

Mid-Valley LEPC Meeting
September 9, 2009
10:00 a.m.
5880 Old Salem Road
Albany, Oregon

MINUTES

Comments from Chair

1. Addition to the Agenda - Darrel described the new monthly agenda item to allow public agencies an opportunity to share information on what is happening within their agency.
2. Schedule for Remainder of 2009 - Darrel went over items identified for completion for the remainder of 2009.

September 9

- Presentation on H1N1
- Oregon Summit on Influenza Preparedness will be held Friday, August 21, in Salem

October 14

- Appoint Nomination Committee for elections in December (3 individuals)
 - Co-Chair Position

November 11

- Nomination Committee announcement on Co-Chair election
- Bill Brauer – State Fire Marshal’s Office - Chemical Database

December 9

- Annual Meeting
- Election of Officer
 - Co-Chair Position

Introductions

Stephen Albrich, Wilbur-Ellis
Douglas Baily, Corvallis Fire Department
Barry Black, City of Philomath
Scott Coffin, ATI Wah Chang
Scott Cowan, Albany Fire - HM5
Jane Fleischbein, Linn County Health Services
Justin Goss, Absorbent Technologies, Inc.
Ronald Greenhill, DHS NPPD
Kevin Harding, Hewlett Packard
Lorri Headrick, Albany Fire Department
Jim Howell, Linn County Emergency Mgmt.
Rick Hurley, Western Pulp Products
Tori Jager, Pacific Cast Technologies

Stephen Kalb, Samaritan Albany General Hosp.
Sharon King, LBCC
Marcene Olson, LBCC
Vince Sedlacek, City of Philomath
Karen Selander, Corvallis School District
Thomas Shaddon, Ch2M Hill OMI
Laurie Starha, Benton County Public Works
Marsha Swanson, Oregon Freeze Dry
Darrel Tedisch, City of Albany
Judy Turner, Selmet
Terry Virnig, Georgia Pacific
Carolyn Wesolek-Babcock, International Paper

Review and Approval of August 12, 2009, Meeting Minutes

Marsha Swanson suggested an amendment to the report from Emergency Planning that they have scheduled Synthetech in August, International Paper in September, and are working with Selmet as well. Scott Cowan made a motion to approve minutes of the August 12, 2009, meeting as amended; Karen Selander seconded the motion; and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended by a vote of the membership.

Old Business - Nothing to discuss.

Reports from Participating Organizations

1. Benton County
 - a. Emergency Management - No report.
 - b. Public Works - No report.
2. Linn County
 - a. Emergency Management - Jim Howell reported that Linn County is establishing the reverse 9-1-1 alert/warning system. They are updating the basic portion of the County's Emergency Operations Plan and have shared their Vulnerable Population and Communications Plans with the City of Albany.
 - b. Public Health - No report.
3. Cities
 - a. Albany Public Works - No report.
 - b. Halsey - No report.
4. ODOT - Keith Ayers reported that they are working with Linn County Roads to evaluate evacuation routes. Evaluating capabilities of roads for large trucks, etc. They are involved at the county level as a liaison in emergency management meetings. Keith indicated that Yamhill County is conducting a H1N1 tabletop exercise.
5. State Fire Marshal's Office - No report.
6. Fire Departments
 - a. Albany - No report.
 - b. Corvallis - Douglas Baily reported that the state USAR and HazMat teams will be participating in a drill on September 30 at Evanite in Corvallis. He will provide Darrel with information about possible public participation if there are people interested in observing.
7. Samaritan Health Services - Stephen Kalb reported that Samaritan AGH has a task force in place to address flu vaccines within the health community and the public. They are working with schools and the County Health Department to get educational materials out in the classrooms.
8. Educational Facilities
 - a. Linn-Benton Community College - A question was raised about the value of the recent Cameo training. Marsha Swanson reported that she had received good reports from those who participated from her organization. Karen Selander reported that they can see value in Cameo for school district preplanning. Discussed other benefits of the program for coordination between emergency responders and the local agencies for joint command. Will consider inviting Ray Farm to provide a brief overview of Cameo as an introduction so others can evaluate the potential use for their organization.
 - b. Corvallis School District - Karen Selander reported that they are working with the teachers and custodial staff, educating them on preventative measures for the classrooms, i.e. hand washing, social distancing, etc. Letters will be going out to parents through the schools. The district is providing a flu prevention kit for each school. Some Corvallis schools will also be housing H1N1 clinics.

Karen asked about sanitizing products for keyboards, computer mice, etc. that can be purchased in large quantity. Marsha Swanson indicated that she has vendor and product information that she will share.

OSU is taking measures to house meals on wheels to limit germ spread inside cafeterias. They are also sending letters to incoming freshman about flu preparedness.

- c. Albany School District - No report.

Workgroup Reports

1. Membership - Judy Turner reported that they will be meeting today. They have received information from the state on the status of big box stores like Home Depot. They are exempt from the required emergency planning process and will no longer be pursued for participation in the LEPC.
2. Outreach - Justin Goss reported on the annual meeting planning. They want to keep it simple for the first year. He emphasized no fear tactics, low-scale media, focus on vulnerable populations. They will be working with Darrel Tedisch to involve representatives of the vulnerable population groups. The presentations will be a positive approach to explaining the purpose of the LEPC, introducing ideas of vulnerable populations, and reviewing what the public can do to help their neighbors. They would also see this as an opportunity to demonstrate reverse 9-1-1 and provide on-line registration during the meeting. Judy Turner suggested going through local radio stations for public service announcements to get the word out about the annual public meeting.
3. Presentation - Bill Brauer with the State Fire Marshal's Office will present information on the chemical database at the November meeting.

Suggestion was made to request information from railroad on what is being hauled through the area in proximity to LEPC member facilities. Ron Greenhill reported that it may become an annual reporting requirement once again of the rail services to make this information public. Douglas Baily volunteered to contact TSA/ODOT rail to find out what information is available.

4. Emergency Plan - Selmets is establishing a date for their review; the facility walk through is scheduled for September 14. International Paper is scheduled for September 10. Other reviews that have been completed include Oregon Freeze Dry, Hewlett-Packard, and Synthetech. In order to meet the group's goal of six evaluations in 2009, one more will need to be completed before the end of the year. Reminder that facilities with RMP chemicals are required to participate. Tom Shannon volunteered Adair Village to complete their evaluation in 2009.
5. Resource Assessment - No report.

Information Coordinator Report - No report.

New Business

1. H1N1 Presentation - Jane Fleischbein from Linn County Health Services provided an informative presentation on H1N1. Highlights from her presentation include:
 - a. H1N1 is highly contagious.
 - b. Linn County will be hosting clinics in schools throughout the county.
 - c. Vaccinations will be distributed to target populations and then the general population, as vaccine allows. Medical workers are a primary target.
 - d. Expecting to receive vaccine in mid-October. Quantities unknown; information changes frequently.
 - e. H1N1 vaccine is a two-shot immunization.
 - f. Linn County is hiring nurses and working with local parish nurses and volunteer medical groups to prepare for immunizations once the vaccine is available.

- g. The best preventative measure against H1N1 is to wash hands frequently; cover your cough; and stay home from work or school if you are sick.
- h. Additional information for employers can be found at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ or at flu.gov.
- i. Frank Moore with Linn County can provide weekly updates on the status within Linn County. If you want to be included in this communication distribution, contact Linn County.

A question was asked about broadcast methods for communicating with the general population about flu prevention. Jane indicated that they will be relying heavily on the media. Flyers are also being distributed to families through the schools and posters are available for employers.

- 2. Oregon Summit on Influenza Preparedness (August 21) - Video clips are available on the state public health web site, along with additional information such as posters for employer work sites.
- 3. LEPC Information Requested from State Fire Marshal's Office - Krista Fischer with the State Fire Marshal's Office has requested photos and information on the Mid-Valley LEPC activities that can be shared on the web site. Agreed that we would provide photos of officers and other activities when available.

Membership Discussion Items

- 1. Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location - October 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m., at International Paper Training Center
- 2. Adjournment to Workgroup Meetings - 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by,

Lorri J. Headrick
Secretary