



CUSTER COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

October 16, 2019

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 presented to the attendees the request for updates for the Custer County EOP. The ESF sign in sheet for representatives from the various ESF's was shown. Mr. Galloway would like to have at least three representatives for each ESF. This would enable more ability to incorporate each ESF during an actual emergency.

Mr. Galloway introduced Rebecca Villa-Winsett, Local Emergency Response Coordinator (LERC) representative for the Oklahoma Department of Health. Ms. Villa-Winsett gave the annual Emergency Preparedness Public Health update which helps with the ESF #8 section of the Custer County EOP. The area covered was formerly Custer and Washita Counties. It now includes Caddo, Comanche, Cotton and Kiowa Counties. An importance of this larger area is the ability to share assets, with Comanche County, as a large county, having access to more assets. This area is under the direction of Brandie Combs. Ms. Villa-Winsett handed out packets to each attendee which included the power point presentation and a Memorandum of Agreement to be completed and returned.

Ms. Villa-Winsett provided information about the National Strategic Stockpile and ChemPak pre-staged cache availability in the Clinton area. To enact the Clinton ChemPak, contact Michael Galloway or Paulette Marshal. Push Partners for area POD's were talked about. Ms. Villa-Winsett has been in contact with SWOSU for the availability of using participants in the nursing program as a push partner resource. She is also wanting to have a discussion with the new director of the Clinton Veterans Center. Jane Nickel, Clinton Indian Health Services, stated that she would be interested in the Indian Health Center in Clinton becoming a push partner again.

The importance of keeping an individual county Emergency Response Plan and keeping a warehouse for medication dispensing was stated. Also, the necessity for a large enough cold area for the "Cold chain of Custody" for medications that MUST remain at a certain cold degree. One warehouse staging area has been the Kodak plant at Weatherford. This plant has now changed ownership and become Miraclon. Ms. Villa-Winsett would like to have an agreement with the new ownership.

For the new county organization, a functional exercise was held at Walters in Cotton County on October 8, 2019. There were 121 flu shots given with an average of 5.5 minutes from enter to exit. There is anticipated to be another functional exercise in April 9, 2020 for jurisdictions under ERPS.

For the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC), Caddo/Comanche/Cotton/Custer/Kiowa/Washita Counties received the Community Preparedness & Resilience Award and Coordinator Rebecca Villa-Winsett received the OKMRC Outstanding Mentor Award.

Please remember the Health Department Call Down which occurs once a quarter. Call downs come by telephone and by text. Please respond due to needing 75% participation for approval.

Mr. Galloway discussed the disaster declaration, FEMA DR-4438 and that this county has an estimated 2.5 million dollars in damages but doesn't have the final figures for all towns. This was the wind/flood damage event from May 2019. The damage inventory deadline for the county is October 22, 2019. There has been a completion for the Hazard Mitigation grant concerning generators for the Custer County Health Departments. Both generators are installed and reimbursement from FEMA has arrived. Having these generators further enhances the "Cold Chain" for medications stored at the Health Departments.

Mr. Galloway stated that schools are updating their emergency plans. Several schools are utilizing the RAVE grant from the Department of Education. This allows the schools to alert emergency personnel of any emergency directly in addition to calling 9-1-1.

The following training events were shared:

April 9, 2020 - Health Department; SWOSU will host an Active Shooter training on May 19-20, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Michael Galloway LEPC Chair

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