



## CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

July 15, 2020

Custer County LEPC met in the Patrick Center at the Custer County Fairgrounds. The meeting was called to order by Michael Galloway, LEPC Chairman at 10:00 a.m. Sign in sheets were placed at the entrance to the meeting for all to sign.

Mr. Galloway began the meeting by having attendees introduce themselves and state the organization being represented.

Mr. Galloway updated the attendees on meeting procedures - everyone to bring their own surface disinfectant for the area each person is located. Also, bring hand sanitizer and personal mask. Social distancing will be followed - two people to each 8 foot table. Discussion of sanitizing personal items and a standard policy affecting everyone in an office is difficult. Mr. Galloway reinforced that the coronavirus (COVID-19) exists and people act as the host. Mr. Galloway is receiving disinfectant fluid (hypochlorous acid) in 300 gallon totes which is to be used in electric sanitizing foggers. This fluid seeks out the virus on surfaces and has approximately 60 to 90 days shelf life in the tote. Currently, a tote is being kept at Clinton Fire Department and another is located at Pepsi ready to move to the next location. Several schools are utilizing the fluid for disinfecting their facilities. Clinton Schools have purchased a handheld and backpack fogging machines to use the fluid in. Mr. Galloway asked if the City of Weatherford would like to a tote of the disinfectant fluid located in their town.

Mr. Galloway discussed the DR-4530 FEMA process which can be applied for by cities and counties for getting funds involving infection control of COVID-19. All funding will be in the form of reimbursements for expenses directly related to the coronavirus disaster. The application for FEMA is a 35 page document.

Custer County is going through the CARES Act. Funds have been deposited at the State level and each county or city must apply and set up a separate log in with the State for submission of requests for reimbursement of COVID-19 directly related expenses.

There is an online training opportunity with FEMA covering the application process on DR-4530.

At 10:17 Mr. Galloway turned discussion over to Adam McPhail, Assistant Superintendent of Clinton Public Schools for an update on school preparations for COVID-19. Mr. McPhail began by stating this was like hitting a moving target. Clinton Schools have ordered the following items in preparation for the school start: 6 backpack sprayers and 9 handheld sprayers electrostatic dispersion of the disinfectant fluid. Also ordered are: 15 5-gallon plastic jugs for disinfectant fluid, 750 CPS branded masks for faculty, 380 gallons of hand sanitizer, hand preps in gallon pullups, 200 handheld sprays for teachers, 200 face shields, 1000 disposable masks, hand soap, gloves and paper towels. At this time, masks are not mandated, but he fully expected a mandate to come down. CPS has taken advantage of grants to purchase Chromebooks, iPads, hotspots (20 wireless access points) and is working to get city-wide Wi-Fi up for students to access school for those who choose or if it becomes mandated, Virtual Schooling. CPS is setting up a Learning Management System for grades 5-12 with login for parents and students. K-12 teachers will be able to get information to the students. All Virtual Schooling attendance must be kept, just as in-person teaching. CPS is writing its school policy now.

There will be 8 built-in Virtual Days where all students will be off campus and practice off-site learning. There have been sneeze guards installed in the administration offices. Bringing children to school is highly encouraged. All students riding a bus will be required to wear a mask, hand sanitizer will be available and on the bus as well as in school, assigned seats will be in place. There will be more lunch periods spread throughout the day in order to lessen the number of students in the area at one time - social distancing will apply. Classrooms will utilize social distancing as available. Washing hands and hand sanitizer will be used between classes. Students will be required to bring reusable water bottles for filling at specific areas. Fountains will be turned off. All faculty will wear masks and grades 5-12 may have mandatory masks. There will be three types of school instruction - in person, virtual and a hybrid - swivel tripod teacher will teach on line but the student will see instruction one day later.

Mr. Galloway informed the attendees that there will be a Testing Site set up by the Custer County Health Department on July 21, 2020 to be held at the Custer County Fairgrounds. Those wishing to be tested must have an appointment and will be available for those 6 years and up. If anyone needs to be tested under 6 years, call Custer County Health Department for clarification. Nasal swabs will be taken, a rapid test and the longer test will both be performed. Testing too early could result in a negative test result. Tests should be performed no earlier than 3 days after exposure.

For the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC), the 63<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support Team will have a full scale exercise for First Responders. Sign up is available. This will have a biological hazmat feature to the exercise. The exercise will be in September, 2020.

Mr. Galloway spoke of the current HMGP - Safe Room grant. It is almost finished, with one remaining safe room to be installed. He has turned in a Notice of Intent to request funding for

another Safe Room grant. This hasn't been approved yet. SWODA administers this grant for Custer County.

Mr. Don Potter with Hull's Environmental Services presented his information to the attendees and stated that his company is an oilfield support company and assists with hazmat cleanups.

Mary Jane Hoffman with the American Red Cross stated that the ARC is still working remotely but is working with individual disasters. The ARC is assisting with blood drives, sheltering, but not all in one place at this time, virtual help with information and different needs. The ARC also assists with a Safe Program for children which must be signed up for.

Louis Flowers, Weatherford Police Department Chief and assistant Emergency Manager for Weatherford asked that anyone calling 9.1.1 for a COVID related issue should give that information to the dispatcher so that the information may be provided to First Responders. The exact address will be provided to the First Responders. Please do not call 9.1.1. for a mask related issue - masks are a personal choice and are not mandated in Weatherford. Chief Flowers stated that Weatherford has extended its sales tax.

Mr. Galloway stated that OHP is now down to 5 dispatch centers - Enid, Tulsa, Durant, Lawton and Oklahoma City.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

  
Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

***The meeting dates for 2020 are as follows: January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 21<sup>st</sup>. If you cannot attend, please send a representative.***