



Bonner County LEPC  
 Local Emergency Planning Committee  
 Meeting Notes – 3/14/2019  
 (Bonner County Administration Building)

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of the LEPC minutes: Motion for minutes to be approved Bill Steele 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary.

Attendees

Adam Crippen – RACOM Corp	Ron Stocking- Selkirk Fire
Stu Eigler - Sam Owen Fire	Brad Mitton – Northside Fire
Dale Hopkins - Selkirk Fire	Jeff Lee - PHD
Steve Sanchez - Pend Oreille Surgery Center	Caitlyn Reeves – BC Planning
Brandon Hermetet – Timberlake Fire	Russ Schenck - Clark Fork Mayor
Mary Ziegler - Bonner General Health	Chris Schenck – Idaho State Police
Ken Eldor - WPOSD	Bill Steele - Timber Lake Fire
Mary Bluhm - Kaniksu Health Services	Pam Finley – BC Emergency Management
Emma Fields – Red Cross	Bob Howard – BC Emergency Management
Rick Bailey – Sandpoint Police	Jessica Thomas – BC Emergency Management
Mark Feddersen – ID Div Building Safety	Nick Mechikoff - PHD
Mark Sauter – Selkirk Fire	Steven Bradshaw – BC Commissioner

**Guest Speaker** – Jeff Lee, Panhandle Health.

- Influenza and Measles cases are happening right now.

- **Influenza:** Is a respiratory infection passed through droplets on surfaces and air once dried and brushed against. You can't get sick from the shot, but you can from the nasal spray if you have a weak immune system. The flu lasts 4-7 days but can take a few weeks to be at 100%. The flu starts from birds migrating and spread through poop to domestic animals and humans. Prevention: Vaccination, hand washing, disinfecting surfaces, don't touch your face and staying home while sick. Vaccination is recommended at 6 months of age or older, while pregnant, people who interact with children 6 months of age and under, people 50 years old and up and people with weak immune systems.
- **Measles:** Measles symptoms don't appear until 10 to 14 days after exposure. They include cough, runny nose, inflamed eyes, sore throat, fever, and a red, blotchy skin rash. Measles can remain airborne for up to two hours after the infected person leaves. There are 72 reported cases in Washington. 51 are kids ages 1-10 and 15 are ages 11-18. 61 of those people are unimmunized 2 had only one immunization. None of the cases reported having both doses. The Vaccine is 90% effective with one dose and 99% effective with two doses. The outbreak has cost Washington state one million dollars. The strain is European and various locations though out Washington and Oregon were contacted where the infected most likely caught the disease. Portland Airport being one of those places. Anyone who was there that day was contacted to check for symptoms. Some families had to be quarantine for 21 days.

#### **Around the Room:**

- Ken Eldor: Training for hotline.
- Nick Mechikoff: Upcoming exercises; command post in April, exercise dispensing antibiotics, virtual table top April 4<sup>th</sup>, facility evaluation May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ken Eldor: Did not pass the levy.
- Emma Fields: Had problems with the 800 number. Now has their own number 1-800-295-3717. Faster service time now. When in doubt call them out. Will dispatch out to support first responders.
- Mary Ziegler: Planning for two exercises in May, July and October.
- Pam Finley: If you want to hear or see something at LEPC let us know!
- Bob Howard: Pam got married and will be changing her name.

Meeting Adjourned 9:57am

Next month's LEPC is 4/11/2019

