

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC) MEETING MINUTES**

December 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by chairman Podoll at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Podoll, Jenkins, Reabe, Sheriff Podoll, Munsey, Wagner, Holdorf, Mork, McCarroll, Haueter and Malnory.

Motion by Wagner to approve the minutes of May 31, 2018. Second by Munsey. Motion Carried.

Correspondence. None.

Appearances. None.

Podoll advised that he will be working on updating the Hazardous Material plans and that at the next meeting in May he will demonstrate the Whopers State Program on Hazardous Materials reporting and planning.

Podoll advised that the Green Lake County Mitigation Plan was approved by the State and now will need to be adopted by the County, Towns, Villages and Cities.

Podoll advised that State Credentialing System is going along good. He wants to have all responders done by spring. He has a couple of fire departments left and one EMS service left to do. Podoll will be working with Berlin Schools and Theda Care – Berlin on which of their people will be credentialed.

Podoll and committee discussed the Green Lake County/City of Berlin Full Scale Exercise scheduled for August 2019. Podoll will meet with agencies on the scenarios that they are planning to cover in the exercise.

Discussion of Health and emergency Response Coalition (HERC). Kathy Munsey shared information from the **Fox Valley Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (HERC)**. She suggested that members check out the website: <https://fvherc.org/>. The website has the regional plan and training opportunities for partners. Some of the upcoming trainings include: **ICS 300 and 400** in Winnebago County in December. Currently those classes are 2 days each but will soon be expanded to 3 days each. December 6th there was a “Go Team” show and tell at Fox Valley Tech. This “Go Team” has been developed to respond to Ebola incidents.

January 9th and 10th there is a state sponsored **Preparedness Workshop in Stevens Point**. The coalition will pay for members to attend. You will need to contact Kathy so you can talk to Tracey Froiland about covering the costs.

February 26th there will be a **surge capacity event** including Ripon Medical Center, St. Elizabeth and a Theda Care partner. This is the event where evaluators come in and you must evacuate in 90 minutes. They will look at internal processes to see what you would do. At the March HERC meeting, there will be a tabletop event to see how this went and Emergency Management needs to be at the meeting.

The **Governor's Conference** is March 20, 21st in WI Dells. Scholarships were also made available to partners for this from the HERC and Public Health Preparedness program.

The **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)** which governs nursing homes is requiring an evacuation plan, and annual full-scale exercise from nursing homes. They want to know what is next as they started this process last year, but want to make sure they are involved annually. I did receive a call from Gary Skaar from Markesan Resident Home and he want to make sure we include him in planning and exercises. The HERC is planning to compile a list of all nursing homes in our region and then do training and perhaps an exercise that they can all be involved in rather than so many individual exercises. The HERC can help with funding these exercises also.

Home Health and Hospice are being told by CMS to give names of clients to EMS or EM's in the event of a disaster. They are wondering what to do with these lists.

Opioid Grants were put into the Preparedness Bureau at the state level. We had an opportunity to write for the grant or go in with our regional HERC to do a wider impact which is what we chose to do. The HERC will be providing trainings regionally for physicians, EMS, and public health on opioid prescribing, treating overdoses etc. More to come once awards are made. Six of our local health departments joined in with the HERC for this initiative.

Priorities for this year's grant cycle are burn surge planning and pediatric surge planning. They are looking for experts to training others.

The state is looking at hiring a **WI Trac Coordinator** to help train locals. Every exercise lists communication as an area to improve upon so they feel this is a great need.

Hospitals should be aware that **WI Trac is adding new tracking for Community Surge Testing (CST)** events. You must count Labor and Delivery beds, NICU beds and Nursery beds.

Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) continues to provide the "Stop the Bleed" training. They have done it for Gold Cross and Waupaca County Highway Department. They also did training in Winnebago County and gave out 50 "Stop the Bleed" kits. They want to get them out in the public. The HERC group suggested outreaching to FFA, UW-Extension also as farmers are a high-risk group. He has plans to do training in Outagamie and Waushara counties also. I did ask Jason to contact Green Lake County to set up trainings here too.

Upcoming Exercises

There will be a **Community Surge Test (CST) and Mass Shooting Exercise on January 23rd** up in the Fox Valley. They are focusing on ER readiness, surge and clinical care. They will try and break it into sections. You are invited to observe if you wish. Contact Tracey Froiland.

A **closed POD (Point of Distribution)** workshop will be held that is about 2-3 hours long, then an exercise will ensue. Basically they want partners to understand what a closed POD is, why and how to set one up. Large businesses are encouraged to set up closed PODS in the event of an event such as flu pandemic or chemical terrorism event.

HERC Budget Update

There will be **carryover funds** available. They must be used by June 30, 2019. If you have any training that you would like or other items that you could use for your organization to assist with preparedness, let Kathy know asap and she will notify Tracey Froiland to see if it is an acceptable request.

Discuss took place about ICS training that will be offered next year possibly 300 and 400.

Motion by Wagner to adjourn. Second by Munsey. Motion Carried.

Meeting was concluded by 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary V. Podoll
LEPC, Chairman