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Re: January LEPC Meeting Recap & Links

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Suzanne:

Here are the topics I spoke about at last Tuesday's LEPC Meeting. I wanted to recap and provide you with the links I mentioned and you requested.

Topics:

- 1) **Morrow County Emergency Operations Plan**—A contractor for Oregon Emergency Management has been working for the past several years to reformat all Oregon County Emergency Plans. Morrow County is among one of the last counties to complete this work. The County Plan will keep "older" content, e.g., Heppner Flood Response Plan, but information is being added in 15 categories referred to as Emergency Support Functions 1-15. There is both generic and county-specific information included in our ESF 1-15 content. Details can be found at: <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nrf/nrf-esf-intro.pdf>

Some Morrow County Public Health and Medical Services Providers are currently reviewing the ESF-6, ESF-8, ESF-10, and ESF-11 health and medical content to make final recommendations to the OEM contractor.

The completed County Emergency Plan will be formally adopted by the Morrow County Commissioners at the end of this revision process (this spring or summer).

- 2) **Hazard Risk Analysis (HRA)**—Oregon counties are being asked to review and update their HRA's. This process is just beginning and I or Casey Beard can report more at the next LEPC meeting. As an example, the Chemical Stockpile was rated as one of the top hazards in our County's current HRA and can now be removed.
- 3) **Exposure Roster Plan (ERP)**—was written specifically as an annex to the CSEPP Plan and explains how local and State Public Health would have identified those exposed to harmful chemical agents to compile an Exposure Roster for an incident. The ERP has generated a lot of interest and has been presented at the: Oregon Epidemiology Conference, CSEPP National Conference, Oregon Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference, and the combined Oregon Public Health Association and Oregon Environmental Health Association Conference. The CSEPP Plan (as written) will be archived and be available for future reference. The Morrow County Health Department will revise the ERP to remove reference to CSEPP and the chemical stockpile, and will include more details about the chemical/hazmat and radiological hazards that remain.

There are currently two ERP presentations available if there is interest from the LEPC. One presentation is shorter (15-20 min) and one is longer as it includes several video clips (30-40 min). The process that is explained is the same no matter what the hazardous material is. FYI, Justin Schumacher, State PHEP Liaison, assisted with most of these presentations.

The Morrow County Health Department would be interested in exercising the ERP again when the County and LEPC are ready to design and conduct exercises.

- 4) **Public Health Target Capabilities**—30 June 2011 ended the previous five-year funding & planning cycle for Public Health Emergency Preparedness as set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Local and State Public Health are working to phase-in and complete work to develop 15 Target Capabilities over the next five-year cycle that began 1 Jul 2011. More details can be found at: [http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/capabilities/Capabilities\\_March\\_2011.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/capabilities/Capabilities_March_2011.pdf)
- 5) **Health Alert Network (HAN)**—this is an internet-based emergency communications system that links our nation’s hospitals, health departments, public health laboratories, mental & behavioral health providers, coroners or medical examiners, emergency managers, etc. Emergency alerts can be generated at the national, state, and **local level**.

Several of the best features of this system are that it greatly speeds up emergency communications as the system automatically tries each person’s contact method (phone, e-mail, fax) three times and the alert sender can generate a report to know who did/didn’t receive the emergency alert within a set time.

There is a “new” HAN function referred to as “alert-by-list” that allows us to put lists of those we would want to communicate with at the local level in the event of an emergency, i.e., schools, businesses, private care providers, others. This would require each entity to provide their contact information (a combination of phone, e-mail, & fax machine #'s, and can include home or after-hours emergency contact info). Alert-by-list users would not be required to complete training updates or participate in mandatory tests of the system as other users must do. **We do not need the State HAN’s permission to develop “alert-by-list” for business partners and would be encouraged to do so! This would help replace our tone alert radio system that is ending.**

Currently the local HAN System Administrators are public health department or hospital staff. Ideally, we should train a 911 Dispatcher to be able to conduct local alerts. **We will need the State HAN’s permission to allow a 911 Dispatcher and/or LEPC Identified Person to conduct local alerts. I will inquire about this and report back.**

The HAN also has a document center that can store our emergency plans. Currently the health department’s emergency plans can be accessed this way by our staff. I will inquire if the County Emergency Plan and any LEPC Emergency Plans can also be stored here. (CSEPP previously funded the Morrow County Emergency Plan website and this website has been removed.) HAN System Administrators can set who has “read-only rights” and who has “plan editing rights” so plans are not accidentally altered or removed.

A State HAN Administrator may be willing to speak at the LEPC.

The Public HAN Site Link:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/Preparedness/Prepare/HealthAlertNetwork/Pages/index.aspx>

The Secure HAN Site is password protected and this is where the “alerting function” and “document center” can be accessed.

- 6) **School System Emergency Communications**—Maria Duron spoke about this system for communicating school closures due to snow days, etc. I have seen information about this system and will try to find out more to compare with the HAN System.

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