

# **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes -Draft**

Date: April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: Fort Hays Tech North Central

## **Attendees**

David Dohe, Deb Beam, Cortney Murrow, Skilar Winder, Phillip Murrow, Sharon Sahlfeld, Missy McGinnis, Tony Perez, Amy Slickers, Berta Jacquez, Aaron LaCoe, Shelby Bohnert, Stephanie Simmons, Jessy Knight, Cole Eberle, and Jessy Bliss.

## **1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, and Committee Members**

The meeting was called to order.

Missy McGinnis motioned to approve the minutes from the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Beam and approved unanimously.

## **2. David Dohe - Tier II Reporting**

David Dohe reviewed Tier II Reporting Deadlines and where to locate current documents electronically, including on the county website.

## **3. David Dohe - EOP Update / Discussion**

David provided information on the EOP expiring and the current system used by the State of Kansas that will no longer be utilized. There is some back and forth between the state and counties regarding what system will be used moving forward. Currently the state would like counties to fill out a template that counties do not feel is an accurate representation of county plans and resources. David has submitted a plan with greater details and a better depiction of Mitchell County's abilities to respond during an event for approval.

## **5. David Dohe - CVA Tabletop Exercise**

David discussed the CVA TTX Exercise that occurred on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It was determined that additional emergency plans need to be developed and implemented for the school system that participated. David obtained plans from another entity and has plans to share that with them.

Those who attended the meeting felt it was a very good and overall beneficial exercise that provided meaningful feedback.

## **6. David Dohe - Controlled Burn Resolution**

General discussion regarding the recent Controlled Burn Resolution took place. There was some confusion regarding who the controlled burn resolution impacts. David provided additional education that the resolution does not include the City of Beloit. Also, whoever started the fire is the individual responsible for it.

### **7. Stephanie Simmons – PIO & Mitchell County Hospital**

Stephanie provided an update from the Mitchell County Hospital. Orthopedic surgery started today with Dr. McAttee, otherwise it has been business as usual.

### **8. Shelby Bohnert – Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation & NCKPHI**

Shelby provided an update from both the MCRMF and NCKPHI sides. Shelby stated the Community Baby Shower co-hosted with the Mitchell County Health Department took place last week and went well overall. Also, there is discussion on the state level regarding the upcoming FIFA Cup and impacts to public health.

### **9. Aaron LaCoe – Fire District Representative**

Aaron reported the new bunker gear arrived. They are currently transitioning out of the old gear and into the new. Costs were approximately \$110,000 for 22 complete sets, a significant increase from previous purchased. This replaced gear purchased in 2005, over 10 years out of date.

### **10. Berta Jacquez - Catholic Services**

Catholic services discussed expansion in Concordia and various services available. Contact them for more information or with any questions.

### **11. Amy Slickers - Agco**

Agco representation stated they are planning on going into furloughs on a tiered approach. Further details provided on potential impacts.

### **12. Jessy Bliss - IT**

Jessy from the Mitchell County IT Department stated business was as usual. No significant reports to be made.

### **13. Tony Perez - Law Enforcement**

Sheriff Perez provided a general update, including it being time to work on budget for 2027. The Sheriff's Office is currently fully staffed and they are preparing for upcoming summer events to start. Otherwise, it is business as usual for the department.

Sheriff Perez did mention working with Robin, CHW from Pivotal Pathways, for Mental Health Services, crisis situations, and general assistance. Perez stated this has been very successful and they feel this has been a positive experience thus far. Further general discussion occurred throughout the room regarding Community Health Workers (CHWs) and impacts in our county.

### **14. Cole Eberle – County Commissioner**

Cole provided an update from the County Commissioners. Significant discussions have been taking place on the county level regarding budgets and insurance. Cole also provided additional input on CHWs and how their collaboration with Pivotal Pathways took place.

### **15. Missy McGinnis - EMS**

Missy stated she currently has 3 employees in paramedic school, with 3 additional in EMT school. EMS's new unit will be here at the end of August and EMS is currently fully staffed.

The EMS department applied to the Patterson Grant for 4 new monitors, but is unsure of funding yet. However, they were awarded funding for 2 pumps through another grant source.

### **16. Sharon Sahlfeld - Media**

Sharon informed the group you can send an article regarding upcoming events to be posted in the paper as they occur.

### **15. Phillip Murrow – Environmental Services**

The LEPG took on 2 additional counties, taking the total up to 8. Phil states he is currently busy and expects to continue with how dry it is. Phil also stated they have applied for grant money, and they are keeping an eye on some state laws that are currently in the process of being updated.

### **16. Skilar Winder - Mental Health**

Skilar provided an updated from the Mental Health Task Force, stating the Wellness Roundup is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm at The Barn.

### **17. Cortney Murrow – Mitchell County Health Department**

Cortney provided an update from the health department, stating they will soon be entering their busy season with pre-school physicals, back-to-school vaccinations, summer events/activities, and so on. Additionally, the HD co-hosts the Community Baby Shower and shared additional information.

Cortney Murrow and Deb Beam (MCHHS) provided further discussion regarding the FIFA Cup and potential impacts to our area.

### **18. Deb Beam – Mitchell County Hospital**

Deb announced a site visit is coming in May for the hospital's Level IV Trauma Center that has been put off due to illness. The hospital is also looking at a pediatric readiness program and preparing for submission. Additionally, the hospital continues to see a lot of parainfluenza and RSV.

Deb provided information on an upcoming community drill they are collaborating with the Fort Hays Tech North Central college on that will be focused around a tornado. Also, KDHE Preparedness is going through changes, specifically with the HCC contracts being

terminated. KDHE wants to continue to have the coalition format but progress moving forward is uncertain.

### **19. Next Meeting**

Date: July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems North Room

### **17. Adjournment**

Missy McGinnis motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Simmons and approved unanimously.