



## DOUGLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes May 6, 2020

Regular board meeting has been cancelled due to the National Pandemic of COVID-19. Executive board and Emergency Management met virtually to discuss updates on the functions of the EM Office.

Those virtually present in the meeting included: Mike Russell – University of Kansas; Trent McKinley – Lawrence Police Department; Nicole Rials – Bert Nash; Kay Johnson – Prosoco;

Emergency Management staff virtually present included: Robert Bieniecki, Jillian Rodrigue, Joshua Taylor, Jenni Blake

#### **COVID-19 Updates** – Robert Bieniecki

- Unified Command (UC) new objectives – long term recovery framework (FEMA guide for national emergencies). **(Action: share LTR framework ESF = RSF with LEPC Exec Committee)**
- Advisory Task Force – 4 Unified Commanders, Dr Lewis, Dr Girod, Bonnie from Chamber, Murray from KU meeting to discuss reopening plan based on Governors recommendation. Discussions were held with surrounding counties. Meeting weekly for unified reopening plans. Johnson and Wyandotte counties extended stay at home through May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- COVID-19 / Corona Virus hub page for Douglas County, KS: <https://coronavirus-response-dgco.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Economic Impacts working group – Lawrence Chamber involved and part of discussion. Private sector and government working together toward joint resolutions.
- Logistics receiving requests from dentists and eye doctors who have been allowed to reopen; discussions ongoing regarding how to respond to those requests for PPE.
- State given gear has been given to first responders but UC will be discussing if needing to hold on to gear for a potential surge in positives or hand out to businesses who need it.

#### **Staff Updates** – Jillian Rodrigue

- EOC continues to meet weekly.
- ESF12 – Utilities requesting to know if homes are positive for COVID-19.
- Volunteer and donations management – United Way leading focus.
- Agriculture community getting involved in federal funding. Marlon Bates is leading charge with funding and connecting resources.
- Battelle system – decontamination system that sterilizes N95 masks. Vendor prefers less user agreements. Hospitals and long-term care can use courier service to transport masks. Everyone else 4-5 day turnaround. No county drop off point in Douglas county.

Battelle can sterilize 80,000 masks per day. LMH can sterilize their own masks at a slower rate. Participation is up to the agency to decide – no minimum or maximum required. For small usage LMH may be open to cleaning masks.

- Strategic Plan – EOP due date may get rescheduled but we will continue to work to stay on track with original due date of June. Josh and Jenni will work together to complete this task.
- Several weather coverage continues. Released press release on sheltering guidelines.
- Duty Officer training continues every week.
- Continuing to work on TEPW
- Awaiting Kansas Planner's new template to be released
- Essential action items:
  - Continuing to work on EOP
  - Keeping watch on severe weather - conducting the siren tests and maintaining EOC / EMOC in preparation of severe weather and ensuring social distancing practices are being used as well as temperature checks and masks
- Non-essential action items:
  - All education and outreach programs have been canceled until further notice
  - Annual report has been paused