

# LEPC #12

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



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## June 18, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Misha McNabb, Tory Littlefield, Albert Poirier, Tony Ercole, Gary Moore, David Ormiston, Alex Northern, Brad Salzmann, Joe Thibodeau, Brenda Field, Jerry Fredrickson, Heather Rigney, Michael Hussey, Lt. Barb Kessler, Jack Schonberg, Monique Priestley, Tracy Simon, and Bruce Martin.

1. Call to order at 6:08 p.m. Bruce Martin presided. Introductions were made.
2. Approval of minutes for 3/19/2020  
A motion was made by Gary Moore and seconded by Jack Schonberg to approve the minutes of 3/19/2020. All approved.
3. Treasurers Report  
Brad Salzmann presided. Still \$5 in the account. The last invoice that was approved went in and came out.
4. COVID-19 Resources  
Tory Littlefield went through and showed members the TRORC COVID-19 Resources page on [trorc.org](http://trorc.org). It was well received and participants were glad to know of it.
5. COVID Round Robin  
Attendees all went around and talked about COVID resource needs, issues, successes, and anything else. One item that was discussed was to write a letter to Fire Chiefs and EMDs in the LEPC12 Region to request that the state group order PPE. Bruce Martin will draft the letter, an email will be sent by Tory Littlefield to Fire Chiefs, EMDs and local legislatures to gauge interest on the letter.
6. Other Business/Upcoming Training
  - a. TRORC
    - i. LEPC Consolidation: Tory Littlefield gave an update on the consolidation discussions. No change from the last meeting, other than that it is moving forward still.
    - ii. The Vermont Emergency Preparedness Conference will be virtual this year.
    - iii. Heather Rigney sent an update by email (was on but had phone issues): Obviously Health Department has been very busy. Our offices are contacting positive patients, doing contact tracing, and running weekly specimen collection sites for communities, including a weekly testing clinic for asymptomatic members of the public in Hartford each Thursday (appointments can be gotten by signing up at [healthvermont.gov](http://healthvermont.gov).) We have also completed testing at all of the state's prisons and are working with long term care facilities upon request which have had positive cases or which are lacking sufficient health care personnel to do their

own in house testing. We have had some limited requests from municipalities with help identifying suitable housing for homeless/transient individuals and the Health Department has created a sheltering plan that would be implemented if we saw an uptick in homeless positive cases that could not be quarantined elsewhere. We are also working with towns and schools, camps, etc. on reopening plans, through our school liaisons, food and lodging programs, etc. Upon requests we are also fielding limited requests for assistance creating pandemic annexes to LEMPs, to long term care facilities' EOPs, etc. Our volunteer branch has onboarded almost 600 new Medical Reserve Corps members. Our local unit, Upper Valley MRC, has swelled from 43 volunteers to over 170. We have carried out missions such as sorting and shipping PPE, helping with the 211 call center, taking temperatures at hospitals and local businesses for staff and visitors, supplemented staffing at specimen collection sites, and backfilled vacancies at nursing homes. In non-COVID related news, VDH has seen an increase in childhood vaccinations during this time, likely due to a combination of increased worry about infectious disease, as well as from healthcare practices who have had time during shutdowns/partial closures to clean up gaps in their reporting mechanisms. Our health district is seeing the highest vaccination rate in years. All of our programs are currently operational although we are working remotely for the time being. Towns whose citizens have questions regarding WIC, Immunizations, Infectious Disease, Healthy Homes, Worksite Safety and other programs run by VDH should contact our offices.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:22. Motion made by Gary Moore and seconded by Brenda Field. All approved.

The next meeting will be on September 17, 2020 virtually.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tory Littlefield for Tim Caulfield, LEPC Secretary.