

Kent County Stakeholder Meeting #2

WebEx Meeting

Date: July 13, 2020

Start Time: 1:30 PM

Agenda Items

- Stakeholder Hazard Risk Survey Results
- New Hazard Risk Ranking & Methodology
- 2014-2020 Mitigation Action Items Status Update
- New Hazard: Pandemic & Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Capability Assessment
- Next Steps

In attendance: Virginia Gregg-Office of Emergency Services; Wayne Darrell-Office of Emergency Services; Todd McGinnis- Office of Emergency Services; Shelley Heller-Kent County Administrator; Stephanie Jones-Planning & Zoning; Michael Mouldes-Public Works; Benadette Bowman-Tourism; Jamie Williams-Economic Development; Barbara Jorgenson-Historic Society; Karen Miller-Soil Conservation District; Vandrick Hamlin-Public Schools; Herb Dennis-Detention Center; Beth Copp-Shore Regional Health Systems; Shelly Neal-Edwards-Kent County DSS; Kathy Nolan-Kent County DSS; Bill Hildebrand-MEMA; Eric Reynolds-Humane Society; Kees DeMooy-Town of Chestertown; Robert Resele-Town of Rock Hall; Elizabeth Greenwell-Town of Betterton; Kathleen Billmire- Town of Galena.

Meeting Notes

County Project Manager: Virginia Gregg-Office of Emergency Services

Meeting Facilitators: Michele King & Virginia Smith, SP&D

For this WebEx meeting, a PowerPoint presentation was reviewed and is attached for your convenience.

The results from the hazard risk section of the survey were used for the Community Perspective portion of the Hazard Risk Ranking and Methodology (Appendix A). Hazard Risk Ranking resulted in Pandemic & Emerging Infectious Diseases and Severe Storms as “High Risk.”

In an effort to distribute the survey to the public, Stakeholder members were asked to include the survey link on various media, such as, Town websites, Facebook, Twitter, Community Newsletters. Sample language for media outlets:

The Kent County Office of Emergency Services is currently in the process of updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan. This project aims to ensure the County is prepared for all kinds of hazards, such as floods, hurricanes, etc. The Office of Emergency Services is placing special emphasis on understanding citizens' concerns regarding hazards. Community members input to the process is incredibly valuable. Therefore, a Public Survey has been developed to collect the citizens' insight and perspective. The survey consists of 9 questions and will take an average of 4 minutes or less to complete. Please use the link the following link to

participate in the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLV9L3F>. *Thank you for your time!*

The survey's direct link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLV9L3F> or though the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update website: <https://www.kentcounty.com/kenthmp2020> can be used to distribute the survey.

Members were asked to provide information on all outreach initiatives, including discussions on the hazard mitigation plan during department/agency meetings or publications hazard mitigation planning was included. Information will be collected and included in the *Kent County Hazard Mitigation Planning, Training, and Outreach Initiatives* table; attached. Members can use this table to provide the necessary information to Virginia Gregg.

Appendix B 2014 - 2020 Mitigation Actions Status Report was provided as referenced material and discussed. Members were asked to review the mitigation actions and current status updates. Please provide suggestions for 2014 mitigation action items that could be carried over into the 2020 Plan update and any new mitigation action item ideas.

The new hazard Pandemic & Emerging Infectious Diseases and Capability Assessment were discussed. Targeted emails will be sent in order to obtain necessary information on both subjects.

Next step items were identified and include:

- Hazard Chapter Highlights
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Capability Assessment Results
- New Mitigation Action Ideas

Doodle polling will be sent in order to determine Stakeholder Meeting #3 date/time.

For additional information or questions, please contact Virginia Gregg, HMP Project Manager-Office of Emergency Services at: vgregg@kentgov.org