

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE NOTES

Monday, May 11, 2009 at MonDak Heritage Center

Present: Rob Gilbert- SVFD, Becky Hayes, VISTA; Herb Schmierer- County PW, Cindy Eleson - ROI, Brenda Eberling - SHC, Mark Delaney, SHC, Jackie Couture-USDA ARS, Jill Miller - LEPC Coordinator, Denny Palmer-Sheriff's Dept. - Frank DiFonzo - SPD, Julie Brodhead- RCHD, Russ Huotari - RC Public Works, Greg Anderson - RC Pubic Works, Kelly Logan - RCHD, and Carrell Evans-CERT

- Welcome** - Rob opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. Jackie introduced Beth Redlin, who announced the Richland County E-rase your E-waste program has received an Honorable Mention in the 2009 White House Closing the Circle Award for electronics stewardship. The Closing the Circle awards are presented annually by the White House Office of the Federal Environmental Executive to recognize outstanding achievements of Federal facilities and their community partners in promoting environmental stewardship.
Nationwide, there were 200+ nominations received in 2009 in seven different categories (mostly from larger and/or regional Federal offices), with only 15 CTC winners and 13 honorable mentions awarded. Note: Each category included a civilian and military award, and there was no obligation to give an award if there were no worthy candidates. Our Honorable Mention award was in the electronics stewardship category for the E-rase your E-waste program. While the lab had to submit the nomination, the award recognizes the entire committee (and community) for its electronic stewardship efforts since preference is given to programs demonstrating partnerships between Federal entities and surrounding local communities or non-profit organizations. Our joint E-rase your E-waste program, of course, easily fits that bill.
It's truly an honor to be recognized in this way and the award reflects your awesome (volunteer) dedication and commitment to environmentally responsible recycling of outdated electronics, even when our rural surroundings make it difficult (and expensive) to do so. So again, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the entire committee for your ongoing contributions to the E-rase your E-waste program which have led to this award!
- Meeting Minutes** for April were approved by members present.
- Emergency Preparedness** - [Becky Hayes \(VISTA\)](#) - campaigned for community emergency preparedness in order to not duplicate efforts. The third annual *State of the Community County Wide* conference will be the first quarter of 2010 when the strategic plan will be updated. The strategic plan is intended to be a living document collecting changes from individual groups. Help is needed to advertise public awareness such as on the web site, fair booths, etc. Brenda E. volunteered to represent LEPC. Becky will be the VISTA leader through next year.
- DES** - [Butch](#) - Rob reported in Butch's absence that EOC (Emergency Operation Center) Training was held on May 5 at Library Basement with 23 attending, DES and public health were represented throughout eastern Montana. An impromptu exercise was conducted to set up an EOC in the basement. According to room size, 24-25 people could set up 4 working pods. Better ventilation is needed, possible better internet connection, phone connections were good, HAM radio center could be set up in the office. Red Cross Training was held on April 17-18 at Richland Co. Public Health, Conference Room. There were some difficulties resulting in needed changes in the Red Cross system. Sidney Sugars manager training facility incident was held and went well.
- LEPC Coordinator** - [Jill](#) - A web page plan was handed out and the foundation for LEPC web site was viewed. It will be designed like other county web sites with freedom to add left and right links and body text. No objections were made for the use of a logo. Reminder: the web page plan is not permanent and can be added to or taken away from as it comes to completion. Photos and information are requested from all members to add to the web site.
- Communicable Diseases & Emergency Preparedness** - [Julie](#)- As of 11am this morning H1N1 flu has been detected in 44 states, 2,618 cases in the U.S. with 3 deaths (47 deaths worldwide). 3 have been screened in Richland County-all negative. For Preparedness - EOC set up drill for Public Health was held

on 4/28 in the library Basement. It was successful with a complete setup done in less than one hour. A medical drill or call out for **EOC** may be done in the next month or two. An articles needs to be turned in to local papers on "Do 1 Thing" ,,,,,,,and work with Brenda on the light bulb recycling.

7. **E-Waste** - **Jackie** - (announcement at the start of meeting)

Agency Up-Dates:

1. **Brenda** - Hallways in the nursing home are now rerouted due to construction. July 22 is the date for the evacuation drill and volunteers are needed to participate.
2. **Carrell** - Julie will call the Red Cross Training for details on attendees being certified.
3. **Denny** - Jail population is up; 2/15/2010 is the projected completion date for the new jail and the address is 200 - 12th Ave. NW.
4. **Rob** - Busy lately with a lot of call outs.

Next Meeting Date & Time: Monday June 8, 2009; Host: SHC-Green Room

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting concluding by 1:30pm. Please call to RSVP for food count by 9 a.m. on day of meeting - Julie Brodhead 433-6948