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Team: Faulkner County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 1200-1310

Location: Baptist Health Hospital

Members and visitors present: Carol Walton, Tiaona Winot, Andrea Sellers, Vickey Kirkemier, Brody Kirkemier, Miguel Tunc, John Knotts, Ken Nichols, Rick Stapelton, Randell Green, Andrew Hradesky, Steve Whishnant, Logan Pryor, Keith Hillman, Susan Molsbee, Tameka Webb, Brent Fason, Michael Wickherst, Larry Hearn, Dennis Cavanaugh, and Jamie Belcourt

MARGARET DARTER
FAULKNER COUNTY CLERK

BY Patricia Hill DC

Agenda Item	Discussion	Responsible Party	Follow Up Required
I Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 12:13 and a quorum declared. Keith thanked everyone for attending.	Keith Hillman	Committee appointments will be sent out for distribution prior to the next meeting. Chris Johnson will go over Tier II at next meeting.
II Approval of Minutes	A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes as written. Minutes were approved. None opposed.	Keith Hillman	
III Speakers	American Red Cross representative Tiaona Winot provided an overview of the organization's mission, volunteer opportunities, community services, and the work of the Greater Arkansas chapter. She reported that the Greater Arkansas Chapter serves 38 counties with approximately four staff members and opened 780 disaster cases across Arkansas in 2025, including 41 in Faulkner County and 23 in Conway County. Approximately \$32,800 in financial assistance was provided to residents in Faulkner County and \$16,800 in Conway County.	Tiaona Winot and Andrea Sellers, American Red Cross	

	The American Red Cross disaster response process was reviewed. Services begin after an incident is confirmed. The typical response process includes incident notification, assessment, client interviews, service delivery, and follow-up. Documentation requirements for opening a case and the process for providing financial assistance through client payment cards were also discussed, along with restrictions on the use of those funds and the availability of virtual response services when in-person assistance is not feasible. Additional topics included examples of qualifying disasters such as severe weather, power outages, and burst pipes, as well as recovery planning services that help individuals and families navigate the recovery process and connect with community resources. Damage assessment categories were reviewed, and members were provided with the Emergency Responder Hotline, (833) 583-3111, for immediate disaster reporting. Information regarding American Red Cross training opportunities was also shared, and members interested in participating were encouraged to contact Stephen Edwards, Community Disaster Program Specialist, for additional information (Stephen.edwards@redcross.org).		
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IV. Old Business	Committee appointments will be sent out for distribution prior to the next meeting. Chris Johnson will go over Tier II at next meeting.	Keith Hillman	
V New Business	Commercial Safety Update Mike discussed the recent severe weather event and related commercial safety concerns. He needs someone skilled in commercial safety.	Mike Wickherst	
VI Announcements	Health Department Exercise There is an upcoming exposure exercise. The first half of the day will focus on mock exposures, and the second half will involve an FBI-related teacher warrant scenario.	Steve Whisnant	
	ACH Exercise Steve W. discussed an exercise scheduled at ACH from 8:30 AM–1:00 PM, April 16, 2026. Committee members could still sign up for.	Steve Whisnant	
	Susan reminded members about Alpha-Gal Syndrome. Members were advised to be aware of Alpha-Gal Syndrome when volunteering to bring food, as one of the committee meetings has this syndrome. It was noted that the syndrome has increased in Arkansas. Baptist Health reported seeing approximately 34 patients per week and stated that this may be due	Susan Molsbee	

VII Adjournment	to the ability to test for this syndrome more frequently. Meeting was adjourned 1315 Next meeting will be held at Baptist Health Conway Conference room on April 15, 2026, at noon.	Keith Hillman	
Respectfully Submitted by: Tameka Webb, LEPC Secretary; Approved:			

