

Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Don Button called the meeting to order at 9:00am on MARCH 25, 2021 at 715 E Oklahoma Avenue, Grant County Fire Department. Those present were Donald Button, Vivian Button, Jerry Jo Deckert, Richard Everett, Eddie Franco, Toni Irvin, Mike Wooley and Cody Graber.

Mike Wooley made a motion to approve the Minutes the February 25, 2020, LEPC Meeting. Cody Graber seconded.

Communications/Mail – Vivian said we have not gotten much which is unusual because all Tier IIs have to be sent out by March 1st. We have not received several of our usual Tier IIs. She also talked about the new Cameo Data Base program.

Covid-19 response update: Toni Irvin said the numbers are down. The Health Department gave 103 shots yesterday. They are scheduled to give 90 shots today. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine product has a delay in production. Instead of Kansas getting 100,000 doses with the next round, Kansas will be 16,700 doses.

No Spill Reports since the last meeting.

Patterson Family Foundation sent us 3 boxes of gloves, small, medium and large; 2 boxes of gowns-160 per box; 1 box (240) of small disposable respirators; and 1 box of N95 3ply mask 3-20 per package with 20 packages or 400 mask. We received it on March 9.

Because of the fire weather danger March 8 to 10 or 11th the Kansas Forest Service positioned an engine at Ulysses with 2 fire fighters.

The group reviewed and discussed ESF 8. The changes are at the end of the minutes.

The State has started conducting some training virtually. This week they had a class on the Emergency Operations Plan and EOP Mapper.

Mike Wooley asked how the Kansas Pipeline training went. Don said we had 8 attend and it was difficult to hear at times.

The next regular meeting will be April 22, 2021 at 9:00am at the meeting room of the Grant County Fire Station at 715 E. Oklahoma Ave.

Mike Wooley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02am and Richard seconded.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Vivian Button

2021 Grant Co LEPC Meeting dates

January 28-February 25-March 25-April 22-May 27-June 24

July 22-August 26-September 23-October 28-November 18

ESF 8 updates for Planning Standard and for Public Health

Under A. General

Add Information Sharing between Operational Overview and Continuity of Operations

Information Sharing

- Identify essential elements of information that may be requested from health and medical organizations to develop a common operating picture.

Essential Elements would be how to protect yourself and family, how to take care of yourself and your families if you have become sick or have been affected by the incident; information on how to get vaccinations or be tested; and information on how and why to isolate or quarantine. How businesses will function or how the government will allow businesses to operate during the event. Locations and ways to share essential information with the public are information hot lines, flyers, websites, social media, newspapers, radio, television, information boards, and business doors and windows.

- Describe the methods that ESF 8 will use to develop and share a common operating picture with emergency management leadership and health and medical organizations.

The County will develop an Incident Action Plan and have briefings with all supervising representatives to develop smart objectives and makes plans on how to best proceed.

Add Family Reunification between Medical Surge and Epidemiology and Surveillance

Family Reunification

Southwest Kansas Health Initiative and Grant County developed a Mass Fatality Standard Operations Guide in 2016. The updated Mass Fatality Standard Operations Plan can be found in the File Archives under ESF 8. Section 5 of the plan addresses Family Assistance Center guide and 6 Family Assistance Center tools.

298. Describe the jurisdiction's approach(es) to support family reunification

- a. Briefly describe information sharing between health and medical organizations and the emergency response and management community as part of family reunification.

Grant County emergency responders, the Health Department, clinics and hospital all have a good working relationship. During the pandemic they have started having conference calls and briefings as needed to keep informed and make good decisions for our community.

299. Describe care for children, including medical and behavioral health, whose caregivers may have been killed, ill, injured, missing, or otherwise incapacitated for lengthy periods of time.

Emergency Medical Service and the Hospital will take care of the health care needs of children. The hospital will work with Compass Behavioral Health for the health and well being of the child or children. If it is a large group of children USD 214 could be contacted for their councilors and the Ministerial Alliance. If family members cannot be found, law enforcement and the Department of Child and Family Services will be contacted.

300. Describe approaches or strategies to increase parents' or caregivers' coping skills.

The county will give information to parents and caregivers for Compass Behavioral Health in our area and available fliers or pamphlets. They could be given contact information for the Ministerial Alliance.

Under Epidemiology and Surveillance add Law Enforcement to the second question.

Briefly describe the county's epidemiology investigation capability including coordination between the local health department, schools, medical facilities, pharmacies, law enforcement, etc

Under Fatalities Management change county Coroner to District Coroner and add the red line.

Fatalities Management

304. • Describe the responsibilities of the ~~District county~~ coroner in fatality incidents

306. • Describe the hospitals and medical facilities involvement in mass fatality incidents

Southwest Kansas Health Initiative and Grant County developed a Mass Fatality Standard Operations Guide in 2016. The updated Mass Fatality Standard Operations Plan can be found in the File Archives under ESF 8.

a) Grant County recognizes the need to organize local agencies and resources to plan for and respond to an incident resulting in catastrophic loss of life. Natural disasters frequently overwhelm local systems that care for the deceased. Consequently, the responsibility for the immediate response falls on local organizations and communities. Management of the dead requires coordination of body recovery, short and long-term storage, identification, burial arrangements, and support of victims and relatives. **The hospital working with the district coroner and Grant County Emergency Medical Services has designated a few Paramedics to be assistant coroners when needed.**

b) Grant County Emergency Management and ESF 8 will coordinate with ~~District county~~ coroner, funeral directors, mortuary services, and coordinating group(s)/team(s) early during an emergency to ensure required resources, assessment activities, and the responsible agencies implement appropriate plans.

305. Describe the engagement of funeral directors/homes in fatality incidents

Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital, Western Prairie Health and Rehab, Grant County Emergency Medical Service and/or Law Enforcement have policies and procedures in place for deaths or fatalities. ~~When needed funeral homes are needed, they will be notified by any available means.~~ When needed the above agencies will work with the families of deceased to contact the funeral home of choice.

The Kansas Funeral Directors Association (KFDA) works only under the direction of the district coroner. The ~~District county~~ coroner or designee will request assistance of the KFDA Disaster Team in the event emergency capabilities are overwhelmed. See File Archives for the KFDA Mass Fatality Disaster Plan. (See ESF 8 - Mass Fatality Appendix to the State of Kansas Response Plan)

*307. Describe the ~~operation~~ **availability** of a Family Assistance Center during a mass fatality incident*

e) One component of an effective mass fatality incident response is the Family Assistance Center. This center should be set up in a suitable location convenient to the site but removed from the majority of on-scene activities. A staff of funeral service and behavioral health professionals should be organized to assist appropriate agencies and families with family notification, service preparation, behavioral health support and other end-of-life documentation. Only selected individuals shall have access to the Family Assistance Center due to the sensitive and personal nature of the work being done. Proper decorum shall be dictated and established by the coordinator of the Center. **When needed a Family Assistance Center will be established as soon as possible, but the incident will dictate how soon and where it will be located.**

Under Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions

315. Briefly describe public health and medical support to mass care shelters.

Public Health is in charge of mass care shelters. If available, Emergency Medical Services or Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital could provide assistance to the mass care shelters.

Responder Health and Safety

~~**326 moved to behavioral health** • Briefly describe community capabilities for peer-to-peer crisis counseling for emergency responders~~

Volunteer Management update question

318. • Briefly describe the process for verifying medical personnel in coordination with the county volunteer reception center ~~in coordination with ESF-6~~ and coordinating medical volunteer needs with medical organizations.

12 Environmental Health add question

323. Describe the use of community assessment tools and follow up monitoring after an incident.

c) The ESF 8 Coordinator will coordinate with Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the City of Ulysses to test and check public water supplies to ensure safe drinking water. They will also coordinate with water suppliers for bottled water supplies or other potable water supplies. Inspections of the city water supply will be conducted by City of Ulysses Water Department or other appropriate public water entities. The Grant County Extension **has** kits from Servi-tech labs, (1816 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd, P O Box 1397, Dodge City, KS 67801 Phone 1-800-557-7509) to test water wells. There is a charge for **this** test.

Under Behavioral Health add

326 from Responder Health and Safety -Briefly describe community capabilities for peer-to-peer crisis counseling for emergency responders. Moved from another location.

There are counseling services available throughout the community for those victims and responders with behavioral health needs. ~~This is outlined under the Behavioral Health section of this Annex.~~ **Debriefing sessions with responders are held after incidents to**

discuss how the response went and how policies and procedures can be improved and how they are dealing with any issues.

327. Describe general methods to provide behavioral health services for children affected by the incident including providing opportunities to understand the incident.

Compass Behavioral Health has an office in Ulysses and provides a wide range of evaluation and treatment programs and provides 24/7 crisis services. Schools have counseling with children when incidents or events happen.

Under Responsibilities the mitigation task have been moved to Preparedness as per the 2020 Kansas Planning Standards

Under Responsibilities for Health Dept under Response take out

11 Activate Community alternate care site

12 Operate community alternate care site.

Change Supporting :Grant County Coroner/District Coroner to District Coroner or designee