



## Meeting Minutes

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) District VII  
 Bennington County, Vermont  
**January 30, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:45PM**  
 Bennington Project Independence  
 614 Harwood Hill Rd.  
 Bennington, VT 05201

Attendees	
Name	Affiliation
Dee Myrvang	VT Department of Health
Craig O'Dell	Pownal EMD
Keith Squires	LEPC Chair/Arlington EMD
Allison Strohl	BCRC
Suzy DePeyster	Sandgate Select Board Chair
Valerie DePeyster	Sandgate Resident
Tom Mosser	VT State Police
Dan Zimmer	Fire Training Instructor
Nanci Gordon	VT 211
Steve McCay	Pownal Fire/EMC
Kate Bryan	Battenkill Valley Health Center
John Gagnon	SWVT MRC

**Introductions:** Keith Squires started the meeting with introductions.

**Meeting Minutes:** Keith asked if there were any edits/comments for the November meeting minutes. No one had any. Dan Zimmer made motion to accept the minutes, Craig O'Dell seconded. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasures Report has not changed since the last meeting. The balance is \$9,669.48. Keith did not call for a motion to accept since there are no changes.

**Agreement:** Keith talked about the yearly agreement for BCRC services, which is unchanged and is \$3,200 for the year. Motion made by Kate Bryan, seconded by John Gagnon. All were in favor.

**Presentation:** Nanci Gordon started her presentation on VT 2-1-1 services and website.

- CARE Program – for those that need extra assistance during severe weather events.
- On the website, you can search areas and how to find programs and services.
- The new system is more user friendly.
- Kate asked if there was a video about how to operate the VT 2-1-1 website. Nanci said there is not a video but there is a commercial about 2-1-1 services that can be found on the main page of the website.
- VT 2-1-1 now has weekend operators, and 24/7 operators with New Hampshire call takers.
- Keith asked how the motel voucher system works. Nanci said the vouchers are for specific motels and they have a limited supply. Someone would need to call and talk about their circumstances, then 2-1-1 would be able to assess if they meet the guidelines, find them a

place, but they may have to get to another town nearby for the motel, depending on availability.

- 2-1-1 has trained dispatchers (even in suicide prevention) that are there to help problem solve. They listen to issues and help people get back on track. They also help people with all sorts of questions, even tax questions.
- Keith asked where funding comes from. Nanci said many places, such as Agency of Human Services, United Way Campaigns, contracts and grants. But they are not a state agency.
- 2-1-1 HQ is in Essex Junction.
- Steve asked how the FD would be able to find out about those registered for CARE. Nanci said they would have to call 9-1-1 dispatch for the information.

**Agency Reports:**

- Dan Zimmer: see attachment.

**Adjourn:** Meeting ended at 7:45.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, **April 30th**, 2020 Location TBD.

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<http://www.bcrcvt.org/local-emergency-planning-committee.html>