

**Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting
Northwest Natural
7150 Supra Drive SW, Albany
May 8, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Minutes**

Attendees:

Lori Blau, Cascade Pacific Pulp
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire/HazMat Team 5
Megan Daughtry, Linn County Health
Jane Fleischbein, Linn County Health
Douglas Freeman, RCO International
Haleigh Gokey, Linn County Health
Steve Lemelin, NWFF Environmental
Deron Neukomm, Grace

Marcene Olson, LBCC
Cliff Sabin, Samaritan AGH & LCH
Karen Selander, Corvallis School District
Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Judy Turner, Selmet
Jason White, National Frozen Foods
Terry Wolfe, State Fire Marshal's Office

Comments from the Chair:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 10, 2013, meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports from Participating Organizations:

State Fire Marshal's Office – Terry Wolfe reported that their office is gearing up for the conference and there is room for more attendees. There is no cost to attend, and applications can still be submitted even though the web site indicates the deadline has passed.

Linn County Health – Jane Fleischbein reported that they have tentative approval for a Medical Reserve Corps VISTA. She also reported that Linn County Health can now offer emergency preparedness training for dealing with people with disabilities. They received the training to provide this through a grant associated with OHSU that focuses on facilities with vulnerable populations.

Haleigh Gokey reported that the Medical Reserve Corps is holding their quarterly meeting May 14, discussing sheltering processes with the Red Cross. On May 16 they will be participating in the Heart-to-Heart service and resource fair for homeless individuals and families at the Boys and Girls Club of Albany.

Samaritan Health – Cliff Sabin reported that he participated in active shooter training in Salem. The focus was on schools, and there were up to 500 participants. They will be offering the same training again in the fall due to the overwhelming response. Samaritan Health is updating their Hazard Communications Policy to incorporate GHS (Globally Harmonized System) standards. They have also developed a detailed, self-directed decontamination response plan.

LBCC – Marcene Olson reported on evacuation drills they held at all facilities in April. They are creating a campus CERT to start in the fall. Marcene will go to the Emergency Management Institute in August to receive the training to train and manage a CERT team. They are also planning an active shooter drill in conjunction with Albany Police in the fall.

Corvallis School District – Karen Selander reported on a foundation (www.iloveguys.org) created by a school shooting victim's family that provides good information and samples for safety protocols. Corvallis School District will be using the information to help write their policies.

Grace – Deron Neukomm reported that they have completed an annual review of their Phase I evaluation, which resulted in a few action items they will be addressing.

Workgroup Reports:

Membership – No report.

Outreach – Participated in LBCC Safety Fair on May 1. Participating in the Disaster Preparedness Fair at Corvallis’ Adam Elementary School on May 18, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Presentation – OR-OSHA will be presenting on GHS at the July meeting.

Emergency Planning – No report.

Resource Assessment – No report.

Information Coordinator Report: Darrel Tedisch reported that the Information Coordinator position may change to an LEPC Emergency Coordinator, with direction from the State Fire Marshal’s Office. Tori Jager has agreed to continue in the position at this time.

Old Business:

HMEP Grant – Terry Wolfe reported that the Mid-Valley LEPC’s application for FY 2014 grant requests have been approved for full funding.

New Business:

New Expectations of Oregon LEPCs – Terry Wolfe reported that he is working on a matrix of the state’s planning guide that can be used to incorporate existing plan references and not require the LEPC to write a complete new plan. More information on this to follow.

Phase I, II, and III evaluations will no longer be required; however, he encouraged the LEPC to continue them, as well as annual reviews, as they are still beneficial.

Discussed the possible change in process for site emergency coordinators to contact the LEPC Information Coordinator (Emergency Coordinator in the future) in the event of a release in order to activate the LEPC emergency response plan. The state’s interpretation of the law is that this “immediate” contact must be made through a resource that ensures the message is immediately received. Email, as the LEPC has used in the past, may not suffice. Conversation focused on the perceived redundancy since calling 9-1-1 already initiates an emergency response plan. Darrel Tedisch referenced a communication he received from DEQ that may provide an opportunity for clarification; Terry indicated that he would inquire with DEQ for direction on this matter.

Regular Meeting Adjournment: 11:10 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 12, 2013, 10:00 a.m., at ATI Pacific Cast

Submitted by,

Lorri Headrick