



## CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

October 21, 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 Clinton Schools Administration Building ready to move to the next location. Custer County is now up to the ninth tote. Polling places for the upcoming elections will be sanitized using the disinfectant fluid. Several schools are utilizing the fluid for disinfecting their facilities. There is a possibility that the manufacturer of the fluid will offer a device to make this disinfectant spray locally. Currently, it is being shipped in the totes from Tahlequah, Oklahoma. SWOSU may be a possible holding site for the materials to make the disinfectant spray. The cost would be significantly less take the spray locally.

Mr. Galloway advised the LEPC members that the Custer County Emergency Operations Plan is almost finished. Custer County has done annual updates, but this will be the first complete update since 2014. This will be available as a digital copy.

Mr. Galloway asked about training opportunities for the Region. The Fire Departments have a "Smoke Trailer" available for display at the various schools. Looking to update this trailer and might be a possible EMPG project. It was asked about the MIPS exercise to be held around Halloween of this year. With current work being done on the COVID Surge plans, this exercise may be delayed or postponed.

Schools are updating their Emergency Plans. There has been a grant to Oklahoma to provide additional personal protective equipment. Mr. Galloway has just finished with a shipment of children and adult facemasks and hand sanitizer for schools in a seven county area. The shipment is brought in and off loaded at the Custer County Fairgrounds. Representatives from each county came to this site and picked up the total number of items requested to be dispensed to each county school.

Mike Karlin, Weatherford Fire Chief and Emergency Manager informed the members that the FY2021 EMPG - All Hazard, Whole Community Planning Group EOP has been updated. This includes fire safety and flood safety. The Plan usually includes 35 hazards which must be rated as most important. Mr. Galloway stated that the County Wide Hazard Mitigation Plan needs to be updated. Qualifying projects are available to schools, county and municipalities. CARES Act purchases are a form of mitigation.

Mr. Galloway stated that he has applied for a new Individual Safe Room project grant. He currently has 58 applicants and needs 75 for the grant. The rules for the grant and a power point presentation can be emailed to anyone interested. Washita County Emergency Manager is currently working on this grant for Washita County.

Eve Adams with DEQ informed the members that Entities will be required to have Drinking Water Emergency Response Plans at a date not yet set and also if a Municipality has a sewer lagoon, Emergency Response Plans / Standard Operating / Emergency Operating Procedures will also be required.

Gary Woodrow with the American Red Cross updated 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. Persons seeking assistance must provide a phone contact and have video conference ability on their phone. There will be a two-step verification process - call in and will get a phone call back from a representative of ARC. Shelters will be local hotels as a first step. Food trailers will no longer be at disaster sites. Water/snacks will be dropped off at the disaster staging area.

Mr. Galloway asked LERC Sandy Settle about any information regarding upcoming vaccinations for COVID-19 and to whom the first round of vaccinations would be provided to. Mr. Settle stated that complete information is not available at this time, but it will involve tiers - usually Healthcare workers 1<sup>st</sup> tier, First Responders 2<sup>nd</sup> tier. Still in the process of determining tiers. The actual distribution of vaccine will occur shortly within six months. Mr. Settle also had Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) to be signed by entities in Custer County since Custer County has moved from District 5 to District 1 under the Health Departments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Galloway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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.***