

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING MINUTES
2/17/2022

- Introduction of guests/new members- none
- Attendees: Michael Bender, Jessie Sullivan, Joyce Collier, Kim Saunders, Katie Kamp, Pamela Rexer, Raymond Serowik, Tom McCartney.
- Approval of minutes 12/16/21 Ray and Kate 1:07
- Correspondence /Announcements
 - a) **Training Notices:**
 - **DHSES LMS New User Accounts Webforms:** <https://lmsportal-dhSES.ny.gov/AcadisViewer/WebForms/Public/UserDataCollector.aspx?ID=1791af8a-0f7b-457d-addc-487f42916a22>
 - Further details on all courses listed above as well as **registration** can be found on the [DHSES Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#).
 - Useful resources including the DHSES LMS Student Guide and FAQ can be found on the [DHSES Webpage](#).
 - b) Tier 2 Reports Submitted (Some Hard Copy, Some Emailed)

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - a) **Public Safety** –Would like to have a meeting to discuss EPCRA and coordinating the RMP requirements. Did not meet in January due to COVID, 17MAR is a new tentative date- Zoom meeting. E-mail Pam if you would like to be included.
 - b) **Health, Human and Animal Needs -**
 - c) **Update on COVID 19 (Corona Virus)** –Mike Bender/Ray Serowick
 - a. **Mental Health** staffing is a challenge for providers, vaccines requirements have contributed. Proposals in governor’s budget for reimbursement. A lot of energy on state level planning in the end of 2024, but no money.
 - b. **Social Services** code blue-high numbers due to weather. Permanent housing shortage. Doing the best they can, and housing who they can. Substance use remains at a high level.
 - c. **Hospitals** are continuing to have a high census rate.
 - d. **Long term care** WPNH has a new administrator, transition is going well. Continue to have National Guard.
 - e. **EMS** three deployments of national ambulance (FEMA) to supplement 911 calls.
 - f. **COVID** numbers going down, data isn’t as specific because of the home tests. Still have testing site. Getting an average of 20 appts and 10 walk ins/day. State sites are still open, Case investigations have dropped off. Vaccination pods still happening but demand decreasing. (Mike) State sites expected to remain through may
- 2) **County Wide Radio Project** – Status/Progress - Projected to be in place end of 2022
- 3) **Drills and Training 2022-** nothing local scheduled. Training opportunities through state on burn incidents, get with Ray to be added to email lists.
 - a. ICS 300 in Tompkins
 - b. ICS Mass fatality in Tioga County

New Business

- 4) Review **EPCRA** and Tier 2 requirements
 - a. EPA Handout attached.
 - b. Tier II due every year by March 1st.
 - c. Section 312 requires the same facilities to submit a Tier I or Tier II hazardous chemical inventory form to the SERC (or TERC), LEPC (or TEPC) and local fire department.
 - d. These forms identify the amount, location and potential hazards of each chemical on site at the facility at any point during the year.

- 5) **Current Flood Warnings** – rain and ice jams are an are a concern, webinar at 2pm

- 6) **Topics/Presentations for future meetings**
 - April 2022: Federal Dept. of Homeland Security to present on CFATS and CISA
 - Ideas and Suggestions for remaining 4 meetings – would like a speaker on relevant topics at all meetings.
 - Training with NYS coming up
 - HazMatIQ Classroom Training (federalresources.com) See email from Kate Kemp
 - LEPC March second Dave Dematico coming in

***Next Meeting April 21, 2022 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)
Committee Meetings March 17, 2022 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee chairs)***

Adjourn 1:54 Mike, second- Pam