a good opportunity for planning. He recommended dusting off flood plans and incorporating flood scenarios into pre-winter training and exercises.

Phillip Harrison asked how levels of precipitation were measured (on page 2 of the handout). Chris explained the level is a water equivalent of rain and melted snow.

Tom Tarulli described how the Fire Department utilizes the Reno National Weather Service forecasts for planning purposes. Stacey Belt commended Chris on the professional and personal service provided by the NWS, and thanked him on behalf of Carson City.

9. Report on activities associated with the Citizen Corps Council Initiatives (Discussion Only – No Action)

Stacey Belt reviewed the three volunteer organizations encompassed within Citizen Corps: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIP).

Stacey explained recent activity between the CERT (Fire Department) and MRC (Angela Barosso and Taylor Radtke, Carson City Health and Human Services), in acquiring a Citizen Corps Coordinator. Dana Lee Fruend has accepted this role, to assist with the onboarding of new volunteers, training of all volunteers and coordination of new events. Stacey expanded on how this coordinated effort will not only benefit both Fire and Health Departments, but all aspects of volunteer involvement within this scope.

Stacey then reported on CERT activity:

- The team was recently on standby for the Mike Pence (Trump's running mate) visit to Carson City. CERT partnered with MRC to provide necessary shade and water on a very hot day.
- CERT was also on standby for the Shooter Fire, which occurred on the western side of Carson City on August 14th.

Stacey publicly commended the Carson City Fire Department for their response on the Shooter Fire.

Angela Barosso reported on the following Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) activities:

- Statewide Quarterly ESAR-VHP / MRC Meeting
- Recruiting volunteers for FAST (Functional and Access Strike Teams) training
- Provided SLV-Community training for administrative support volunteers
- Collaboration between CERT and MRC in hiring a Carson City Citizen Corps Volunteer Coordinator: updating intake process, will be helping with education and training and promoting both groups on social media and in person

Stacey Belt and Angela noted that Carson City does not have a dedicated full-time MRC or CERT coordinator, unlike neighboring areas.

There was no VIP report.

10. Report on activities associated with the Community Health Care Coalition (Discussion Only – No Action)

Angela Barosso reported on the Public Health Preparedness and Hospital Preparedness Activities as follows:

- Participated with Emergency Management and Carson Tahoe on unannounced Ebola exercise at the Urgent Care/ER
- Finalized Regional Medical Surge plan and participated in Table Top Exercise at Station 51; received training on Hospital Evacuation tags and will train Carson and Douglas healthcare facilities
- Researching pros and cons of CMS new rule in the federal register
- Conducting local public health system assessments with partners in October
- Staffed First Aid booths for: Carson Valley Days and Epic Rides; recruiting for Candy Dance First Aid Booth

- Staffed educational table at the Alzheimer's Fundraiser at Mountain View Health and Rehabilitation Center; recruited Home Health and Hospice agencies to participate in Carson City Healthcare Coalition
- Presented concept of FAST Training at Northern Nevada Access and Functional Needs Workgroup
- Conducted Point of Distribution exercise at Rural Preparedness Summit in Fallon
- Participated in Division of Public and Behavioral Health TEPW
- Sponsored/participated in Orvis School of Nursing Resource Fair in Mills Park
- Reviewed proposed revision of ASPR Capabilities document with PHP partners
- Received CDC/ASPR Monitoring site visit from State PHP
- Preparing for School-located and Community Outreach Flu Clinics in Carson City and Douglas County; 25 schools and 35 community events scheduled to date
- Planning for 12th Community Flu Clinic / POD Exercise on October 22 at Carson Mall from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Participated in local LEPC meetings, Crisis Standards of Care advisory group; Douglas County Healthcare Coalition
- Registered for National Healthcare Coalition Conference in Washington, DC in December; State will pay for additional person to go from locals: Chiefs?

Angela noted the date of the second Carson City Healthcare Coalition Meeting, which is scheduled for October 27 at Station 51, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

11. Reports of Committee Members (Discussion Only – No Action)

Dan Shirey reviewed the approved Fiscal Year 2017 SERC Grant, which allowed for the purchase of radio and laptop equipment. Dan explained that LEPC members were being given the Right of First Refusal on the present (old) laptop, which is being replaced. No members expressed interest in the laptop.

Phillip Harrison asked Dan about the interoperability of communication devices between agencies. Dan explained the utilization of new frequencies, along with the frequencies of state and other agencies.

Ben Johnson gave a more in depth introduction of himself, and expanded on the staff and services provided at the Washoe Tribal Health Center. Angela Barosso asked if the Carson City Colonies utilize his facility. Ben explained that the Health Center is used by Carson City and Stewart colonies, and in many cases – the only healthcare received by patients.

Stacey Belt reviewed Emergency Management activity within Carson City, noting the update of Shelter Operations Plans. These plans have involved coordination with the Carson City School District, Parks Department, Salvation Army and MAC Center.

Chris Smallcomb reported on the spot weather webpage, which is offering training webinars. Chris reminded members that this training activity and use of the webpage is not limited to Fire and Haz Mat usage. He added this information could be useful for planning large public gatherings, or when weather predictions are necessary.

P.K. O'Neill stated there is a vacancy on the State Emergency Response Commission, and information can be found on the Governor's website: gov.nv.gov, under "Boards." P.K. also noted that he had submitted his resignation to the LEPC, as he will not be continuing his position as a state elected official (Assemblyman). P.K. thanked the committee for allowing his participation, and expressed his enjoyment of working with members.

Ann Wiswell reported that the review of the School District's Emergency Operations Plan is complete. Ann described the tabletop exercise which was held at the end of August, with a scenario depicting an LGBT demonstration/riot. Ann stated this exercise gave Principals, Vice Principals and Deans a good opportunity to gain and exchange information.

Angela Barosso noted participation in the upcoming RAM (Remote Area Medical) event to be held September 23-25 in Lyon County. Dental, vision and general medical services will be available at the event in Silver Springs. Information can be reviewed at: ramusa.org.

Nicki Aaker commended Angela Barosso, Susan Pintar, and all individuals involved with their participation in the first Carson City Healthcare Coalition meeting. Nicki also reported on Public Health vaccination activity in August – 443 individuals were vaccinated, with 970 vaccines. She noted that two-thirds of vaccines were given to children (and must meet certain qualifications to receive them for free), and one-third were paid by privately-insured individuals.

James Freed reported on the Closed POD drill vaccination event for employees, families and visitors on October 5th from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Carson Tahoe Hospital. James mentioned that CMS recently released new guidelines, but did not include any major changes from current procedures. The recommendations will be reviewed. James also reported that the Haz Mat Preparedness plan is under review.

Mark Cyr noted a lot of activity for the Salvation Army, including: Emergency Disaster training, response to both Shooter and Willards Fires, and participation in the upcoming RAM event.

Tom Tarulli gave an update on recent Carson City Fire activity. He reported one brush truck was presently in Susanville. Tom gave a breakdown on some of the apparatus used in the Shooter Fire. He noted response by 23 brush trucks, a number of small attack planes and two large air tankers (which arrived and dropped retardant just in time). Tom commended all personnel involved in the response, and recognized the great cooperation shown.

12. Next Meeting Date: December 6, 2016

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. For Possible Action: To adjourn

It was moved by Dan Shirey, seconded by Phillip Harrison, with motion carried unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Recorder: Kristen Pradere