

**Warren County EPR/LEPC Committee
Meeting Minutes 4/27/2022**

In Attendance

Dan Durkee – Warren Co. Public Health
Don Stack-Warren County Public Health
Laura Stebbins – Glens Falls Hospital
Ann Marie Mason – Warren County OES
Sandy LeBarron – Finch Paper
Robert Higgins - DEC
Mike Tripodi – American Red Cross
Thomas Iwinski-National Grid
Michael Walker-Capital Region BOCES
Ericka Albrecht
Corey DiLorenzo-NYDOH-Warren
Don Lehman- Warren County
Cynthia Zobel
Roger Ellis, NYS Ag & Mkts
Mike Lewis, NYSP
James Schrammel, Chief GFFD
James Phalin, DHS
Derick Owens, Homeland Security
Charley Malley – Hudson Headwater
Christian’s I-pad
Connord_DH
Shannon Finegan
Donald James – American Red Cross

The meeting was called order at 9:05 am. Dan Durkee gave a brief overview of the agenda items and provided the quarterly meeting dates for 2022 and let meeting participant know they could be found in the chat section or on the meeting agenda. participating organization had any updates they wanted added to the email list to please send them to Dan Durkee via email.

Dan then turned the meeting over to Laura Stebbins – Glens Falls Hospital.

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

Winter World University Games Update (Refer to power point)

Exercises/Drills/Trainings

- 5/20 Staging of hazmat tent functional exercise. Chief Schrammel requested to observe the process to assist in identifying any opportunities for improvement.
- Monthly educational programs for hospital Facility Response Team
This month’s topic is the CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear) threats in the Ukraine. Noted that these events can occur anywhere whether intentional or unintentional. If interested, LS could provide a virtual tabletop for this Committee.

- Person with a weapon drills and tabletops for in hospital departments and off campus sites May through June
- Chempack exercise early September. Will notify county participants with date.
- GFH will participate in Warren County vehicular ramming tabletop 5/10
- Stop the Bleed training to be scheduled

Regional Healthcare Coalition Update

- Laura Stebbins continues as chair of the Capital District Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Work Group. Pediatric Emergency Preparedness Seminar in development for September. Current review of situation in the Ukraine and the impact on children including people from the Ukraine relocating to the United States.

RACES

Thank you to Donald James for upgrading the GFH amateur radio to improve reception.

Ann Marie Mason WC OES –

Tier 2 reports

2 Hazardous materials were removed: compounded polyolefin and polycaprolactam

Newly reported hazardous materials: Lube Oil and Petroleum Products/Mixed Oils

There are several reported that are under the threshold. *The threshold varies by chemical and is indicated on the report.*

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| Hadley-Luzerne CSD Bus Garage | Diesel Fuel |
| Hadley-Luzerne High School/Elem. Sch | Fuel Oil |
| Lake George Central School Bus Garage | Diesel Fuel |
| National Grid - Glens Falls - Quaker Rd | Diesel Fuel |

No new facilities.

Exercises/Training

Held an ICS 400 class last week, will look to do more this year if possible

LifeNet trainings to resume, will send out notice to this group and will post on our FB page.

Table top exercise in May.

Skywarn – Just posted on our Office of Emergency Services Facebook page

Spring 2022 Weather Spotter Training Webinars via GoToMeeting Session:

| Date | Time | Registration Link* |
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| Monday May 2, 2022 | 1-3PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3994754864647887632 |
| Wednesday May 11, 2022 | 7-9 PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5892111711956826894 |
| Wednesday May 17, 2022 | 7-9 PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6109050853675192335 |
| Monday May 23, 2022 | 7-9 PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1415518289188615693 |
| Wednesday May 25, 2022 | 7-9 PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1600757411166566160 |
| Tuesday June 7, 2022 | 7-9 PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2365898756842911502 |
| Monday June 13, 2022 | 7-9 PM | https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9087186949158566670 |

Plans

CEMP Plan received board approval at the April board meeting. - will be available our website – emailed to this group.

Will be closely with Soil & Water, on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update
Americade is back to June.

Real Events-

4/7-4/9 Rain event – Multiple road closures – with one long duration closure due to extent of repairs
4/19 – Late season snow storm, over 12 inches of heavy wet snow, resulting in over 14,000 power outages in mostly the north and western municipalities in the county. Most power was restored by Thursday of that week.

Tom Iwinski, National Grid – thanked everyone who helped during recent storms. It was a long and busy week. He also thanked Ann Marie Mason and her department for their help distributing water and ice to residents while power was being restore.

Dan Durkee, Public Health update

1. Seeing uptick in COVID cases. Still receiving many questions and we are doing the best to get information out.
2. Tourism season beginning- lots of questions, and need for resources. Lots of camp grounds closed to COVID are reopening.
3. Working with Double H – providing resources and supplies.
4. Flu numbers are up. With COVID we are a dual threat. Both are straining our resources.
5. NY State looking into Warren County POD sites, and the need to update the contact information, and other information. PH Staff will be visiting various locations.
6. Booster Clinics running for 2nd dose of Boosters. Approx. 80 per clinic so we are getting good numbers. State operating site at Aviation Mall on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (no Moderna at this site)

Member Updates

Derrick Owens, Homeland Security – spoke about inspections at COVID sites, and ShieldsUP cyber security concerns with the events in Ukraine. He asked the organizations report any suspicious activity to CISA central@cisa.dhs.gov, (888)282-0870 or FBI via the local field office or FBI's 24/7 CyWatch (855) 292-3937 CyWatch@fbi.gov . Visit <https://www.cisa.gov/shields-up> for more details.

Tom Iwinski, National Grid – Spoke about company program to eliminate Fossil Fuel by 2028 as part of their climate change initiatives. More information available at https://www.nationalgrid.com/document/146251/download?utm_source=US+Newsroom+&utm_medium=Press+Release+&utm_campaign=Fossil+Free

Mike Tripodi, American Red Cross – spoke about next month program, Sound Alarm. which is helping to install smoke detectors in eastern New York and to educate and provide resources to families. Told to call Red Cross for installation. Also, talked about many summer camp programs and getting ready for all the programs.

Don Lehman, Warren County – Informed that he is updating COVID numbers, and power outages information. If you need an event, or program to reach the community, send info to Don. He will post on County's social media sites. Don's email is lehamnd@warrencountyny.gov

Donald James Red Cross – 1st live meeting last month in 2 years at the Red Cross office in Glens Falls. Very positive for all involved. He also spoke about the upcoming SkyWarn trainings available and hoped for good attendance.

Sandy LeBarron Finch Paper- Watching COVID numbers and preparing for Homeland Security inspections.

Robert Higgins DEC – Stocking ponds, turkey season coming soon. Spoke about avian and its impact on wild bird populations. So far, the impacts have been limited in New York with only a few cases. He asked people report any suspicious die-offs of waterfowl and wild birds to DEC.

Dr. Ellis NY Ag & Markets – Announced his plans to retire in June, but that he would still like to help out if needed as a volunteer. He also spoke on the Avian Flu and the importance of reporting any type of illness in domestic (turkeys, chickens etc.) flocks no matter how small a flock is. He recommended that people with domestic flocks take some safety measures to keep wild birds from eating feed and drink from water sources for domestic flocks. He recommended keeping feed/water in shelter under a roof or installing netting to keep wild birds out. He also stated that hunters do not have to worry about contracting avian flu should they “take” a wild turnkey during the hunting season. However, he did recommend that when dressing a wild turkey, hunters wear gloves and eye protection to reduce exposure. He also said that other poultry producing States have depopulated large flocks of birds to try and stem the spread of avian flu.

Dan Durkee thanked Dr. Ellis for his service and his participation on the Warren County EPR Committee and wished him well in his retirement.

James Phalin, DHS – talked about ShieldsUp cyber security program (see notes from Derick Owens). ChemLock is a voluntary program which provides no-cost services and tools to chemical facilities to help them better understand risks and improve their chemical security posture.

- CISA ChemLock services include:
- On-site chemical security assessments and assistance
- ChemLock fact sheets, best practices, and guidance documents
- Chemical security exercises and drills
- Chemical security training courses

Charley Mallet, Hudson Headwaters Health Network– new offices in Glens Falls will include a health center and Senior Day Care in near future late 2023 early 2024. The senior daycare will be somewhat separate from HHHN health center oversite. Charley is working on plans for emergency preparedness to meet the regulatory requirements of New York State for the unique programming anticipated to be provided by the senior day care. Preparing for community education with a start by year end.

Mike Walker, Capital Region BOCES- watching COVID numbers, concern there up. Stop the Bleed training coming soon to the Warren County schools that are members of the Capital District BOCES.

Shannon Finegan, NYS OHEP – Thanked Ann Marie for information. Watching COVID numbers, delivering test kits to School. Test sites at Crossgates, and Aviation Malls are operational. Training Plan for Warren County.

Dan closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their time and reminding them that next meeting has been scheduled for July 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Future Meeting dates:

July 27th, 9:00am October 26th, 9:00am

Minutes Submitted by

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