

# BLUEGRASS HEALTHCARE COALITION MEETING

OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

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| Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tara requested a motion for approval of the previous meeting's minutes.</li> <li>Minutes were approved without changes or questions.</li> </ul>   |                  |
| National Security Threats            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dave shared some information that had been forwarded by Dick Bartlett, KHA, regarding the potential for security threats associated with the escalating tensions between Israel and Hamas. A number of demonstrations and protests within the US by supporters of Israel or the Palestinian people have already taken place. While these have remained mostly peaceful and have not caused a threat to communities, this conflict has the potential to increase tensions between each side which raises the overall level of threat. However, at this time the FBI has not identified any credible threats to citizens and communities, and therefore sharing this information is simply to raise awareness of the potential risk.</li> </ul>   |                  |
| Grant Application Update             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional updates currently regarding the status of our submitted grant applications through our contracted grant writer, Lauren Neustaedter. Stay tuned for more updates soon.</li> </ul>  |                  |
| Plans Reviewed                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BGHCC Executive Committee reviewed the Coalition Response Plan. Within the plan are references and plans regarding CSEPP which is swiftly coming to a close. Though there is no longer a threat to communities within the CSEPP counties associated with chemical munitions, the Executive Committee decided to keep this information within the plan for at least another year until the official close-out of CSEPP in 2024. There is one more planned exercise associated with CSEPP to occur in June of next year which will test our regional response capabilities.</li> <li>Dave also addressed plan language regarding asset requests. He mentioned that when an agency has needs for responding to an emergency, Dave or JT can be contacted to find out if there are any coalition assets available to meet those needs. Otherwise, agencies need to be contacting their local Emergency Mgmt. Agency to begin the process of requesting and receiving assistance.</li> <li>Regarding communication during an emergency, Dave discussed that we, on behalf of the coalition, would do our part to provide situational awareness amongst members as well as bridge the communication gap between individual agencies and our state partners. However, Dave and JT also need to first be made aware of an agency's emergency before we can aid in the response. If we don't know when something is happening, we can't help that agency resolve unmet needs.</li> <li>This committee also reviewed our regional Hazard Vulnerability Analysis. The HVA was left mostly unchanged expect for the addition of personnel shortages as a vulnerability for</li> </ul> |                  |

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|  | <p>which more work can be done to improve our overall preparedness as was evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dave mentioned that in approximately two years, the coalition will once again compile an updated, comprehensive HVA based on hazards and vulnerabilities identified by all coalition members within our region. A request for response will be sent by email asking for each agency's top vulnerabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As we come to the end of this fiscal year, that will also coincide with the end of our Healthcare Preparedness Program's 5-year budget cycle. We have yet to find out what changes, if any, will occur regarding our federal funding. However, in order to maintain our coalition's resiliency against our identified hazards, we will want to find creative means to supplement any funding challenges. This will primarily be addressed by increasing funding streams through our 501(c)(3) status.</li> </ul> |                  |
| EmPower Data   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dave presented our regional EmPower data, which is required to be shared with coalition members twice a year. This data compiles the number of beneficiaries through Medicaid and Medicare that have been identified as electricity dependent and therefore vulnerable during disasters. These individuals are electricity dependent because of their need for various durable, medical and assistive equipment.</li> </ul>   |                  |
| LTC Subcommittee Change to Senior Living Communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The coalition's Long-Term Care subcommittee will now be called the Senior Living Communities subcommittee in an effort to engage with Assisted Living and Memory Care agencies affected by the CMS changes regarding these facilities following a medical model. Lauren Sword, the coalition's LTC representative on our Executive Committee, presented at a previous coalition meeting the changes and associated challenges these facilities will face and are already facing. In an effort to support these agencies and their vulnerable populations, the coalition has begun to reach out and promote how we might assist them during emergencies and have encouraged participation within our coalition and attendance at the subcommittee meetings.</li> <li>Next meeting on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at Sayre Christian Village from 9:00-10:30am</li> </ul>   |                  |
| Coalition App Development                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional updates regarding the creation of a coalition app than what has been presented in previous meetings, but work continues on getting that established and then shared will all coalition members. We hope to be able to provide an update on where we're at in this process during the Dec. coalition meeting.</li> </ul>   |                  |
| Trainings/Exercises                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next Triage Tuesday on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>NDMS Bed Reporting Exercise on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Upcoming ICS 300 training to be held in Owsley Co. – Register on KYEM's website.</li> <li>KY Trauma Symposium was held Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Had a booth where we were able to promote our coalition (as well as the other regional coalitions throughout the state).</li> </ul>  |                  |

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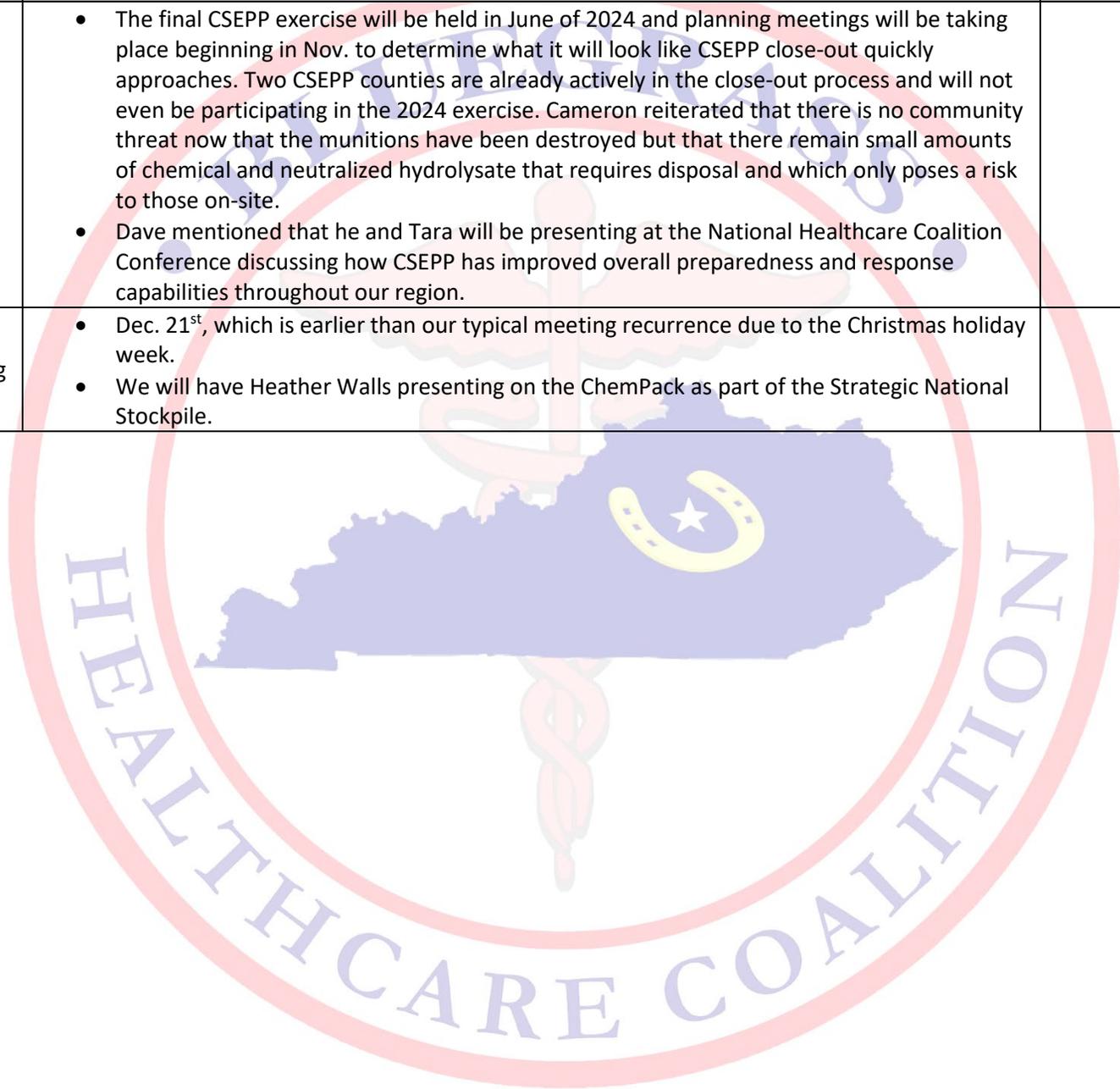
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|              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Emergency Preparedness Meeting on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Just for the coalition’s awareness. Dave, JT, and some others on the Executive Committee will be attending.</li> <li>CBRNE TTX and HSEPP training to be scheduled after the start of the year.</li> </ul>  |                  |
| Epi Updates  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Failed to include the Epis on the agenda. Please review their updates in the November Coalition Corner newsletter.</b></li> </ul>  |                  |
| RPC Updates  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just held an HSEPP class in Ashland. Another will be held in Pikeville in Dec. Also discussed with the RPC in Sommerset of hosting one there soon.</li> <li>Held ALICE active shooter trainings in Boyle and Powell counties and there are additional upcoming trainings throughout the region during the end of this year and into next year. Contact Dave or Rebecca to discuss scheduling this training for your organizations. There is a PowerPoint component, but there is a lot of interaction involved to engage attendees as well as a functional component for practicing the response elements of Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.</li> <li>LHDs working on updating their databases of agencies in the community supporting Access and Functional Needs populations. They might reach out requesting contacts and details on what AFN services are available and provided.</li> <li>Vickie and Rebecca will also be conducting a homeless shelter survey with the LHDs to assist our Branch COVID/Homeless Coordinator with a project.</li> <li>LHDs will have an opportunity to apply for funds through a Special Projects initiative through KDPH. The project must be tied to a particular LHD capability and there will be a quick turn-around time for application submission.</li> </ul> |                  |
| MRC Updates  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting volunteers switched over to the new KHELPS website of which there are currently about 100 individuals from our region.</li> <li>Utilizing Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) students to assist with volunteer recruitment.</li> <li>Next regional MRC committee meeting to be held on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> during which committee members will discuss ongoing and upcoming training plans.</li> <li>Planning an MRC volunteer conference tentatively to be held Mar. in Lexington. This will be the first time KY has held a conference like this. Training and other engagement activities will take place during this conference.</li> </ul>  |                  |
| NDMS Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-scale NDMS exercise upcoming in the next year at the Bluegrass Airport. Currently in the planning stages, so planning meetings will begin soon which may include one or more tabletop exercises prior to the full-scale exercise. Let Elliott know if you would like to participate so that he can plan for the number of participants.</li> </ul>   |                  |

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| CSEPP Updates          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The final CSEPP exercise will be held in June of 2024 and planning meetings will be taking place beginning in Nov. to determine what it will look like CSEPP close-out quickly approaches. Two CSEPP counties are already actively in the close-out process and will not even be participating in the 2024 exercise. Cameron reiterated that there is no community threat now that the munitions have been destroyed but that there remain small amounts of chemical and neutralized hydrolysate that requires disposal and which only poses a risk to those on-site.</li><li>• Dave mentioned that he and Tara will be presenting at the National Healthcare Coalition Conference discussing how CSEPP has improved overall preparedness and response capabilities throughout our region.</li></ul> |                  |
| Next Coalition Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, which is earlier than our typical meeting recurrence due to the Christmas holiday week.</li><li>• We will have Heather Walls presenting on the ChemPack as part of the Strategic National Stockpile.</li></ul>   |                  |





**Meeting: Bluegrass HCC Meeting**  
**Fayette Co Health Dept – 650 Newtown Pike, Lexington**  
**Date: 10-26-2023**

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