

**Warren County EPR/LEPC Committee
Meeting Minutes 4/25/2023**

In Attendance

Dan Durkee – Warren Co. Public Health	Robert Higgins, DEC
Don Stack-Warren County Public Health	James Durkin, CISA
Laura Stebbins – Glens Falls Hospital Dr. Leach, MD	Sandy LeBarron – Finch Paper
Don Lehman- Warren County & SW	Mike Lewis, NYSP
Ann Marie Mason, Warren Co OES	Dr. Leach, MD
Ashley Rivers, Warren Co OES	Josh Moskowitz, Red Cross
Chris Alexander, The Pines	Pat Williams, Washington Co
Cynthia Zobel, NYDHSES	Laura Stebbins, GF Hospital
Debra Darfler, Washington Co Public Health	Tom Iwinski, National Grid
Corey DiLorenzo, NYDOH-Warren	Pat Williams, Washington Co
Jack Armstrong, Hudson Headwater	Tim Drawbridge, City of GF Comm
Andrea Glogowski, GF Hospital ED Pharmacy	Mike Walker, Capital Region BOCES
Christian Hanchett, Warren Co Social Services	

The meeting was called order at 9:05 am. Dan Durkee gave a brief overview of the agenda items. He stated to use the chat section for any participating organization had any updates or events to make public. If you wanted to add emails for this committee to please send them to Don Stack via email. Dan then turned the meeting over to Ashley Rivers – OES.

Ashley spoke about Hazard Vulnerability Assessment update. Thanked all who participated. Meeting lasted over 2 hours. Last updated in 2020. This ranking listed Active terrorism, active shooter, communication failure, bomb threat, mass casualty-trauma, epidemic, IT system outage, civil unrest/protest, flood, mass casualty-medical. Participant involved- OES, EMS, Fire Cord., Administer, Self-Insurance, Planners, Public Health. Ranking was from highest to lowest occurrence. Damage cost for property, humans, business. How prepare we were if these happen plus what help we need to focus on to make it a better response. Talked about gaps – like resources, staffing, outside partners we would have to relied on. National Grid offer to help with next assessment. Updates to be email to all to be reviewed by committee for input. Dan shared that outside partners will be needed since Public Health staffing is down. We have 0 nurses in Public Health side with Home Care down 18 positions. Will have to relive on Hospital nurses, HHHH Nurses, student nurses.

Ann Marie Mason WC OES – LEPC update

Spoke about Tier 2 report (enclosed) 49 entries with new Target Store added. Some chemicals have been added, and some Location closed/no longer required to report.

Warren County is part of a 7 County Haz Mat Consortium that meets quarterly. Pete Kitchner, Fire Protection Specialist with Office of Fire Protection will be attending the meetings. Will be receiving training on Dry Decon. Plus, exercise training – Table top – Grid failures, no date set. Will email with information. Spring 2023 Weather Spotter training session enclosed.

Spoke about Plans – CEM Pack will be going out soon for review. 5 yr Haz Mitigation plan still in process. Will send out for input and review.

Real events – watching river activity, Schroon River high, but below flood level. Adirondack Balloon Festival celebrating 50th Anniversary. Planning already started, bigger crowds expected.

Laura Stebbins, Glens Falls Hospital Director of Emergency Preparedness - GF Hospital Update

Training/ Education. Upcoming table tops “Person with a weapon” for all hospital departments and off campus sites – continual. Did Stop the Bleed class – 14 GFH Security officers completed. May 23rd HEPC Radiation & Burn Tabletop. June 7th HazMat class for Facility Response Team. Sept 20th Annual Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Seminar at UAlbany (Save the Date). Pediatric Seminar topics included Peds Traumatic injuries, emergency childbirth, Ped decon, Child abuse/human trafficking, Resp care, EMS ped transports. Had meeting with w/ Warren Co Sheriff, G Falls PD, Hosp. Security talked about response – great discussion. Talked about Universal Code Designation. Hosp don’t have same codes as other hospitals so hoping o make it universal. Will schedule Chem Pack drill Sept/Oct. Will get back with information.

Dan Durkee, Public Health update

Wastewater Surveillance Program – Glens Falls was only treatment plant to meet criteria. Discussed process, testing and what was results to help monitored what issues are coming. Help get Covid info, and in future for opioid abuse.

3on 3 drill – March 23rd – notified staff to assemble for POD site- used staff available, we don’t have to staff to run POD, would need Nurse’s, student nurses, and community partners.

COVID update – received 1.7 million dollars grant for help with schools, head start, camps, daycares. Purchased 500 air purifiers, and 3200 filter replacements. Looking for Cleaning floor scrubbers for schools. Grant ends in July

Public Health updates – seeing alot of dog bites, and rabies cases. Had a case of wildlife on bike trails. Received questions about summer camps being at 100% capacity. Corey stated that was the case with Warren County with 24 application sent out.

Member Updates

Chris Alexander, Pines – Wanted information on who to go to when they set up there Disaster Drill. It was suggested to reach out OES-Ann Marie.

Pat Williams Washington County – no updates, dealing with rabies cases and lack of staff.

Dr. Leach – discussed Blastomycosis. Hasn’t heard of any New York Cases. Discuss Inflection Disease and issues related. Concerns about misinformation & public reaction to it. Talk about the next big pandemic with a 2-5% increase then years before. Has biggest concern with the Public Health infrastructure. Believes there is ground for optimize.

Sandy LeBarron Finch Paper- no updates. Says there are cases of Blastomycosis in NY.

Josh Moskowitz, Red Cross -no updates, announced that Emily Paltz is the new Disaster Program Manager.

Jack Armstrong, Hudson Headwaters - HHHN has launched a Network wide De-Escalation training this month that will continue through June. We decided to do so after staff concerns involving increased aggressive patient behavior. No additional updates.

Andrea Glogoowski, Glens Falls Hospital Ed Pharmacy – new and welcome to the committee. No updates, has worked with CHEM Pack before.

Robert Higgins, DEC – water is cold and moving fast so must wear life jackets in vessel over 21'. Suggested to wear for over 21'. Increase in Avian Flu, in game farm near Ithaica. Where the State raises turkey, be careful when Turkey season starts on May 1.

Mike Lewis, NYSP – no updates

Donald James, Red Cross – increase in mass deployment in Calif., Fla., for Flooding. Tornado's in Ala., Ark., Miss., Okl. Since the start of 2023, Number of deployments has increased twice then same time last year. Locally, involved in Sound the Alarm, installation of smoke detectors. Call 518-694-5121. Encouraged the Weather Spotter Training, need more people who can assist during a weather situation.

Corey DiLorenzo, NYDOH – Busy training Saratoga County Health Department. Mid-January they took over the Lead Program, and by May food inspections. Mail out Child Camp information.

Don Lehman, Warren County S&W– PIO Public Health duties is thankful almost over, just weekly updates. Helps Ginelle with numbers, etc. Working on Wastewater Treatment numbers. Happy to work with should fine people like Don Stack, he's a credit to Warren County.

Dan closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their time and reminding them that next meeting has been scheduled in-person for July 25th at Warren County Board of Supervisor room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Future Meeting dates:

July 25th at 9:00am at Warren County Board of Supervisor Room

October 24th at 9:00am Warren County Board of Supervisor Room

Minutes Submitted by

Don Stack
Warren County EPR/LEPC Committee
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Tier 2 Report

New: Target Store 578 Aviation Rd, they are reporting sulfuric acid

Below Reporting Thresholds:

Ames Goldsmith - Ammonium Hydroxide 1336216
Hadley-Luzerne CSD Bus Garage - #2 Diesel Fuel 68476302Oil
Hadley-Luzerne High School/Ele Sch - Fuel #2 68476302
National Grid - Glens Falls - Quaker Rd - Diesel Fuel 68476-34-6
National Grid - Glens Falls Station 75 - Sulfur Hexaflouride 2551624
National Grid - Queensbury Station 295 - Sulfur Hexaflouride 2551624

Extremely Hazardous Materials

Sulfuric Acid 7664939
Ammonia (Anhydrous) 7664-41-7
Lead Acid Batteries 7664-93-9
Aqueous Ammonia 7664417
Ethylene Glycol Scrubber Solution 107211
Ethylene Oxide 75218

Location Closed/No longer required to report

Suburban Propane - Riparius #2350

Added

NeXgen
Sulfur Hexaflouride 2551624
Ethylene Glycol Scrubber Solution
107211
Ethylene Oxide 75218

Removed

LDPE Homopolymer 9002884
Repelletized Polyethylene Foam
9002884
Dilsocyanates 9016-87-9
Polycaprolactum 25038544

Pete Kitchner, Fire Protection Specialist, with the Office of Fire Prevention and Control is attending our consortium meetings

Will be receiving training on Dry Decon

OES

Exercises/Training

TTX coming soon, Testing Information Sharing Capabilities –

Spring 2023 Weather Spotter Training Sessions:

Date	Time	Location	Register Link
April 28	10:30am-12:30pm	UAlbany ETEC Building (Closed to Public)	Link
May 3	7pm-9pm	Singerlands Firehouse, 1520 New Scotland Road, Singerlands NY	Link
May 4	6pm-8pm	Town of German Flatts Building, 555 State Route 5s, Mohawk, NY	Link
May 11th	12pm-2pm	Virtual Session	Link
May 17th	1pm-3pm	Virtual Session	Link
May 23rd	6pm-8pm	Dutchess County ER Office, 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie, NY	Link
June 5	7pm-9pm	Virtual Session	Link

Plans

CEMP will be going soon to the committee for review.

Hazard Mitigation Plan update is still in progress.

Real Events

Planning underway for 50th Anniversary of the Adk Balloon Festival.