



Grand County LEPC Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2016

- **Sub-Committee Updates**

- **Hazmat**

Brad White, Grand Fire District

The District is involved in a lot of planning at this time including working with the PDM, prioritizing projects, etc. The big project this year is designing a hazmat response plan. Discussions are in progress with Summit County's Regional team to participate in trainings. The Hazmat sub-committee is looking for more members.

- **PIO**

Nowell Curran, Grand County Emergency Manager, Grand County EMS

The functional exercise last week included several PIO roles. There are other trainings and exercises being planned. Nowell will email out information about these; please let her know if you'd like to receive the email notifications and if you'd like to participate. There are a lot of classes on co train on a variety of subjects.

- **Health Care Coalition**

Brene Belew LaDue, Grand County Public Health

The March 25 training is being funded with Ebola grant money from the CDPHE to support emergency training and preparedness.

The Functional Exercise at the EOC last week was based upon an infectious disease scenario which began in Summit County then became widespread in Grand County. The exercise included Summit County agencies, Grand County Public Health and EMS, OEM, Middle Park Medical and Denver Health. There will be another exercise before the end of September utilizing the CDPHE Ebola grant money.

- **Exercise and training**

Troy Nelson – Grand County EMS and OEM

The functional exercise gave ideas on things to work on, different agencies and different people in positions that were new to them. Upcoming trainings will address the challenges encountered in the exercise.

In the spring, Grand County and the North West Region IMT will be hosting a full scale exercise. The dates are May 5 and 6. The scenario will include complicating factors such as music festivals,

other events to manage at the same time and wildfire or weather. If your agency would like to participate please contact Troy. All fire depts., towns, healthcare, road and bridge, law enforcement, GIS, etc. should be included to practice response.

Nowell Curran – Office of Emergency Management, EMS

ICS- 402 for elected and appointed officials - would be good for anyone, it's on co train, there is still room in the class, should be 12:30 to 5:30. The Incident Management Team Workshop will be held March 14, at the EOC. There will also be another one coming up in Denver. There are four spots left for the verbal judo training in Lakewood February 1 and 2.

- **GC Wildfire Council**

Schelly Olson- Grand Fire

The Wildfire Council will meet after lunch. Guest speaker Amy Johnson from the Northern Colorado Water Conservation District.

The Wildfire Council has secured \$40,000.00 from the BLM for slash removal for the County. The BOCC denied funds to support the Council. Work is continuing on the addressing task force. Looking at the addressing updates is on the agenda for the February Mayors and Managers meeting.

- 2016 LEPC Chair Nomination

2016 nomination to act as the new LEPC chairperson. Eric Gettenburg - Nowell is nominated and the nomination was seconded- Todd Holzworth.

Guest Speaker

Thank you Matt Carlson! – Mind Springs

Part of Matt's job is to see that they are meeting the needs of the community. If there are services that are unavailable or questions about existing services, please contact Matt.

Grant as a partner with rural health network

All Agencies – Updates and Announcements

Mark McCutcheon – National Parks Service

The western side of Rocky Mountain National Park is now open for snowmobiling. The eastern side very busy with visitors. 2016 is the Park's Centennial anniversary and they are expecting 4 million visitors, and therefore are preparing for another busy year.

Mike Long – Grand Lake Fire

There are currently no changes or news to report.

Marcus Winter – Colorado State Patrol

There is a spot available working as his partner but the State Patrol has not yet had any takers. For now he will partner with Golden.

Schelly Olson – Grand Fire Protection District

In 2015 they responded to 161 fire and rescue calls which is about ten more than last year.

Ron Thompson – Grand Fire Protection District

The call volume was fairly busy during holidays due to weather and accidents, carbon monoxide detector calls. Wildland training and basic fire behavior and terminology training is coming up so please let them know if you have people who could attend. There will be ICS classes held in February and March. The information on this will be emailed out.

Jennifer Scott – Grand County Department of Natural Resources

The burning season has been slacking off. Poor air quality this month has prevented burns.

Todd Holzwarth – East Grand Fire

Work continues to update stations. There is a delay on receiving the new rescue engine; it could be another 4 to 5 weeks. The stations are keeping up with snow plowing etc. There were about 321 calls in 2015. About 30 were ems, but most were fire.

Brett Schroetlin – Grand County Sheriff

The Sheriff's office is currently up about two hundred percent on calls. There will be four open positions to hire.

Jeff Bauckman – Grand County Sheriff Lieutenant

Dispatch has finished the radio console upgrade and calls for service are up.

Alan Green – Road and Bridge

Crews are continuing to push back the snow from road shoulders and trying to keep driveways clean during this process but it is not always possible to leave them completely clear. Driveway permit and Right of Way permit fees were increased as of January 1. There will be OHV Hearings in April. There will be notices in the paper to alert the community. All else status quo.

Greg Thorne – Grand County Geographic Information System

ESRI is the GIS software currently used. There is a web mapping component which involves putting GIS online so that people can get into these maps with a browser, and can pull up local information on roads and make their own maps. ESRI has infinite resources that can be included in your map. They have a consultant putting this together and there will be training sessions on making your own map. It is being widely used in other towns and cities. The website is esri.com. Search ArcGIS online, or give Greg a call at the courthouse, under the assessor office.

Allen Pulliam – Grand County EMS

EMS is looking forward to 2016 and changes in tightening budget. There were over 2100 calls in 2015, and so far the volume is on the increase. Statistical evaluation is showing that for first time 911 transports to in-county facilities has reached the same amount as hospital to hospital transports which provides 2/3 of revenue. EMS is implementing a new schedule to attract employees. This new system is on a six month trial, and does not affect staffing in the County.

Mark Campbell – Kremmling Town Manager and Emergency Manager

Fire calls were up in 2015. There are five new recruits who started last week. The Department is switching the SCBA's to more modern design in the next month. They can accommodate 45 minute bottles which are a little larger but more adjustable.

Tracy Yoo – Grand County Public Health

The flu season is slow so far across the county and the country. You are encouraged to get your shot. There are a lot of cases of pneumonia going around.

Brene Belew LaDue – Grand County Public Health

The Home Health Department is closing down as of February 12 because of budget constraints. The program was supported 65 to 70 percent by the County. Five employees were laid off. Heart of the Mountain Hospice closed on Monday. They are in discussion with a non-profit to take over patients, some of whom are long term. Hopefully there will be news on this released next week. Public Health Home Care, and Senior Nutrition are still serving the Community. Home Care is non-medical, usually providing disabled personal care errands, and currently is still functioning. Next Wednesday January 27, Rural Health will be a holding meeting to discuss the state of health care in Grand County. Rural Health has Patient Navigator which may not be funded much longer. There will be child care available; contact Rural Health for transportation information.

Bethany Reynolds – Middle Park Medical Center

Middle park is continuing to work with Grand County Public Health to explore options to fill in the gaps and support the sustainability of health care in the County. The USDA loan closure is being celebrated as a source sustainability of Middle Park Medical's care. There are new Doctors in the Emergency Department and Clinic, and a spine Doctor for chronic back pain. Middle Park's new CNO is Deb Plemmons. She comes with over twenty years of health administration experience. The new CFO is Robert Flake. He comes with over twenty three years CFO experience and will be a great help in clearing up billing issues. The Census is up, the ED was not as busy as was anticipated during the holidays. Specialty Services have been added including four ortho days during the month, and four more surgeries. The Middle Park Medical Foundation Spring BASH will be held on March 5th at Snow Mountain Ranch. Funds raised will be used to bring new services to the Community.

Deb Grunwald – Middle Park Medical Center

There have not been any flu like illnesses coming through the facilities. The CDPHE has extended flu season to May 30, and they are expecting a peak between now and then.

Mary Jo Hargadine – Middle Park Medical

Kremmling and Granby are participating in a wound health program, supporting wound needs for patients across the county. They are working with Porter Hospital to provide this service. There have been advancements in off-site cardiac telemetry so more patients can be kept in the facilities here in County. February is heart healthy month. There will be a lunch meet and greet on February 1st at noon to one in Granby. Staff numbers are stable in Kremmling. They have observation, acute, and extended care (like nursing home) services. There are also some hospice in-patients.

2016 LEPC Meetings

Jan 21st, April 21st July 21st (County EOC) October 20th