

## **Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee**

April 30, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Eric Bradley, Nancy Burns, Jason Cook, Robin Dunn, Chuck Gipson, Don Hahn, Keith Kimball, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Koenig, Kevin Lange, Al Loeffelholz, Laura McDonald, Bruce Mckee, Mindy Meyers, Doris Moreno, Brian Payne, Decker Ploehn, Jacob Pries, Troy Said, Tracey Sanders, Jordan Schneider, Adam Sowell, Jamie Temple, Josh Urmanskij, Patsy Willits, and Jeffrey Yerkey, all via Zoom

### **Call to Order – Introductions**

The meeting began by reviewing those on the call via virtual roll call.

### **Minutes of the March 26, 2021 Meeting**

Jacob Pries motioned to approve the QCEPC March 26, 2021, meeting minutes; Brian Payne seconded the motion. All Ayes.

### **I-74 Bridge Project**

Jeff Koenig gave an update on work being completed on the bridge. Provided the group of the upcoming traffic changes that will occur on both the Iowa and Illinois side. Advised that they would be blasting the old loops in Bettendorf with interment lane closures. On the Illinois side they are doing the last large deck pour and the last of the arches is going in.

### **Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop**

Mindy Meyers, RICO, working on accreditation reports. Working with Scott County EMA on a safety app for the public.

Nancy Burns, Clinton County, continue to work with Scott County on an radiological exercise happening later in the year. Also working on getting people vaccinated and reaching out to different populations. New vendor for Alert Iowa, and trying to get that set up by July 1.

Brian Payne, Scott County, provided a Water Well Project update. Working with the City of Davenport to get their support. Drilling will start either in July or August and running at least 24 hours for 6 or 7 days a week. Working with Fire Chiefs on a SOG for burn bans if they are issued within the county. Working with local partners to start planning for river cruises that have trips planned to go through the Quad Cities later this summer.

Brian Payne gave a short update on the PIO group. Working on COVID19 vaccine information and the new alert Iowa app being developed.

### **QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise**

CP Rail advised they've had more traffic and will continue to have traffic on the River Dr. tracks. Recently they held a table top exercise with the CAER group. Looking to combine LEPC & CAER in the future.

EMS Association working on setting up a training later in the summer related to school bus accidents. Will be getting buses from North Scott Community School District. Advised that it would be both classroom and hands on training.

### **Communication Center Updates**

Tracey Sanders, SECC, provided an update with their center. Working on symphony console training and will be hiring new telecommunicators late July or August.

Doris Moreno, QCOMM, provided an update from her center. Advised that they are fully staffed. Working on a After Action Report from a Cyber Attack they had earlier in the year. Will be working to get a Grant from the Coast Guard – Port Authority to help strengthen their cyber security. Will be participating in a table top exercise related to cyber attacks later this year.

### **Healthcare Coalition Updates**

Adam Sowell, UnityPoint, gave a vaccine clinic update. Finishing up on the first fiscal year of a 5 year grant. Will be having a table top exercise later this year associated with the grant. Finishing up another table top exercise related to infectious disease, delayed by COVID19. Provided an update on bed placement throughout the local hospitals and will continue to monitor.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, provided Test Iowa numbers and Genesis Hospital patient numbers. Gave info on their vaccine clinic they have opened up. Advised that they will be holding a medical tent for BIX that is later this summer. Planning for the event will begin soon for local partners. Genesis Ambulance will be hosting a medical tent in DeWitt for RAGBRI that is the same weekend as BIX.

Patsy Willits, UnityPoint Muscatine, advised that one of the ED Physicians is helping with the table top exercises. Would like to have a full scale exercise later in the year or early next year. Muscatine UnityPoint is starting a 6 million dollar project and upgrade to the hospital.

### **Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports**

Eric Bradley, Scott County Health, provided a Scott County Vaccine Clinic update.

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island, advised that their vaccine clinic is changing dates. Will start having walk-in appointments on Wednesdays and moving to smaller vaccine clinics.

### **EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis**

No Report.

### **Fire Service Reports**

Troy Said, Bettendorf Fire, advised that MABAS 43 will be trying set up a training on the old I-74 Bridge. Will be taking it to the chiefs for approval later in the month.

### **Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports**

No Report.

### **Education Update**

Jamie Temple advised there will be a EMT practical exam in May and another one later in the year or early next year.

### **Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports**

Robin Dunn from Davenport Public Works advised they they started a flood plan mitigation study.

**Other Items of Interest**

Brian Payne advised the group that the National Weather Service and local EMA's are developing an app for weather spotters and reporting storm damage.

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island Fire, advised the group that Red, White, & Boom is go this year. Decker advised that Bettendorf will be having their celebration the same night.

**Next meeting Friday, May 28, 2021 at 8:30 AM**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.