

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING MINUTES
6/17/2021

- Start of meeting 13:02
- Introduction of guests/new members
- Approval of minutes 4/15/21 with corrections (Motion Ponticello, Second Bender)
- Correspondence /Announcements
 - a) **Training Notices:** <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/training/>
 - 08/02-08/06/2021 FBI Crisis Negotiation Course Oriskany
 - EOC Operation class Fall 2021 (Has not been finalized yet)
 - Basic Emergency Management Academy
 - Airport Tri-Annual Exercise occurred 5/22/2021
 - b) **DHSES Learning Management System:**

If you have any questions, please email LMS@dhSES.ny.gov or contact the appropriate DHSES Training Academy from one of the DHSES Offices listed below:

 - Disaster Recovery (DR): (518) 292-2293
 - Office of Emergency Management (OEM):(518) 292-2351
 - Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC): (518) 474-6746
 - Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications (OIEC): (518) 322-4911
 - State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC): (315) 768-5689
 - c) **Tier II Submittals (Since February and April Meetings)**

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - a) **Public Safety** – Ccoordinate RMP requirements
 - b) **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – May meeting cancelled
 - a. **COVID:** (Michael Bender) Numbers are very low. NYS has reached 70% and most restrictions have been lifted. The Broome County mass vaccination sites have closed, the NYS mass vaccination site is still open. Numerous smaller (Pop-Up) PODs are occurring through the summer.
 - b. **Long term care:** (Ron Patti) It has been a long journey. There were some cases recently at Willow Point. Guidelines coming up for testing of vaccinated staff. Vaccinated staff do not need to test twice a week. Personal care giving visits are now allowed. Reports will be coming out soon from CMS with vaccination rates for staff and residents. Locally vaccination rates in LTC facilities is very good. Very close to 70%. There are still staffing shortages. Some facilities have decreased bed availability due to the staff shortage.
- 2) County Wide Radio Project – Status/Progress - Projected to be in place end of 2021 (with cautious optimism)
- 3) **Drills and Training 2021**
 - **Broome County Airport Air Show on July 17th - 18th:**
 - **Dick's Open July 4th Weekend**
 - **Speidie Fest in Fall (Columbus weekend)**

New Business

- 4) Update on COVID 19 (Corona Virus) – Mike Ponticello/Mike Bender/Ray Serowik
 - Status of State POD?
 - Restrictions Lifted on Tuesday
- 5) OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard on COVID-19 to be published in Federal Register

Under the ETS, healthcare employers will be required to develop and implement a COVID-19 plan. That plan must include specific steps the employer will take to keep workers at least 6 feet apart indoors, ensure proper use and maintenance of ventilation systems, and provide face masks and COVID-19 related PPE when necessary.

Employers must train their workers on COVID-19: How it spreads, workplace-specific

policies and procedures (i.e. health screenings, disease prevention protocols, disinfection practices, etc.), appropriate use and fit of PPE, use of sick leave, and how to safely complete any tasks that may increase risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Hospitals, medical offices, and other healthcare facilities can expect this rule to go into effect as soon as it is published in the *Federal Register*.

6) Remaining 2021 Meetings:

August 19

October 21

December 16

7) Topics/Presentations for future meetings – Ideas and Suggestions

Next Meeting August 19, 2021 at Public Safety Facility

Committee Meetings July 15, 2021 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee chairs)

Motion to adjourn at 13:40 by Joshua Nytch, second by Eric Janis.

Attendance:

Michael Bender

Michael Ponticiello

Pamela Rexer

Ray Serowik

Ron Patti

Dave Adler

Eric Janis

Garrick Henry

Kate Kamp

Mike Heide

Joshua Nytch

Steve Smith