

MINUTES  
HARVEY COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)  
McKinley Administrative Center  
308 E. 1<sup>st</sup>, Newton, KS  
February 9, 2022 @ 9:00 am

Present: Skip Cowan, Bryan Ellis, Lora Kelly, Dean Murray, Amy Kornahrens, Sam Jack, Brody Flavin and Sergio Andrade

Zoom: Kyle McCaskey, Diana Waddell-Gilbert, Molly Redinger, Lynnette Redington, Anthony Swartzendruber, Emily Newhouse, Kesa Easter, Gary Cox, Lauren Clary and Jeremy Ashby

1. Bryan Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Bryan Ellis asked for a motion to approve February 9, 2022 agenda, Skip Cowan made the motion seconded by Brody Flavin. **Agenda approved.** Jeremy Ashby asked for a motion to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Skip Cowan made the motion and was seconded by Brody Flavin, **minutes approved.**
3. Old Business

**IPP Calendar:** Copies of the Integrated Preparedness Plan were not sent out prior to the meeting. Several planned activities planned have been pushed back due to Covid, staff changes and weather. Tentative planning and exercise events in the near future include:

- Haz-Mat for Newton Fire/EMS which will branch out to other communities**
- Medical Counter Measure Dispensing (Harvey County Health Department)**
- Continuity of Operations (COOP) (Harvey County Health Department)**
- Elopment Drills(Long Term Care)**
- Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) end of training, Table Top Exercise**
- Strike Team Training (Halstead Fire)**
- NMC Health Training in House**
- ICS Training(100 and 200) (Harvey County Emergency Management)**
- G402-ICS for Elected Officials (KDEM)**

**Meeting Dates:**

April 13<sup>th</sup>

June 8<sup>th</sup>

August 10<sup>th</sup>

December 14<sup>th</sup>

The next meeting in April will be conducted in person and on Zoom. At that point the group will reassess if Zoom will be the standard moving forward.

**New Business:**

**2022 Elections:**

Chair: Jeremy Ashby (Motion by S. Cowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Flavin, Motion Passed)

Vice Chair: Brody Flavin (Motion by S. Cowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ashby, Motion Passed)  
(Vice Chair transitions to Chair in 2023)

Secretary: Skip Cowan (until Emergency Management position is filled)

**Emergency Support Function #6 Review:**

ESF #6 is Coordinated by the Harvey County Health Department. ESF #6: Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing and Human Services and one of fifteen Emergency Support Functions encompassed in the Harvey County Emergency Operation Plan(EOP). The EOP was approved by both Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Harvey County Board of County Commissioners through August of 2025.

ESF #6 assists both people and animals for short and long term sheltering. This involves working with local, state and at time federal entities to assist with sheltering, providing aide, food, mental health support and a variety of other facets to assist those in need. Partnerships throughout Harvey County can assist with identifying those with critical needs who may not other wise be able to help themselves.

LEPC Partners stated their respective entities may be able to assist with ESF #6 by offering the following:

- Newton Public Library—dispensing supplies.
- Newton City County Airport-Air Operations, staging/storing and potential freezer storage with other business support
- Prairie View- Mental Health Support, Vans for Transportation, large rooms for use
- NMC Health- medical treatment, a large cafeteria to provide food, additional medical equipment(Healthcare Coalition equipment).
- Harvey County Health Department—stressed the utilization of 211 via the United Way.

Jeremy Ashby asked for a motion to adjourn the February 9, 2022 meeting, Jeremy Ashby made the motion seconded by Skip Cowan . Next Meeting date April 13th, 2022. Location will remain the same.

Meeting adjourned.