

Columbia Emergency Planning Association
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015

Present:

Diane Dillard	CRFR/Chamber/Sacagawea Health Center
Greg Hinkelman	City of Clatskanie
Anne Parrott	Columbia County Public Health
Brandon Gimper	Global Partners/Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery
Craig Ashenfelder	Portland & Western Railroad
Brad Landers	Portland & Western Railroad
Brian Little	NW Innovation Works
Mike Greisen	Fire Chief - Scappoose
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Rich Baltzersen	FBI
Monique Oliver	Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Brianne Mares	CCMH
Juli Knapp	CCMH
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Bryan Profit	Portland Fire & Rescue
Kris Hansen	State Public Health
Jeremy Frazier	Columbia County Emergency Management (AmeriCorps)
William Bence	American Red Cross
Michael Bender	Portland General Electric
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Renate Garrison	Columbia County Emergency Management
Vince Aarts	Columbia County Emergency Management
Tom Lindmark	PGE Beaver Plant
Marge Murphy	Private Citizen
Cynthia Jaeger	Education Service District
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens

The meeting was called to order by Anne Parrott at 10:05 a.m. Get well wishes to Jay Tappan who remains down with the flu.

Welcome to Justin E. Ross – strong background in emergency management – and a bachelor in science. Working with OHSU in a disabilities program – does a lot of planning with vulnerable populations. He also does outreach work and trains CERT volunteers. Works for Oregon Office on Disability and Health. Thanks to partners – CEPA, Columbia Co. Emergency Management and Columbia County Public Health, Oregon Office on Disability and Health, centers for Disease Control and Prevention and OHSU.

Focus on preparedness especially for vulnerable populations – three people in our office – we do research, advocacy, access to healthcare, healthy lifestyles, mammography access, and tobacco education.

This is a slide I use – Hurricane Katrina – a guy in a wheelchair attempting to evacuate. Do we have lists of all the disabled people – then we think about emergency responders, CERT – and oftentimes we forget the disabled can often help themselves if they are prepared. I offer training courses – including engaging people with disabilities during disasters. This training is appropriate for law enforcement, Fire/EMS, CERT, MRC and Leadership (politicians/elected officials).

We have a program that is called Ready Now! – this is a full day training to talk about disability specific information, train-the-trainer, people living with disabilities and care providers. You need to have enough food and water for 14 days and people with disabilities may need more things – especially say access to electricity. According to a recent survey, approximately 20%-30% of the population have a disability. This does not capture the “homeless population”.

It is so important for your community to include people with disabilities in your planning/preparedness process. Justin’s office will provide technical assistance including planning, advocacy, and government with Not-For-Profit/Disability. They need to be included in full-scale exercises. If you would like to conduct an exercise, contact me 503 494 4858 and rosju@ohsu.edu. 360-609-2839 or oodh.org.

Current projects – functional assessment teams, State ESF, Multnomah County ESF6, Lincoln County Access and functional needs, Cascadia Rising, Emergency Preparedness Messaging, Vulnerable Populations Planning Consortium.

Another thank you Brandon Gimper – for the treats and door prizes. Get well to Vicki Botieff – still in a cast and unable to attend and Jay Tappan is still out with the flu. Next month a great presenter Dr. Tom Previs on rail safety.

Introductions were made.

Old Business – we didn’t have a board meeting today. Donkey Basketball – are only available on April 11 – need a volunteer to contact Rainier High School.

New Business – we have a board position that has opened up – looking for a person from the “utility sector”.

Handouts – it’s flu season – we have lab confirmed cases in Columbia County. H3N2 – about 66% of the lab confirmed cases are this strain. We have 36 states across the nation with confirmed cases of the flu. There are also personal medication forms available.

Agency Reports:

Chamber – new temporary ED Natasha Parvey

Clatskanie – “E Plates” – the city of Clatskanie received an ambulance from GP – which was still registered to James River – we are converting to a mobile command post for CERT.

County Roads – Lonny – just before Christmas had a windstorm – affected most of central county got really clobbered. Columbia River PUD lost a lot of poles – we had 16 roads closed at one time and one road was closed for almost a week with no power in that area. Most of the road crews were able to clear most of the debris with 24-36 hours except for areas where trees were down. In north County Sunday night and Monday we got a huge amount of rain – ditches were running full and if we’d got

more it could have gone from bad to worse – the ground is really saturated. And of course, with that we could have unstable slopes.

Port of St Helens – Pat talked about a rock slide, PGE Port West Ward 2 is now producing electrical power, marina has a lot of dead heads in water so be care full if out fishing.

PGE – Michael mentioned that construction was completed on Port Westward II power generators which had a great start up. PGE have an exercise planned for March 20th, will update at the next meeting.

Oregon health Authority – Kris updated on the Flu in Oregon which had starting in multiple counties. We are still monitoring persons for EBOLA in Oregon, Working on Cascadia exercise. H5N8 has been found in dead birds but does not transmit between birds and people.

NW ESD – Cindy & Anne helped take emergency preparedness guide to all the schools. ESD did a warm coat drive and did about 55 coats and wants to thank the community for all their help. Will be doing warm coat until at least the end of February and if you know anyone that needs a warm coat please let her know.

Marge - Her doctor recommended for her to get shingle shot vaccine. She had shingles about 20 years ago so she received a vaccine and took about a week for the discomfort in her arm to go away, but glad she took it.

Food bank – Busy during the Christmas season.

Portland Fire Hazmat – No Report

OSFM – Terry stated that LEPC conference will be held May 12- and the 2015 LEPC grant coming out soon

ARES - Loren stated that the antenna at the EOC is up for operations, talked about pneumonia shot Columbia bio – no report

Red Cross –Willy taught a class in Clatskanie to about a dozen people on disasters.

CCMH – Julie said that mental health first aid classes not catching on in Columbia County and she wants to change that. Taught for the state mental health curriculum.

CCMH Brianne – a class will be held on Feb 12-13 how to intervene when someone is suicidal, please let her know if interested. She is working on a grant for additional classes. Taught classes to 8th graders and older.

Brian Little- Received a grant from Ford foundation for a leadership class that will be held about September for four weekends. Will provide more information this summer.