



# Local Emergency Planning Committee

Gem County LEPC  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Meeting Minutes**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Gem County Local Emergency Planning Committee is an organized gathering of community members, response agencies, organizations, and public officials, sanctioned by Congress to work together prior to any emergency, natural or man-made disaster, or hazardous material incident, in an attempt to improve planning, response, and coordination as well as the mutual understanding of capabilities and resources to the situation.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Gem County Local Emergency Planning Committee is to enhance capabilities in order to successfully mitigate, respond to, and recover from emergency situations in Gem Co community.

**In Attendance:**

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| Bill Buttici, Gem Co. Commissioners | Staci Carr, Valor Health            |
| Curt Christensen, Emmett Fire Dist. | Quincy Chung, US Forest Service     |
| Liz Gochmour, LEPC Secretary        | Joy Husmann, Intermountain Hospital |
| Tahja Jensen, Gem Co. Prosecutor    | Steve Kunka, Emmett Police Dept.    |
| Joe Mayer, Member of the Public     | Mark Rekow, Gem Co. Commissioners   |
| Margaret Romiti, Valor Health       | Lisa Resinkin, Gem Co. Dispatch     |
| Jeff Ulmer, Gem Co. Emergency Mgr.  | John Wallace, US Forest Service     |
| Barbara Weber, American Red Cross   | Mike Welch, Gem Co. Fire/EMS        |
| Rick Welch, Gem Co. Fire/EMS        | TJ Wilson, Southwest Dist. Health   |

**Meeting called to order by Curt Christensen at 8:32a.m.**

**Approval of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Minutes:**

- Motion to approve October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes by Chief Welch. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Timony. Motion passes, minutes approved.

**Staci Carr – Valor Health Community Engagement and Marketing Manager, Community Benefit Program and Resources:**

- Why do we have a Community Benefit Program? Valor Health leads with a mission to improve wellness and health of all generations in our region, today and into the future. As a 501C3 organization, Valor has a fiduciary obligation to provide benefits to those we serve. Valor is built up on strategic priorities. One of those priorities for the last five years is to build a Culture of improved engagement and trust, supporting relationships and the community, at large.
- Each year Valor Health provides thousands of dollars in Community Benefit to Gem County residents and the patients they serve.
- The Community Health Needs Assessment & Community Insight survey from United Way helps to identify those strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. It digs into Gem County and surrounding Counties regarding Economic Stability, Housing Stability, Education, Food, Community and Social Context, and Health Care System. Information taken from additional groups also help build the Strategic Implementation Plan and make those changes. Valor Health then reports their successes within a Community Benefit Report. Here is a link to the 2020 United Way Community Health Needs Assessment Report: [https://www.unitedwaytv.org/sites/unitedwaytv.org/files/2020\\_UWCommunityAssessment\\_11-11.pdf](https://www.unitedwaytv.org/sites/unitedwaytv.org/files/2020_UWCommunityAssessment_11-11.pdf)
- FY 22 Strategic Implementation Plan – Activities Year in Review (Valor Health’s Fiscal Year is from October through September) The focuses for the plan were to increase access to Healthcare, Behavioral Health, & Nutrition/Physical Activity. Those were the highest identified opportunities based on the health

needs assessment. Programs and efforts included: Free or Discounted Programs, Financial Assistance, New Provider – Dr. Claussen in Family Medicine, New service investments (infusion, valor health center, cardio/respiratory services), Improved Quality – Patient Centered Medical Home, Emergency Services, Obstetrics Services, Increased Behavioral Health Services, Educational Classes and Resources, Donations, and Partnerships.

- Next Steps: Gather data and put together the report that is sent to the IRS and the Community.
- FY 23 Strategic Implementation Plan – Affordable & Quality Healthcare, Health Education, Community Engagement, Behavioral Health, & Nutrition. Visit <https://www.valorhealth.org/about-us/community-benefit/> for full reports.
- FY 21 Community Benefit Breakdown: Overall Community Benefit: \$1,685,613, Financial Assistance: \$1,264,400, Community Health Programs (Access, Education, Classes, Services, Etc.): \$201,083, Health Professional Education: \$188,617, Cash/In Kind Donations: \$14,258, Outreach/Connections: 783,192
- Laurel Whitmore: Clinical and Community Educator. She educates staff and offers education and training to community members around town. Schools, churches, etc. She offers neo-natal training, time sensitive emergencies, stop-the-bleed, trauma, emergency preparedness, smoking cessation, diabetes, immunizations, babysitting classes, etc.
- How can we support you? Classes/Certifications/Training, Education Resources, Donations/Sponsorships, Volunteers, Anything else?
- The Community Health Coalition is re-organizing right now. They are looking for members to join, from this meeting and also community members. The focuses they will be working with this coming year are Recreation Safety, Nutrition, and Behavioral Health.

### **Public Comments:**

- No public comments.

### **General Reports:**

- **Jeff Ulmer, Gem County Emergency Manager:** Jeff attended an Active Attacker Table Top exercise at Valor Health. There will be a Grant Management meeting today. He will be attending a State Regional Emergency Manager meeting Tomorrow about Cyber Security, Cyber Attacks, and Mitigation Planning.
- **Len McCaulou, Gem County EMS:** They continue being busy with calls. An EMT class started last week with 6 students from the Sweet/Ola area and current Firefighters that want to get EMT training. Stuff the Ambulance/Fire Truck will be this Friday and Saturday.
- **Chief Welch, Gem County Fire/EMS:** They had 19 calls out last month. The Truck or Treat went really well. They gave out a lot of candy and thanks to everyone that helped out. There was a multi-agency response call out on a young girl that got her leg pinned between two boulders. Air St. Luke's came in to fly her out and after 3-4 surgeries she is back at home and recovering.
- **Chief Kunka, Emmett Police:** There was a crash downtown with a hit and run of a car into a building. They are building a case and have a suspect with the help of other agencies.
- **Dave Timony, Gem County Sherriff:** The Sherriff's office has put an emphasis on those that are displaced from housing. Please contact the Sherriff's office if you see a vehicle that has been on the side of the road for an extended period of time. They will reach out to offer resources to those individuals.
- **Quincy Chung, US Forest Service:** They are almost done with their prescribed burns. They should be done with the last in the Sage Hen area the week after Thanksgiving. If you know of any Highschool graduates looking for seasonal work, please refer them reach out to Quincy.
- **John Wallace, US Forest Service:** They will reach out to High schools around April/May to talk to students about work during the summer.

- **Commissioner Buttici, Gem County Commissioners:** The Comprehensive plan will go into January with all the land use matters. The trees across the street from Ambulance Garage will be taken out. The Road Department has been clearing snow in the Sweet and Ola areas. There was some road damage in Pearl from heavy equipment. There is an open Commissioners seat from Commissioner Elliott vacating his seat. The Governor will appoint a replacement to finish the term.
- **Mayor Petrie via Chief Christensen, City of Emmett:** The City is hoping to have their Comprehensive plan complete by the end of 2022.
- **Chief Christensen, Emmett City Fire:** The fire department has been working on the 1932 fire engine so that it is ready for Santa's Ride Through Town from December 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. When a business files for a new business permit with the City, Fire will tag along to make sure that they are doing things safely. The Active Shooter training was good. For Stuff the Ambulance/Fire Truck, EMS will be at Albertsons and Fire will be at Bi-Mart.
- **TJ Wilson via chat, Southwest District Health:** Get your flu shot and Happy Thanksgiving.
- **Margaret Romiti, Valor Health:** Thank you for all the First Responders that participated in the Active Shooter Tabletop training. I would like to focus the next training on the PIO function and a Joint Information Center.
- **Barbara Weber, American Red Cross:** They have Emergency Preparedness information available for school or community members. We have smoke alarms available if needed.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Welch. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Timony. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Direction will be provided at a later date on whether the meeting will be in person or remote.