



**Minutes – Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Tuesday, September 7th, 2021
10:00 a.m. – Zoom**

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jim Davidsaver at 10:05am. A motion to approve the June 8th, 2021, Agenda and Meeting Minutes was made by Ron Eriksen from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; seconded by Allison Dye from Bryan Health; motion carried.

Old Business

1. Ongoing COVID-19 Situation: Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver expressed that the COVID-19 topic will be discussed later in the meeting but that he appreciated everyone being willing to meet over Zoom.

2. Recap of Significant Events: Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver discussed the modified version of the Uncle Sam Jam that was held by the City of Lincoln on Saturday, July 3rd at Oak Lake Park. The City had their traditional fireworks display with some vendors. Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management had their Mobile Operating Center on-site to serve as a support role for the City of Lincoln and the American Red Cross. Davidsaver then discussed the Cornhusker State Games which were held from July 16th – July 25th, and the National High School Finals Rodeo which was held July 18th- July 24th at the Lancaster Event Center. Emergency Management supports the Cornhusker State Games by being a member of the Medical and Safety Committee and providing requested resources such as Mobile Operating Centers and generators. The National High School Finals Rodeo had about 11,000 participants in Lincoln and Lancaster County, which included the high school participants, family members, friends, and spectators. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency also had staff at the Event Center to help with the modified Incident Management Team. There were also additional Emergency Management staff from southeast Nebraska who were able to gain some practical experience in drafting and executing Incident Action Plans. The National High School Finals Rodeo plans to come back to Lincoln in 2026. The Garth Brooks Concert was held on Saturday, August 14th at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Stadium. This event gave us a good idea of how to conduct an outdoor event during the current COVID-19 circumstances and an After-Action Review will be completed soon.

New Business

Agency Reports:

1. LLCEMA: Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver reminded everyone that this was the Annual LEPC Meeting. It has been advertised and posted in the Lincoln Journal Star and is subject to the open meeting laws. Davidsaver reviewed the Nebraska Revised Statute 81-15, 215 through 81-15, 230 which discusses the requirements and terms for the LEPC. The LEPC Leadership Team has met and identified the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the upcoming year. The Chair is Kyle Poore with Lincoln Public Schools, Vice-Chair is Allison Dye with Bryan Medical, and the Secretary is Gina Egenberger with Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management will continue to serve as the Coordinator. Bev Thompson will be retiring in December from LES and will be stepping down as the Vice-Chair.

Davidsaver discussed Annex F and that it outlines the responsibilities of the LEPC. He opened it up to any questions regarding Annex F and the statutory responsibilities. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management (LLCEMA) is also a collection site for Tier II reports. It is also important that those company's who have hazardous materials maintain a Material Safety Data Sheet on site for reference.

Nebraska has adopted Bold Planning as the platform to submit the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) revision moving forward. This LEOP revision is due in 2022 and LLCEMA is currently working on revising the plan.

Davidsaver explained the new National Weather Service Expanded Severe Thunderstorm Warning categories. The three categories are base, considerable, and destructive. The wind speed and hail diameter will dictate the category. Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) messages will be activated on mobile devices from the National Weather Service whenever a Severe Thunderstorm Warning with a "Destructive" tag is issued or updated. The outdoor warning sirens in Lancaster County will be sounded if the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or if two trained deployed storm spotters can verify a tornado has touched ground. The sirens can also sound if there is any immediate life safety issue posed by severe weather.

2. **LLCHD:** Gina Egenberger, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Egenberger discussed the current COVID-19 pandemic and stated that due to the large increase of cases with the delta variant, the indoor mask mandate was reinstated for individuals 2 years and older until September 30th. As of the end of last week the daily number of cases was still increasing, but at a slower rate. Lancaster County is still providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and COVID test kits to facilities unable to obtain them through their regular suppliers. Additional PPE is also being supplied to some facilities to assist in building up an emergency cache, which they would maintain for use in future disasters. The Health Department has cautiously started demobilizing the local stockpile, knowing that future surges may lead to facilities needing assistance again. Contact Gina Egenberger with any questions about PPE.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Healthcare Partners were formed as a workgroup under the Southeast Nebraska Healthcare Coalition (SENHCC). Since July 2020, SENHCC has been in an "inactive status" due to the lack of a fiscal agent. The SENHCC Steering Committee is working with NE DHHS on the reorganization of the coalition. In addition, Gina Egenberger is working with DHHS on the reorganization of the Lancaster Healthcare Partners workgroup through Public Health Emergency Preparedness.

Allison Dye asked if distributed PPE could be requested to be returned to the Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department if the COVID-19 cases greatly increase. Egenberger said there is no plan at this time to request the return of distributed PPE.

Training Opportunities for 2021

1. Jim Davidsaver- Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency

Davidsaver discussed the following training opportunities:

Emergency Management Disability Awareness Training from November 1-2, 2021. The location is at the Lincoln Community Foundation, 5th floor conference room. The sponsor is the Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities. This is just one of about 9 or 10 trainings throughout Nebraska. If you are unable to make the one in November, you may be able to attend a different workshop.

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) training schedule is on NEMA's website to see the current and future trainings.

The TEEEX Pediatric Disaster Response Course (MGT 439) is from December 15-16, 2021. The 16-hour course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures, small group exercises and a tabletop exercise. CHI St. Elizabeth Medical Center will be hosting this event. There is a minimum requirement of 30 participants for this training to occur.

Davidsaver discussed the independent study online training opportunities of the IS-520: Intro to COOP for Pandemic Influenzas, ICS 100: Intro to the Incident Command System, ICS 200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS 700: National Incident Management System: An Introduction, and ICS 800: National Response Framework: An Introduction.

2. Significant Events Remaining in 2021: Jim Davidsaver, Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management

Davidsaver talked about the Lincoln Airport Authority Full-Scale Airplane Crash Exercise on Tuesday, September 14th. He also discussed the Lancaster County Threat Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA) workshop that will be held at UNL's West Stadium on October 19th. Davidsaver mentioned September is 2021 National Preparedness Month. He reviewed the weekly themes on www.ready.gov. The themes are "make a plan", "build a kit", "low-cost and no-cost preparedness", and "teaching youth about preparedness".

2021 LEPC Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th, 10:00am at the Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department. The meeting is scheduled to be in-person but will be re-evaluated closer that date should the need arise to meet via Zoom.

Open Floor Discussion and Announcements

Kyle Poore discussed Lincoln Public School's Reunification Exercise scheduled for October 15th. He said this exercise focuses on if there is ever an event where students must evacuate a school and are unable to return during that day. This will also be videoed for educational purposes for the rest of the district that cannot attend. The number of participants is limited but if you are interested in attending, please contact Kyle Poore.

Mark Hosking shared the upcoming Plans Section Chief Course from November 30th – December 3rd. The registration link for this course is on NEMA's website.

Bev Thompson shared that Lincoln Electric System has 14 employees (3 crews) in Louisiana helping with the cleanup efforts and restoring power. They are scheduled to return this coming weekend. They are housed two hours away from their worksites which makes for very long days when their safety meetings are held at 7:00am.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:50am. The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th, at 10:00am. Submit agenda items to Jim Davidsaver at jdavidsaver@lancaster.ne.gov.

ATTENDANCE

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Allison Dye	Bryan Health
Randy Fischer	CHI Health St. Elizabeth
Jennifer Hood	Dialysis Center of Lincoln
Andie Trimble	Doctors Outpatient Surgery Center
Beth Nelson	Eastmont
Jody Jinright	Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Kevin Haberman	Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Sidney Staats	Mental Health Crisis Center
John Vik	Lancaster County Sheriff's Office
Bob McNally	Lincoln Airport Authority
Bob Frank	Lincoln Airport Authority
Kellen Skarka	Lincoln Airport Authority
Tom Davlin	Lincoln Electric System
Shad Stutheit	Lincoln Electric System
Bev Thompson	Lincoln Electric System
Melissa Landis	Lincoln Electric System
Jim Davidsaver	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
Mark Hosking	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
Brooke Siefker	Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management
Gina Egenberger	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
Ron Eriksen	Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
Kyle Poore	Lincoln Public Schools
Loretta Pierce	Lincoln Surgical Hospital
Evalynn Nguyen	Lincoln Surgical Hospital/Nebraska Surgery Center
Dave Thurber	Lincoln Transportation & Utilities

Troy Griffin	Lincoln Transportation & Utilities
Jesse Keebler	Olsson & Associates
Lori Kreifels	Physician's Surgical Center
Cheryl Church	Physician's Surgical Center
Erica Heiman	Prairie Orthopedic & Plastic Surgery
Heather Whalen	Select Specialty Hospital
Alyssa Sanders	SERC
Mark Robertson	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Tonya Ngotel	UNMC/ State Emergency
Jenna Stratman	Urology Surgical Center