

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2013 – Columbia 911

Present:

Jay Tappan	Columbia River Fire & Rescue
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Diane Dillard	CRFR – Chamber of Commerce
Steve Salle	St. Helens Police
Dustin Metz	Private citizen
Ron Youngberg	CRF&R
Casey Wheeler	Columbia City – and Regional Emergency Management
Henry Heimuller	Columbia County Emergency Management
Robbie Roberts	Northwest Natural Gas
Joe Errante	CERT
Greg Hinkelman	City of Clatskanie
Robin Loper	St. Helens School District RN
Nicole Lawrence	Sacagawea Health Center
Anne Parrott	Columbia County Public Health
Janine Salisbury	St. Helens School District
Ray Biggs	St. Helens School District Board
Mark Kreutzer	CRF&R
Cristin Corcoran	Cities Readiness Initiative
Alicia Kahl	Dyno Nobel
Pat LaPointe	Onward
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Jeanine Dilley	Columbia 911
Steve Watson	Columbia 911
Patrick Trapp	Port of St. Helens
Tiffanie Misclevitz	ServiceMaster by JTS
George Kusrowski	Citizen/Vernonia, OR.
Rita Biggs	citizen
Beth Santanegelo	Armstrong
Tony Hyde	Columbia County Commission
Yvette Shepherd	Oregon State Police
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens

Steve welcomed everyone. He is retiring April 1 and will turn the helm over to Jay Tappan. The LEPC Part of our organization – look at the LEPC website.

Introductions. Today was a committee meeting month. So the board did not meet but we met with Terry Wolfe and he briefed us on the new changes at OSFM. Just to clarify a few things. The Phase I reviews are occurring within the LEPCs, but at varied levels of success. Some LEPCs are slow in getting their Phase I reviews done, while other LEPCs are doing many, but have over a hundred to complete. Bottom line, our LEPCs are not in compliance with EPCRA.

There hasn't been a shift in the law (EPCRA), Oregon had simply implemented a different strategy for addressing it. That was the Phase I, II and III Plan Evaluations. The evaluations were used to validate

that each entity's emergency plan addressed each of the 9 planning elements (EPCRA requirement) and that they worked together cohesively.

As I had stated, by doing this, Oregon was addressing the "intent" of the law. By developing an LEPC emergency plan, Oregon's LEPCs will be in "alignment" with and meeting the intent of law, putting Oregon LEPCs in compliance with EPCRA.

You will need to establish a sub-committee of targeted individuals capable of developing the plan. We will want to make contact with your Local Emergency Manager and get them on board to help us out. Once the plan is in place, it needs to be reviewed by the entire LEPC and approved or modified based on that review. Once it has been approved by the LEPC you will forward it to the SERC. Once a year, the plan will need to be reviewed by the LEPC for any updates, that may be needed. You will also need to have an annual public meeting, where the plan can be reviewed by the public and questions answered.

In relation to the facility specific plan idea, you may not need to do that, if the plan includes a section addressing that issue and clarifying roles and responsibilities based on the location. We can talk more about that once I get the template done and we actually start development. In the meantime, I'll look at some other states to find a similar situation and identify how they addressed it.

Thanks for your patience folks. It was great seeing you all again and I'm looking forward to working with you on this.

Committee:

EHS Committee – needs to chat with Terry

Resource Committee – Anne - met this morning and looked at existing resource inventory list.

Information Management –

Finance Planning

Program Committee – Diane – reported program planning is going well. In August our CEPA meeting will be held in Clatskanie with guest speaker, Deborah Hazen, editor of Clatskanie Chief.

Membership Committee – Henry, Tony & Joe

Old Business:

Donkey Basketball – it's a fundraiser we do in conjunction with Kiwanis – this helps us with our annual expenses. April 20, 6 p.m. at the High School. Committee members are Anne Parrott, Mark Kreutzer, Diane Dillard, Janine Salisbury, Patrick Trapp, Pat LaPointe, and Henry Heimuller

CEPA Expo – it is in July – need a decision at next board meeting. It is an event we do that shows the public. Will be on the March agenda.

New Business:

SmartPhone APP – Jay noted that TVFR is working with a developer that supports emergency response to cardiac events. If someone has a cardiac event – it will send out a listing to people in that area so you can possibly help. Jeanine Dille, 911 director, said needs to have further study as to compatibility with local emergency responders. If anyone knows how to get grant dollars for AED's, please let Chief Salle' know. Henry said they are looking at AED's for the fairgrounds. Robin Loper, school district nurse, will call Phillips re the availability of grants for AED's. Steve Watson said they also have a relationship with Phillips.

Program

Guest speakers – Cristin Corcoran (Cities Readiness Initiative) and Anne Parrott (Public Health)

Title of presentation: The Public Health Foundation of Columbia County – Strategic National Stockpile Receiving, Distribution and Dispensing Plan

We want to let people to know that we review the plans annually and look for gaps. Last year we realized we didn't have a warehouse to store the medications should we have a situation requiring this. Our presentation today will cover:

- Strategic National Stockpile Overview
- Points of Dispensing
- Warehouse Plan
- Push Partner registry
- May 2013 Full Scale Exercise

Strategic National Stockpile – large warehouses of medication and medical supplies – they are strategically located within 12 miles from key points of distribution. Video – sets stage for what kind of incident we are talking about. Video showed bottles of antibiotics. We are trying to keep people from getting sick – people who are affected would be sent to hospital and then others would be sent to PODS to get immunized. The SNS houses the medications and sends it out. It was started in preparation for Y2K – the first time we used it was in response to the 9/11 attack. Four years later we used it again Katrina/Rita and in 2009 in response H1N1 and four years after that to Hurricane Sandy. Cache contains things that can counter – smallpox, anthrax, botulism, viral hemorrhagic fever, plague, Tularemia and other threats – nerve agents, pandemic influenza, radiological.

There is a 98% chance of death if we are not successful – Federal brings it out and State Public Health picks it up and locally Anne from Public Health has to have a warehouse to points of dispensing for the local public.

Push Partner Registry – they get medication for their staff and family. The general public will go to the school district PODs. In Columbia County 10% of the population belongs to the registry. The POD theory can be used for other emergencies.

Communication is going to be the most critical thing – the Push Partner organization is responsible for telling all the partners – we will test the plan in the spring. If you serve vulnerable clients, we can sign you up if you have 3 or more people. Large employers – 50 or more. If you are a planned responder – an example would be Northwest Natural Gas – and CRFR and other fire districts, etc.

POD Sites at high schools - Clatskanie, Rainier, St. Helens, Scappoose and Vernonia School.

We have a basic floor plan. We have a multitude of organizations that are involved – healthcare clinics, Oregon Health Authority, State and local emergency management, ODOT, law enforcement, Fire/EMS, 5 public school district, Push Partner organizations, CERT, MRC, VIPS, ARES/RACES, media, regional counties.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Push Partner registry – you are covered for tort liability coverage – and it allocates a portion of funds to cover a possible lawsuit. Some Push Partners may have to come get the medication again that depends on location.

Push Partners – we do not want you stockpiling – free enrollment, free, free, free. It is your connection to an emergency. We are trying to get your organization from response to recovery faster.

Warehouse – there is specific criteria for the place, etc. A site has been selected but is known to only those that need to know.. They will provide the inventory management agreement.

Full scale exercise – May 21-23, 2013. Columbia County with 6 regional counties in aerosolized anthrax scenario – exercise the mass antibiotic dispensing plan and the newly developed warehouse plan.
Players: MRC, County Emergency Management, Oregon Army National Guard, Push Partners, Sheriff's office and others???

Cristin says this is a “call to action” if you are not a Push Partner, see me after this meeting and if you are Push Partner now and want to exercise your plan – see Anne and Cristin after the meeting.

Next steps –

- MOU agreement signed
- Identify the warehouse team
- Train the warehouse team
- Exercise in May 2013

Link for POD and Prep Act videos:

<https://www.filesanywhere.com/fs/v.aspx?v=8b69628e5f6076ab72a2>.

Agency Reports –

SH Police – had a call yesterday – we had a call of a possible person with a gun at Lewis & Clark. Good lockdown.

Thank you to Steve Watson for the technical assistance.

Port of St. Helens – Patrick Trapp - Unit trains carrying petroleum are now traveling through South County Clatskanie. This crude has an API of 42. These trains are coming through – we get 3 to 4 shipments/month. Been going on for a couple of months now – we have heard little impact. There are 98 cars – cleared the intersection in Scappoose in 2-1/2 minutes. It was 4 minutes through St. Helens.

Sacagawea Health Center – Nicole Lawrence described the current heart campaign which directly supports services for local kids at School Based Health Center, Sacagawea.

ARES/RACES – no report

911 – Jeanine – Recently attended OEMA conference and received tsunami and earthquake information – preparation is so important. She will get some hard copies for distribution at the next CEPA meeting. On the 911 front we are looking at a phone upgrade in the next six months – it will keep us status quo.

NW Natural – Robbie, chairman of OEMA. He noted that Cristin was elected secretary for OEMA.

Public Health – Anne was invited to Springlake Community – for emergency preparedness. They want to begin planning as a community.

Columbia County- Tony Hyde – he is concerned that all these little plans need to be incorporated in the bigger plans. The plan is only as good as when it's updated. The one weakness of OEMA is the lack of membership. Last week was a good week for Columbia County - well over a half billion dollars in new tax revenue – infusion of tax revenue for Columbia County at Port Westward.

Columbia County - Henry Heimuller – veterans standown February 23 – it is at the Old School – place for vets to get mental health services and housing, etc. February 9 – Veterans Standown at the Elks.

School District - \$160,000 – old Deer Island School is for sale – 1.17 acres

Port – Craig continuing projects – wrapping up bidding process for a new RV park facility at Scappoose Bay Marina.

Clatskanie – new Charger for the police department

Mark Kreutzer – new sustainability committee – in May we received a grant for 3 firefighters for 2 years – looking how we can retain them after grant funds are gone.

Jay Tappan – finished year with 4000 calls.

Chamber – Chamber awards Banquet – Feb. 7 at Columbia City Community Hall – Trent Dolyniuk will take over duties as Chamber Chair from Diane.

OSFM - Introduce Terry Wolfe – was our former mentor – left us for budget concerns. Terry is glad to be back – he had been working fire prevention/education. Found it very interesting.

St. Helens Police – working on budget – having to cut more money again. Water filtration straws for door prize winners.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the 911 Center. Our guest speaker is Steve Pricher, Scappoose Fire covering the topic “Responding to Hurricane Sandy.” Pacific Stainless will be providing treats and door prizes.