

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

January 28, 2022, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by: David Donovan

Attendees were either present via Zoom.

Attendees: Jason Cook, Dave Donovan, Robin Dunn, Bruce Ferguson, Linda Frederiksen, Dennis Frisch, Chuck Gipson, Nicole Glass, Don Hahn, Jim Hawkes, Alejandro Herrera, Tony Houdyshell, Chance Kness, Dan Kruse, Al Loeffelholz, Molly Mckee, Mindy Meyers, Brian Payne, Tiffany Peterson, Scott Ryckeghem, Troy Said, Tracey Sanders, Keith Schneckloth, Jordan Schnieder, Joe Sisler, Jeff Snyder, Adam Sowell, Corri Spiegel, Jamie Temple, Todd Whitchelo, and Jeffrey Yerkey

Guest Attendee: Darryl Aldrich via Zoom.

Call to Order – Introductions

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

Minutes of the December 3, 2021 Meeting

Dennis Frisch motioned to approve the QCEPC December 3, 2021, meeting minutes; Brian Payne seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Mindy Meyers, Rock Island EMA, talked about upcoming training and workshops that they will be involved in. Will be partaking in a radiological exercise with Exelon later this year. Advised that there will be a hotline available to call related to mental illness needs.

Brian Payne, Scott County EMA, advised that they are work AMSC for an on the water training. Will continue to meet on a regular basis to plan for that training. ISC 300-400 classes will be held in March, with a current waiting list to attend that class. Met with the Public Work agencies recently and will continue to meet bi-yearly to discuss how they can help each other. The CMS group will start meeting again and meet quarterly.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

David Donovan, advised that this group and meeting acts as the QCLEPC group. QCLEPC is a group where they discuss Haz-mat and community right to know discussions. Continue to look to separate this group so there can more of a discussion related to these issues. Would keep this as standing agenda item so the talks continue and provide updates from those QCLEPC meetings.

Brian Payne continued the talk about incidents with barges and trains. A letter was sent to the Captain of the Port discussing the concerns and issues of this area.

Tony Houdyshell, CP Rail, advised the group of his appreciation of the effort given to the barge and train issues that are arising.

Communication Center Updates

Tracey Sanders, SECC, advised that we will be begin testing for new dispatchers.

Dave Donovan, gave an update on the radio project. Advised that testing is going on now with members of law enforcement and fire departments. Looking to fully transition agencies starting in February. Have a few minor issues to be taken care of at the sites. One of those issues is being the generators not working correctly when they are testing. Also looking at installing BDA's at Davenport PD and Scott County Courthouse and Jail.

Scott Ryckeghem, QCCOM, talked about their new CAD System and currently in the training phase of that program.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Adam Sowell, RMCC5, advised continuing to meet weekly with the hospitals in the region. Discussed COVID and ICU numbers within the hospitals in the 16 county region.

Bruce Ferguson, Genesis/Healthcare Coalition, is the new Region 5 PHEP/EMS, Disaster Preparedness Planner, and Community Health/Genesis VNA.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports/Public Health Reports

Adam Sowell, Trinity, gave update on Trinity Hospital numbers related and unrelated to COVID. Will have tabletop exercise with other hospitals later this year.

Al Loeffelholz, Genesis, talked about and discussed COVID related numbers within the Genesis system. Brief discussion about changes to the time the vaccine clinics will operate. Advised that almost all skilled nursing facilities are in out break status, which is defined as 3 or more cases within staff and residents. AMSC will be working with Genesis on the disaster training that is being planned for later in the year. Will be working with Exelon to complete their exercise and tabletop training. Some changes being done at facilities within the Genesis system.

Tiffany Peterson, Scott County Health, advised that the department is doing some reorganization and discussed those moves that will happen.

Dave Donovan advised that the Quad City Coalition continues to meet every other Wednesday.

Nicole Glass, MercyOne, provided COVID numbers, and gave a construction update related to their hospital.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Linda Frederiksen, MEDIC EMS, discussed the opioid and narcan crisis topic. Chuck Gipson discussed further about the Narcan replacement within the region.

Dennis Frisch, discussed a few topics, but his audio was unrecognizable to report.

Kevin Lange, MEDIC EMS, talked about the voting results for SC EMS Association and SC Fire Association. Advised that first responder forms were dropped off at the Medic outstations to pick up instead of at the main office.

Fire Service Reports

No report.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

No report.

Education Update

Jamie Temple, EICC, that certification will be completed online this year, instead of in-person. Also reported that a local fire department will be hosting an EMR class. There will be a first responder training session in Welton, IA and sponsored by EICC.

Public Works/Secondary Roads Reports

No report.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

Tony Houdyshell, Canadian Pacific, stated they have set their 2022 meeting dates. Will be hosting a railroad training after the next QCEPC meeting. The meeting will discuss general safety near or around railroads. CP railroad and QC CAER group will be hosting an on water training session in April.

Don Hahn, Civil Air Patrol, advised they are still in a Phase 1 related to COVID response. Provided their numbers within the group and ready to go. Would like to be involved in the AMSC training that is later this year.

Other Items of Interest

No report.

Next meeting Friday, February 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.