

Emergency Management

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes of the August 13, 2008 Meeting at 500 W. National Commissioner's Chambers

Chairmen Gary Ludi called the Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:	Chair Gary Ludi	Present
	Vice Chair William Cruz	Present
	Treasurer Michelle Vigil	Present
	Emergency Manger Dennis English	Present

Approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2008 meeting: Motion made by Gary Ludi to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mr. William Cruz and was passed.

Approval of the Agenda for the August 13, 2008 meeting: Motion to accept by Dennis English, seconded by Mr. Gary Ludi and was passed.

Public Input

Ms Niki Sebastian from Professional Home Health gave an orientation of the services that the Professional Home Health services provide. It is a regionalized business that has clients in five (5) counties. Staff is currently working on emergency disaster preparedness. The business is a member of the New Mexico Association of Hospital care. Recently Ms. Sebastian has completed NIMS training and the association is looking to attempt to web-base or train on line for additional NIMS training.

Ms. Pauline Leger and her members are putting together a rapid response team to assist the community with spiritual, emotional and physical care during a disaster or when ever citizens feel there is a need. The team has recently received training from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, The rapid response team began during September 11 (9-11) disaster any further information you may want you can contact Mr. Les Palmer who is the coordinator for BGEA and is responsible for central NM Rapid Response Team. He can be contacted at (505) 344-0880 Monday through Friday or lespalmer@calvaryabq.org

NEW BUSINESS

1. RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT MARIO VASQUEZ AS CHAIRMAN TO A WEB PAGE COMMITTEE FOR THE SAN MIGUEL COUNTY/ LAS VEGAS OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Motion was made by Dennis English to nominate Mr. Mario Vasquez to be chairmen of the LEPC Web- page committee. Michelle Vigil seconded this and the

motion was carried. Mr. Vasquez gave a short speech on wanting to create a web page for the LEPC that could be accessible by the community and allow the committee to be able to have further links on the page for training or education of emergency preparedness. There was also a request for any additional individuals that would like to participate on the committee. The following individuals also requested to be members of the committee.

Mr. Patrick Snedeker	San Miguel County Detention Center Warden
Ms. Niki Sebastian	Professional Home Health Services
Mr. Alex Aragon	San Miguel County Rural Addressing
Mr. Dennis English	San Miguel County/ Las Vegas Emergency Manger

The Public Information Officer for the District 2 Department of Transportation Ms. Christina Romero offered a DOT link to the website

2. UNM PRE-MED STUDENTS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

Emergency Manger **Mr. Dennis English** gave an informational report to the committee about a current outreach program that is currently being conducted in Las Vegas area. He explained that Ms. Yolanda Cruz of the San Miguel County Health Council introduced a group of Pre- Medical students from the University of New Mexico who wanted to do a class project which is an outreach program that is going around to local business and organization to discuss Emergency Preparedness, emergency planning for disasters such as pandemic flu and to educate the community on the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Ms Jessica Bryant who is a second year pre-med students gave a short summary of the groups efforts which she explained that the group went to businesses and requested them to complete a small survey to see where their business were at when it comes to emergency preparedness. This is a joint project and a report of the groups' findings will be accumulated and forward back to the LEPC of their findings.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dennis English gave a report of the San Miguel County/ Las Vegas Office of Emergency Managements accomplishments from the last LEPC meeting of July 9, 2008. Refer to the attached LEPC brief dated August 13, 2008.

After the completion of the brief, **Ms. Christina Romero** referred to the Office of Emergency Management comparing pricing of a weather notification and mentoring system with Meteorlogix. She explained that this is the same company that the DOT obtains those type of services from and that the Office of Emergency Management is able to obtain Dot's services by dialing 511 and obtain road conditions from their website as well.

Mr. John Miller of NM Department of Public Health discussed adopt a pod campaign in order to recruit trained people and volunteers to man points of dispensing and become workers. The Pods will handle anywhere from 500- 700 people per hour to assist local hospitals during medical surges.

There will be a need for around 60 to 85 people needed per pod. Mr. Miller advised that there should be POD Armies in every county. That adopt a POD have to be able to be deployed through the state or county. Currently NM Serves list of volunteers are less than 5% medical. He also discussed a general guide for the plan that will assist in public information through out the state to keep people informed

Assistant Chief Art Herrera followed up on the last meetings request to check into the emergency sirens that were on the old Company 1 building and the E. Romero Fire station in the past that assisted the community in emergency notification. He stated there is no longer any sirens at either station but if the Office of Emergency management would want to invest into a system they would be willing to relocate them at the fire stations. **Mr. Dennis English** advised this would assist in the emergency notification in the sense that the Office of Emergency Management is looking into an AM Radio Alert system and if the sirens were able to notify people of emergency then the community could be educated to go to the radio station when they hear the siren for further information.

Mr. Paul Smidth of the NM Behavioral Health Institute spoke about the Medical Strike Team that he is organizing. He has spoken with the director Mr. Taylor about improvements to the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute Facilities and where capital improvement funding can be found. He requested to see if NMBHI and the Office of Emergency Management may consider organizing together and approach State Legislation for funding. This is when **Mr. Les Montoya** recommended for the Office of Emergency Management to determine with the Local Emergency Planning Committee what their priorities for the legislative Session based on what the board wants, and go through the County Commission for support. He also recommended that a funding report should be given at the LEPC and placed on the agenda to identify what funding is occurring and from where.

Motion was made by William Cruz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle Vigil motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.