**Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)**

**OCTOBER 6, 2021 2:30 – 4:00 PM**

**zoom meeting**

# MEETING NOTES

**Attendees(14):** Christina Aitchison (BP), Amy Anderson (KPHD), Peter Bang-Knudsen (BISD), Elya Baltazar (NWHRN), Loren Bast (BP), Chief Joe Clark (BIPD), Lit Dudley (WSDOT), Blake Holmes (COBI), Scott James (BP), Anne LeSage (COBI), Dave Marquis (COBI), Cherrie May (Suquamish Tribe), Anne Moen (KPHD), Jared Moravec (BIFD)

1. Welcome/Introductions
	1. Meeting began at 2:34 PM
2. Review Notes/Action Items from December 2020 Meeting
	1. Briefly reviewed, no action items from December meeting
	2. No changes
3. COVID-19 Discussion
	1. Vaccine Clinics
		1. Bainbridge partnership has held 85 vaccine clinics and administered over 28,500 doses of vaccine since Dec 23, 2020
		2. Planning for booster clinics through December and for a clinic geared towards 5-11 year olds at the end of October, if fully approved by then
	2. Day of Preparedness
		1. Our annual Day of Preparedness was held on September 25, 2021
		2. Over 280 individuals received flu vaccinations and 60 received COVID vaccinations
	3. Testing Site Operations
		1. Test site up and running on Mondays from 9-1 at Rolling Bay Presbyterian
		2. Averaging 145 people per week with 6% positivity
		3. Kitsap Public Health District and the Kitsap County Emergency Operations Center is also managing test sites on Tuesdays (Bremerton), Wednesdays (Port Orchard) and Thursdays (Poulsbo)
		4. They are also considering Saturday operations at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds
	4. Suquamish Tribe COVID Response
		1. Developing communications around who is currently eligible and for which type of COVID boosters
		2. Seeing some decrease in demand for testing, their nurse has been testing around 120 people per day in a four hour window
		3. Working on plans for booster roll out and vaccinations of 5-11 year olds
4. Partner Updates
	1. Bainbridge Prepares
	2. BI Land Trust
	3. City of Bainbridge Island
		1. Public Works Operations & Maintenance – ordered and received snow and ice supplies for winter, waiting on sandbag order
		2. Annual staff training on equipment and equipment rodeo the third week of October
		3. Planning Department – working on hiring a few more building inspectors
	4. Fire Department
		1. Moving into landslide season, training for Fire crews in Q4
		2. Working with COBI Planning Department on updates to City code that would make it easier to implement wildfire mitigation provisions, hope to be approved by Council the next few weeks
	5. Kitsap County DEM
	6. Kitsap Public Health District
		1. Remain in pandemic response mode focusing on vaccination clinic and test site support
		2. New Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program Manager starts next Monday
	7. Kitsap Transit
		1. Safety Measures: Face masks are required for everyone on KT buses and ferries. In an effort to keep surfaces ultra-clean, the fleet is cleaned daily with disinfectant and is outfitted with ultraviolet (UV) light air cleaners that kill viruses. Hand sanitizer is available on board.
		2. Service Levels: On August 30, Kitsap Transit restored some of the service that was cut last year due to the pandemic. More trips will be restored on 11/29, but KT is struggling with a shortage of bus operators, despite stepped-up recruitment efforts.
		3. Vaccination Support: Kitsap Transit continues to provide free transportation for COVID vaccination appointments through its ACCESS service. Use of this service has waned over the summer along with demand for vaccinations.
		4. Vaccination Incentive for Public: Kitsap Transit is promoting a transit pass valid for free rides on its buses and ferries (including BI Ride) for one month for COVID-19 vaccination after June 10, 2021. Anyone who gets the vaccination from KT's participating providers in Kitsap County -- Kaiser Permanente, Peninsula Community Health Services or Kitsap Public Health District -- will receive a voucher that they can redeem online or in person for the "vaccination pass" promotion. The offer is good through May 2022, so even if you get a booster shot in the coming months, you can claim your pass ($200 retail value).
		5. Vaccination of Employees: Kitsap Transit has provided a financial incentive to get all of its employees vaccinated against COVID-19. With the incentive, we expect to have a better grasp of what proportion of our workforce is vaccinated. We are exploring the possibility of mandating vaccination and watching to see how legal challenges to the Governor's mandate play out.
		6. BI Ride Update: In early July Kitsap Transit launched the Ride Pingo app for BI Ride, an on-demand rideshare service. Poor network signal strength on Bainbridge is impacting the service's users from taking full advantage of the convenience of using an app. Lots of people who had never heard of BI Ride are now requesting trips through the app for the on-demand service. KT is working with the app developer to make the algorithm better (i.e. ferry connections) but sees great potential for those who are unable to (or prefer not to) drive to use the app to make same-day trip requests for appointments and errands.
	8. Northwest Healthcare Response Network
		1. Hospital capacity remains at 90-100% across the state
		2. COVID admission rates declining, but ICUs are still full
		3. Expecting staffing shortages with impact of vaccine mandate
		4. Planning for flu and winter surge – staffing support challenges versus past years, can’t offer on-site shelter, rideshares, childcare support for family, etc.
		5. Focused on gathering situational awareness data both COVID and non-COVID metrics
	9. Parks District
	10. Police Department
	11. Puget Sound Energy
	12. Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island
	13. School District
		1. Continuing with testing at District offices
		2. Testing 60-70 people per day
		3. Zero COVID spread at schools and no outbreaks
		4. Preparing for winter weather response, will implement similar process to last few years – review road status and make a determination by 6 AM
	14. Suquamish Tribe
		1. Hiring a Volunteer Outreach Coordinator to help develop a formal process for volunteers
		2. Hosting ATC-20 & 21 training in early 2022
	15. WSDOT/WSF
		1. Providing winter weather response training for staff starting November 1, preparing for 24 hours shifts if needed
		2. Last year there was a lot of damage at various WSDOT sites
		3. Primary contact for our region is Superintendent Duke Stryker STRYKED@wsdot.wa.gov; 360-874-3050
		4. Potential to lose 5% of workforce due to vaccine mandate
5. Cascadia Rising 2022
	1. KPHD expecting to participate with KCDEM for one or two days
	2. COBI and Bainbridge Prepares response teams planning to participate all four days (EOC, Flotilla, Disaster Hubs, Communications Team)
	3. Lit mentioned that the state just announced they are downplaying the exercise, may only plan for two days of play
	4. Suquamish Tribe planning to play for one or two days, all new emergency response plans to test and a new EOC facility, also want to test alternate communications system with HAM radio operators
6. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM

Next Meeting: March 2022, TBD