

Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee Meeting

Date | time: 3/14/2018 10:00 AM

Location: NC Admin Center

Meeting called by: Hazard Mitigation Team Leader
Type of meeting: Planning Committee
Facilitator: Eric C Wendt
Secretary: Tiffany Kaseman

Committee Members:

Doug Diehl, Steve Jeffery, Tiffany Kaseman, Lori Smoogen, Keith Ayers, Jane Gaugler, Jason Zimmerman, Chuck Hopta, Jeffery Fetterman, Eric Wendt, Maryrose McCarthy

Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted
<input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ Adoption Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ County Adoption<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Municipal Adoptions	Eric C Wendt	10 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ Acknowledgment of Milton Borough <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Comprehensive list of actions<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Send an letter of Acknowledgment??	Eric C Wendt	10 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ Action Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Action 18 – Opioids – Hard to track exact #'s<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should we have a Rep attend Opioid Meetings• Helps with plan integrations◆ Actions 46 & 33 – Add to Website??◆ Actions 41 & 42<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can we make the list (41) and invite them to a Planning meeting at least once a year (42) (fire chiefs meetings?)◆ Action 22 – Create a process to accomplish this?◆ Actions 1,2,3,43,46,58,64 – Create a Facebook Campaign for these◆ Also 46 & 33 from above	Eric C Wendt	30 Minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ Contact other Counties to do a regional Training with PEMA\FEMA <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Actions 34	Eric C Wendt	10 Minutes

Other Information

Observers: None

Other Invites: None

Resources: None

Special notes: Next Meeting will be approx. 3 month from now. Contact PEMA (yearly review)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

HAZARD MITIGATION

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE: March 14, 2018

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1. Tiffany Kaseman	Assessment	Chief Assessor
2. Maryrose M. Lerky	Commissioners	Chief Clerk
3. ERIC C WENDT	IT	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
4. Keith Ayers	GIS	GIS
5. Doug Diehl	Milton Boro & HMP	Code Enfr. & Enforcement
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Eric Wendt (forward referred to as EW) began the meeting by mentioning this date there were demonstrations happening nationwide by school students (walkouts for 17 minutes in recognition of the Florida school shooting and as a demonstration against gun violence). This sparked a conversation about the state of the child welfare system. It also reduced to how it's increasingly more difficult to protect these students as they are gathered in schools because they are most vulnerable when they are gathered in groups, to the aggressor it is an opportune location. Members shared information on how they are aware teachers and students are being made aware of how to keep themselves safe in these situations. EW ultimately brought the conversation down to his main intention: is this a hazard that would need to be mitigated in the future? Would this committee need to look at training as part of action items when considering this as a hazard? Keith Ayers (forward referred to as KA) echoed the sentiment by saying this is a shift from our focus on environmental factors, which is ultimately all the plan has focused on in past years, to a more encompassing vision of hazards. He was advocating that we need to look at environmental but to continue to explore and add social hazards. Doug Diehl (forward referred to as DD) also added the opinion that as we add social hazards we have more opportunity to engage the public. EW said that's a struggle that we have with all of our action items, engaging the public, or more to the point, how to engage the public. Maryrose McCarthy (forward referred to as MM) asked the group who is responsible for providing training. No member was absolutely sure, but MM asked if the plan should support each of the school districts holding that training as part of the action items. She said it would be ideal to go after a grant to help get that training in schools, but would they be receptive to the county collaborating with them? DD said if we have collaboration amongst schools and counties, it's possible we'd get quicker attention from state or federal agencies.

EW shifted back to the agenda:

Adoption process – EW said there are 29 active responses from municipalities and authorities that have adopted the county plan; 28 have been accepted by FEMA (at the time of the meeting Riverside Borough was still sitting with FEMA waiting for acceptance). EW confirmed there are 36 municipalities in our county and two municipal authorities, all of which were included in this plan. He said that Herndon Borough and Little Mahanoy Township participated in the plan process but did not adopt the plan at the municipal level. EW said we should put pressure on these municipalities to complete the process. The other seven municipalities (East Cameron Township, Jordan Township, Marion Heights Borough, Snyderstown Borough, Turbot Township, Upper Mahanoy Township and West Cameron Township) we have heard nothing from. DD suggested asking Tom Hughes to write these lingering municipalities a letter to try and push them to participate/adopt.

Acknowledgment of Milton Borough – Milton Borough (after adopting our plan) sent responses back to the county as what they felt their role would be in addressing action items. DD briefly explained how he did these responses in tandem with working on the borough's CRS documents. EW asked if, on behalf of the plan, we should acknowledge Milton Borough.

This acknowledgement spun off a conversation about needing to have better communication with our local EMA directors, and that the county tried to revamp the public safety site so that it would include contact information for these directors. It also began a conversation about needing training for local officers or county officers to identify dangerous situations when they are visiting properties. Tiffany Kaseman (forward referred to as TK) said the AAP had Dauphin County detectives come and train assessors for identifying hazardous environments.

Action Items – EW circulated a copy of the way he changed the layout of the action items. The new layout of the action items provides for members to log what progress is happening on each particular action item. EW and DD mentioned that we went from 45 action items to 79 action items between the last two updates. EW said he cannot find proof that any of the action items were ever touched before this cycle, so a tracking system is needed.

Item #18 – MM said we have numbers in terms of deaths and that the opioid coalition is now active with the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Pharmacy that is doing research and gathering data. EW asked if it would be a good idea to have a member of the hazard plan be on the opioid coalition as well. EW, DD and MM all agreed that it would be a good idea if we want to integrate the coalition into our hazard plan. EW said our data collection

needs to be refined because the data we can get from public safety doesn't immediately identify overdoses, deaths and distribution of Naloxone. MM said that is the data the coalition will be getting when working University of Pitt. *A conversation about the drug culture in our county broke out here* TK asked when the coalition meets, MM said the first Thursday of each month. TK volunteered to be the member of the hazard plan that would join the opioid coalition to integrate the plans.

Items #33(encourage participation in the NFIP) & #46(public education and awareness re: Radon exposure) – DD said that he can get pamphlets for these items and bring them to the HMP meetings. DD and EW said that these can be scanned and added to the website. EW jumped to the agenda point for items #1, #2, #3, #43, #46, #58, and #64 (all relating to creating pamphlet/creating media/dispersing information) and said that Facebook would be the easiest effort for dispersing info to the public quickly and effortlessly. EW said he is not aware of the resources available to reach the counties citizens in a cost effective way, but that this would cost nothing and still reach a huge population. DD recommended inviting the media to meetings to tell them what the public needs to hear. DD also recommended going to the Milton Borough website and look under federal flood insurance information; if they have anything listed that the county wants a copy of, he can get us a PDF. MM asked who is responsible for educating the flood plain coordinators. EW said it's an action item to support educating flood plain coordinators, DD said SEDA-COG could be contacted about it. KA said Fran from Lycoming was interested in doing cross county education opportunities.

Contact other Counties – The conversation from the last agenda item spilled into this bullet point, EW said we need to have multiagency education planned and DD said to ask SEDA-COG. KA recommended asking Lycoming County.

EW mentioned that he would not recommend a meeting any sooner than three months from this date. DD said May 2nd at 6:30 was the next flood plain task force meeting. DD said he would forward the minutes to the HMP.

EW quickly touched on the report card that appeared in the last plan, he wasn't sure if it was required by PEMA/FEMA or if that was just thrown in there by Delta. EW said somewhere close to the next meeting he was going to ask Ernie Zsabo if there are any progress requirements.