

LEPC MEETING

2/28/2020

Meeting called to order by Brent Fisher.

Welcome – Brent Fisher

Introductions

Minutes from last meeting accepted. Motion made and 2nd by Cliff Miller. No further discussion. Minutes stand approved.

Presentation – Public Health Department to cover during their agency report.

Administrative Announcements – Meeting dates for the remainder of 2020

- May 29, 2020
- August 28, 2020
- November 20, 2020

Nash County LEPC received notice as an active LEPC from the State Emergency Response Commission.

Need to appoint a vice-chair for LEPC. If you are interest in filling the vice-chair position or would like to nominate someone, please send all nominations or names to Brent. Would like to have all nominations at the next meeting so can vote at the May meeting.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 1-7, 2020. Discussed topics for each day of the week. Share with families and employees.

- Sunday – Introduction to SWPW
- Monday – Severe Thunderstorms and Tornadoes
- Tuesday – Ways to Receive Severe Weather Alerts and Information About the Statewide Tornado Drill
- Wednesday – Staying Safe When High Winds, Hail, and Tornadoes Strike
- Thursday – Lightning Safety
- Friday – Flash Flood Safety
- Saturday – Make a Plan and Encourage Others To Do The Same

Tornado drill - March 4, 2020 at 9:30 am. March 6th will be the makeup date if there is bad weather on the 4th. If have old weather radio, may not get announcement.

US Army 83rd Civil Affairs Battalion will be in Nash County, March 22, 2020 through March 30, 2020. They have conducted several projects for Nash County in the past.

- Looked at TIER II reports and produced range rings for isolation/shelter-in-place and evacuations in an emergency.
- TIER II has to be reported by March 1st. ER Plan – Facilities have to pay for submittal into system.
 - Bhopal, India Disaster – 2,000+ people killed. Not aware facility was storing chemicals in their neighborhood. Brought about Emergency Planning Community Right to know Act. If chemical totals meets threshold amounts, they must be reported.
- Reports go to State Emergency Management, FEMA Region 4, Local LEPC, and Fire Department.
- 83rd also looked at Emergency Operation Plan. Did a big sweep of the Tar River and Stoney Creek.
- Damage Assessment software with teams that go out and classify damage. Will look at critical infrastructure and critical buildings.... If time, will look at TIER II reports again. If now, will do inhouse.
- TIER II money goes to Regional Hazmat Team Williamston. Great resource.
- 83rd do these in-house at Fort Bragg. Helps them build relationships by coming out to local governments. Prepares them for 3rd world countries.

Nash, Edge and Wilson County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan – 5 year re-occurring. First of March next meeting for Nash County. More to come on that.

The NCEMA Conference will be March 22nd – March 25th in Cherokee, NC. Go to website to register. Print off and send check to Suzanne Hamby. Two conferences a year. Another in October. Want to build that association out and get more involvement. October date and location will be announced. Any questions, call Brent.

Industry TIER II reports due by March 1, 2020.

Questions? None

Public Health – Jamie Bragg

Coronavirus – flooded by news, etc.

- Health Department is preparing in ways like epi team updates from state, in touch with CDC, has deployed several nurses around the country.
- Coordinating efforts.
- Everyone use preventative measures like flu, and best thing is to wash your hands and fingernails. Use hand sanitizer in between.
- Health Department is following weekly updates with State CD Branch in conjunction with CDC. Tools are in place.
- CD Branch would alert if anything comes up in Nash County.

Understanding the Process.

- A-symptomatic after travel to high risk area – another category (self-monitored)
- They become under investigation. PUI – State ID number given to track specimens. Current test is PCR test – working on others as well as vaccine. Don't have yet.
- Be knowledgeable, in preventative mode.
- Tools – contact forms, monitoring forms, communication with CDC. Pretty prepared to handle case if came our way.
- No reason to empty store shelves. Flu more serious right now.
 - 53 cases in US. No deaths in US from Coronavirus.
- Neat thing – whole world is communicating with each other. All communicating with each other.

If suspected case, CD branch should alert us. Wuhan, China – epicenter. Spread to 31 countries.

Place under PUI. They would be in a category.

- Would not need hospital care – isolation in home.
- Local and state partners would be alerted – would activate our system to enter hospital facility – quarantine...airborne precaution, etc. Takes PCR – pretty quick....say depending on number of specimens being analyzed – 3-4 day turn-around.
- No anti-virals/no vaccines
- 2-14 days incubation time from time of coming in contact with subject. Now person to person.

If quarantined – isolated in home or other place.

- Health Director writes order and delivers to the person explaining why they are in isolation. No arm guards.
- Stay in home, no travel, can go outside to feed dog, no visitors, no going farther than mailbox. Wear masks. If any contact with someone in home wear mask. Disinfection procedures, etc. NO visitors.
- If child had visited PUI parents, will be self-monitored – limit social contact - without symptoms.

Health alerts are sent out to doctor offices to keep them updated.

Information is being shared around the county.

Hospital also asking travel questions and posting signage.

- A good Cleaning solution 1-10 bleach is good.
- Wipes and cleaning – wet time on the surface is important. Has to set for a certain amount of time. Soap and water very important.

6 foot span between persons for Coronavirus. Ebola had a 3 foot span.

- CDC.GOV – Most important source for information. Also look on Health Department website.
- Last case from California was community transmission.

Rocky Mount Wilson Airport – recommend to have respiratory stations – grab a mask.

NRM School Recommendations – Plan... have a communicable disease policy. Contact Health Department for guidance. Put on website and Facebook that flu was more serious case and should be focusing on preventing the flu. Same thing for contact with Coronavirus.

Will be reaching out to the Health Department to assist them.

Wash hands and sing Happy Birthday to yourself 2 times.

- Private schools are being shared this information as well.

Brenda Godwin – Government Task Force shared with local health director late Wednesday.

State – should be able to do testing this week. If positive will go to CDC.

911 Communications – enacted procedure to ask questions (like Ebola)... have you had any travel in the last 21 days. Will be notifying field units on certain chief complaints.

Emerging Infectious Disease tool for protocol.

Scott Strufe - if have on duty possibility – responding crews may be held back for short time - stage. Immediate notification to Health Department. Procedurally the same as other viruses. Also notify hospital.

Mr. Kenny Sumner (S.A.F.E.) Question - Jamie advised notification determine by Health Director. Plan in place when have a red or yellow alert – enhance precautions.

S.A.F.E. – Ways to make people aware – signage – alerting potential victims. Get info from CDC Website. Can copy and paste from CDC to your own particular website.

Lu Harvey Lewis - Middlesex Mayor – should he be putting out awareness information and also into government offices. Yes.

Nash County 911- if suspected case, are not sending fire department.

Seeing Shortage – PPE – limit number coming into contact with potential infected person.

Look at frequently asked questions -

Jamie Bragg reported 15 new flu deaths, 115 this season. The very young, elderly and frail are most susceptible.

Questioned asked on any guess on how long coronavirus will be around - think is more prone to cold weather.

Around room discussion...

Larissa Williams - Public Health – Training Health Department has to do annual fit test. New employees tested within a month.

Discussed shelter trainings. Discussed various trainings they have going on. Handed out calendar. Have had a lot of trainings over the last couple of years.

Please let her know of any other trainings. Contact number 252-459-1513 (Nashville office). Must do a full scale exercise by May 31, 2021. Also working on a Tabletop Exercise as well.

Brent Fisher – Please let him know If there are any training needs.

Will need IS700/800/100 and possibly 200 class – should take these classes to be familiar with IC command system. These classes can be taken on line at

<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx>.

Red Cross – closing office in Rocky Mount. Trying to find another building. Possibly out by Wesleyan College.

Brian Helms- RWI Airport - Air traffic is picking up. Renovation complete.

Ben Barnes - Convenience Site – Nash County Shred It Campaign is March 12 from 10am to 1pm at the County Courthouse. Also have a concern about where to go during tornado. No solution yet.

NC Emergency Programs Veterinarian – Dr. Michelle Bouchey 70% + emergent coming from animal side. Next week – disaster symposium - \$50.00 registration. State Vet will be there. Shelter training in the works. March 12th – Kernersville.

Robin Dail – State is ramping up for elections.

NC RRT 1 – Chief Michael Peaks - Williamston –

- Currently replacing outdated equipment.
- Discussed conference call when locals request a RRT response. RRT had an 8.5 min dispatch time to now 4 min time out the door response.
- Doing outreaches.
- RRT 1 will be supporting the Republican National Convention in Charlotte. There will be capabilities kept in their response area to respond as needed.

Peter Gillian – Inquired about an Operation number for Coronavirus. Red Cross will support communication and outreach.

Nash Community College – Monitoring and keeping up with updates to be proactive.

Steve Cox – Town administrator Sharpsburg. No comment.

Brent Fisher – anyone having to meet CMS Requirements??? Use coronavirus to meet some of your CMS needs. Document activities.

Next LEPC – May 29, 2020, at 10:00.

Motion to depart – 2nd – no objections.