

Minutes of the Quad Cities Emergency Planning Committee

March 26, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called by: Decker Ploehn, Chair

Attendees: Andrea Bladel, Eric Bradley, Finas Brock, Jason Cook, Amy DeClerck, Dave Donovan, Robin Dunn, Dennis Frisch, Nicole Gonner, Don Hahn, Joe Heim, Leslie Johnston, Dave Kelly, Chance Kness, Steve Knorrek, Jeff Koenig, Kevin Lange, Bruce Mckee, Decker Ploehn, Orville Randolph, Jordan Schneider, Michelle Simms, Jeff Snyder, Tammy Speidel, Jamie Temple, Josh Urmanskij, Chris Webster, Patsy Willits, Brian Wright, and Jeffrey Yerkey, all via Zoom

Call to Order – Introductions

The meeting began by reviewing those on the call via virtual roll call.

Minutes of the February 26, 2021 Meeting

Dave Donovan motioned to approve the QCEPC February 26, 2021, meeting minutes; Orville Randolph seconded the motion. All Ayes.

I-74 Bridge Project

Jeff Koenig gave an update on work being completed on the bridge. Provided the group of the upcoming traffic changes that will occur on both the Iowa and Illinois side.

Homeland Security/EMA/IMT/PIO Workshop

Rock Island EMA continues to support the Vaccine Clinic in Milan. Continuing to work with Scott County EMA on developing a new app for the area.

Dave Donovan gave an update on Scott County EMA. Continue to work with Iowa American Water to develop a new water well in Davenport near Genesis East Campus. EMA working with local partners on a Livestock Incident plan for the Scott County area. Continue to work on Annual Plan Updates. Scott County and Clinton County working with FEMA region 7 on radiological exercises for the area.

Muscatine County, Brian Wright, working with Public Health on Covid related issues.

Clinton County, Chance Kness, working with Public Health on Covid related issues.

David Donovan gave an update on the PIO group. Continue to meet on a regular basis to push out COVID and Vaccine info.

QCLEPC: Training, Planning, Exercise

Dave Donovan is updating ESF group plans. Looking for input from partners to help with the planning process. Upcoming training this spring or summer with the assistance from Rock Island EMA.

Communication Center Updates

Dave Donovan stated QCOMM was having phone issues at time of meeting. They are still able to take 911 calls but related to 911 equipment. Jeff Yerkey advised that CAD had been down for QCOMM, but back up and running at the time of this meeting.

Dave Donovan provided an update for SECC. Meetings being completed via Zoom and holding off on in-person meetings. Continue to work on new Radio Tower Project. Training will be conducted soon on new dispatch consoles at SECC.

Healthcare Coalition Updates

Dave Kelly, Genesis Health System, provided COVID case numbers for Genesis. Advised that there will be a BIX race this year with modifications. Will be providing the health tent this year and starting to plan for the event.

Patsy Willitts, Trinity Hospitals, had a healthcare coalition meeting last week and still centered around COVID response. Provided COVID case numbers within Trinity.

Other Hospital/Healthcare Reports

Nicole Glass, from Mercy Health System, in Clinton advised they are at capacity but minimal case numbers for COVID.

EMS Reports – QCA Opioid Crisis

Kevin Lange, Medic EMS, advised had Scott County EMS and Fire Chief Associations meeting the night before this meeting. The Physician Advisory Board will be meeting and approving new protocols. Advised the Eldridge Fire can get a school bus to do some training on in the next couple of weeks.

Fire Service Reports

Jeff Yerkey, Rock Island Fire, advised the QC Fire Chiefs will be meeting next month. Grand Prix racing will be held later this year.

Law Enforcement/TSA/Intel Reports

No Report.

Education Update

Jamie Temple advised the group that there is an EMR/EMT practical exam coming up in April in Donahue. EMT classes are full at this time at EICC.

Andrea Bladel, advised that Genesis will be holding their Trauma Conference in person this year. Registration will be done via online.

Other Public/Private Sector/COAD Reports

No Report.

Other Items of Interest

Don Hahn, Civil Air Patrol, spoke about Drone operations. Have some pilots that are willing to help train local agencies with flying Drones. Dave Donovan advised they would reach out and get more information.

Dave Donovan advised that the Iowa Disaster Resources Center is hosting a Virtual Open House in April.

Brian Wright discussed that FEMA was going to provide assistance for Funeral costs related to COVID.

Next meeting Friday, April 30, 2021 at 8:30 AM

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.