

**PRATT COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Aug. 20, 2020 Minutes**

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**Attendees: 25**

**Location:** Pratt 4H Grounds

**Handouts:**

- Old Minutes
- Today's Agenda

**1. Roll Call:**

Sherry Besser called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

Welcomed attendees and explained the purpose of the LEPC to new attendees.

Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the Feb. 20, 2020 meeting were sent out via email prior to meeting and presented for approval. Doug Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes without changes. Robert Torres, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion approved.

### 3. Old Business:

#### A. THIRA Update – Tim Branscom

- Group hasn't met in person in a while, hope to meet by the end of the year.

#### B. EOP Update – Tim Branscom

- Emergency Operations Plan - now released by State
- EOP originally needed to be completed by August 2020, Due to COVID the state has allowed an extension.
- The EOP is now due August 2021.
- Tim will get with people for EOP updates as he needs them.

C. **Other Old Business** – Virginia Downing discussed how the KDHE Full Scale Exercise was originally set for April 2020 but due to COVID-19 being considered a “Real Life Event”, the exercise will be pushed to April 2021. KDHE has to complete a Full Scale Exercise every 5 years, 2020 was year 5 of the timeframe. The SKCPH will complete an AAR/IP for COVID. Each county in the coalition will choose 4 capabilities with 3 strengths and 3 improvements. The AAR/IP is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Darcie is working on the one for Pratt County.

### 4. New Business:

A. **Public Safety Fair 2020** – Cancelled for 2020 due to COVID restrictions. Undetermined when or if the next one will be.

#### B. Upcoming Training Opportunities

- Most trainings on the calendar have been canceled or became virtual due to COVID.
- Continue sending any trainings (in-person or virtual) to Tim so he can add them to the calendar.

#### C. County Partners COVID Roundtable Discussion

- **Health Department** – Darcie Van Der Vyver, RN
  - Handed out Pratt County COVID-19 Statistics and Timeline spreadsheet
  - Discussed testing criteria, cases so far, KDHE guidance
  - Updates posted M/W/F on social media and county page
  - Collaboration Efforts with key partners
- **Emergency Manager** – Tim Branscom
  - EOC activated in March
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> Pratt County Declared a Disaster – allows us to request assistance through the state.
  - Worked with key partners to create a priority list for allocation of PPE.
  - Reviewed the process of how to make a request for supplies and equipment. Must exhaust vendors, know your 14day burn rate. Some

PPE is incredibly difficult to find. Vetting vendors is important when purchasing any items.

- Working on getting an ARK GIS Dashboard up and running.
- Conferences twice a day, 7 days a week at first. Down to once a day 5 days a week now.
- Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Money request sent to state last week, awaiting approval.
- **Hospital** – Sherry Besser, RN/Safety Officer
  - Challenges with PPE
  - Hospital Response – daily huddles to update over the last 24 hours
  - Emergencies don't stop, had to take precautions while utilizing PPE the best they could. Follow CDC Extended Use of PPE guidelines.
  - Restrictions in place to keep staff and patients safe; only 3 entrances open, closed dining to public, and screened all visitors.
  - Communications update 3 times a week
- **Horizon Mental Health Center** – Kerry Nation
  - 50% face to face, 50% telehealth
  - Seeing an increase in anxiety and depression in all ages
  - They have open appointments, call to schedule
- **Pratt School** – **David Schmidt**
  - Teachers are back in the building, kids start Aug. 26th
  - Working with 4 layers of mitigation
  - Developed their pandemic plan
- **Skyline School** – **David Schmidt**
  - Teachers are back in the building, kids start Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Pratt County EMS**
  - Call Volume down 23% statewide
  - Changed their operating mapping system
  - Wear PPE on 100% of calls, tried to get rid of their 1 time use PPE
- **Long Term Care facilities** - discussed PPE and visitor situations
- **City and County Commissioners**
  - Brought out the best in everyone's leadership qualities
  - SPARK money tax entities meet every month
- **Chamber of Commerce** – Kim DeClue asked about upcoming events, safe to have or not? Follow social distancing, wear masks when social distancing cannot be maintained. Keep informed of mass gathering guidance, right now Kansas has a 14 day mandatory quarantine for any mass gathering of 500 people.

**Next Meeting Nov. 19th, 2020 at 11:00am, Location City Fire.**

**Adjournment:** Kim DeClue made a motion to adjourn, Ryan Lunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 01:05 pm.