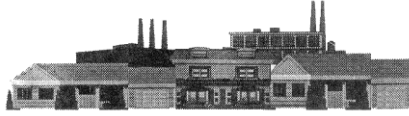


# KANAWHA PUTNAM EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



*Managing our Risk Together*

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## General Committee Meeting

January 25, 2017

Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center  
South Charleston, West Virginia

Krista Farley, Chair called the KPEPC General Membership Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Keith Hobbs moved that the minutes of the December 14, 2016, meeting be approved; Doug Hodges seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Attendees introduced themselves and gave the name of their company / organization.

**PROGRAM:** Update of Recovery Efforts from June-2016 Flood

**PRESENTERS:** Mike Shinn – Long-Term Flood Recovery Committee

Krista Farley introduced Mike Shinn, Executive Director of Greater Kanawha Long-Term Recovery Committee. Mike Shinn thanked all the responders and volunteers who helped in the recovery efforts of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> flood. Many people made a difference in the physical and emotional recovery in this time of crisis.

Mike reported that the second day after the flood, there were over 3,000 people who volunteered to help. Many groups that came in were from out-of-state. Although the massive amount of help needed was overwhelming, all of these volunteers made a difference. Currently, there is still a tremendous need for volunteers. There are many homes unfinished and uninhabitable. We want to get these homes livable so that the people can return to normal lives. Currently there are approximately 386 cases where people need to get back in their homes.

Mike reported that the Greater Kanawha Long-Term Recovery Committee held a meeting at Mountain Mission on Tuesday, January 9, 2017, with 139 people attending. The purpose of this meeting was to provide people with an update in response efforts, lay out a game plan of what needs to be done, and to solicit volunteers. Mike stated that there is funding available for home materials and repairs but the big need is for people to do the work.

Mike provided a slide presentation to the membership showing initial damage from the flood, stages of recovery efforts, and the continuing unmet needs. Krista Farley stated that currently we have been in the recovery mode, the period immediately following a disaster. Long-term recovery

provides services to individuals, families, businesses to ensure the safety and well-being of Kanawha County citizens, bringing services to the next level. The Long-Term Recovery Committee is a collaborative team of 34 organizations. Krista stated that she and C.W. Sigman are participants on this team. Krista explained the sub-committee structure and their roles, to provide needed support to the families. Krista reported that the Long-Term Recovery Committee meets bi-weekly at 2:00 p.m. at the Clendenin Advent Church and your assistance would be appreciated.

#### Update on Hazard Mitigation Plan for Kanawha and Putnam

Krista Farley introduced Henry McDonald of J.H. Consulting, Buchanan, West Virginia. Henry McDonald reported that J.H. Consulting is working with the Region 3 Planning & Development Council to update the hazard mitigation plan covering Kanawha and Putnam counties. Henry stated that jurisdictions are required to have a mitigation plan in order to be eligible for hazard mitigation funding including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance. Henry asked the membership or anyone that represents a municipality in Kanawha and Putnam counties, for input about hazards included in the plan: Dam Failure, Drought, Earthquakes, Flooding, Hazardous Materials, Mass Movements, Severe Storms, Tornados and Wildfires. He will meet following the meeting to discuss mitigation projects for the inclusion plan.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS:**

#### **Chair**

**Krista Farley**

C.W. Sigman reported that at a recent emergency manager's meeting that it was stated that the LEPC's had the responsibility of maintaining records of the annual Tier II reports. C.W. stated that J.H. Consulting provided most of this information in the recent Vulnerability Analysis conducted in 2015. C.W. stated that data from the Mitigation Plan will be compiled in binders and shared with the local fire departments.

#### **Vice Chair:**

**John Dearnell**

John Dearnell reported that he will continue to assist with the Communication Systems Committee. John stated that he had contacted a couple of the plants as well as Dave Erwin. Dave has the radios and is going to meet with C.W. Sigman to coordinate programming plant signals.

#### **Secretary/Treasurers Report:**

**Janet Briscoe**

Janet Briscoe provided the members with the Financial Reports through December 31, 2016. The 2017 contribution letters will be sent out to the membership by the end of February.

**KPEPC Committees / Committee Chairs**

**Business, Membership & Community Outreach  
Communication Systems Committee**

**John Sikora  
Doug Hodges  
Nanci Keenan  
Keith Hobbs  
Janet Briscoe  
Keith Vititoe  
Tim McDaniel**

**Drill Planning, Exercise & Training  
Finance Committee  
Hazard Assessment, Planning & Mutual Resources  
Plan Implementation & Evaluation**

**Business, Membership & Community Outreach**

**John Sikora**

John Sikora reported that a winter weather seminar (*Winter Weather 101*) was held Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Advance Technology Center. The seminar included information on winter weather preparation, health relating to winter weather, and winter weather hazards. This was a good opportunity to help the public prepare their homes for winter weather threats. Brandon Stover from WCHS-TV8 and Spencer Adkins from WOWK-TV13 were presenters from the broadcast community. The weather service has upcoming seminars scheduled: Putnam County-February 27, 2017 and at CAMC-March 13, 2017. The KPEPC will furnish brochures for these seminars.

**Communication Systems Committee**

**Doug Hodges  
Nanci Keenan**

No Report. Krista Farley reported that John Dearnell will be assisting the committee regarding radio communication problems. Another training is being planned involving all the key players for hands-on training (emergency responders, hospitals, fixed facilities, schools etc.). Also, 4 informer IP radios are being reprogrammed and will be received shortly.

**Drill Planning, Exercise & Training**

**Keith Hobbs**

No Report.

**Hazard Assessment & Planning/Mutual Resources**

**Keith Vititoe**

Not Present-No Report.

**Plan Implementation & Planning**

**Tim McDaniel**

Not Present-No Report.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

Brad Stewart reported that the KPEPC has been partnering with the American Red Cross on their fire safety initiative by assisting with the distribution of smoke alarms in Kanawha and Putnam counties.

Brad further reported that work continues on the KPEPC website updates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Seth Staker of Kanawha Charleston Health Department (KCHD) reported that the KCHD is holding a Medical Counter Measures (MCM) Full-Scale Exercise April 20<sup>th</sup>, along with WV Bureau of Public Health, Center for Threat Preparedness, Kanawha County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Law Enforcement partners and tentatively many other partners. This exercise will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> between approximately 8:00am and 1:00pm and is related to a simulated Anthrax bio-terrorism attack. The location of the exercise will be provided at a later date. We will be exercising dispensing medication to the population and measuring how quickly we can accomplish this task. Therefore, we will need volunteers to serve as part of our Point of Dispensing staff as well those to assist as “walk-through” volunteers, so that we can measure our throughput. If anyone is interested they can get in touch with myself or Janet Briscoe at KCHD (304) 348-1088 to volunteer or to find out more information.

C.W. Sigman reported that he is working on revising the warning/voice sirens downtown. The messages need to be more customized. Once this project is completed, the revisions will be placed on the KC Ready app.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:50 p.m.