



REcov19ER Teleconference - Participants open to interested parties

Friday 3 April 2020

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions Arising
A	OPENING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Meeting open at 11:30am	
			Welcome and reminder of Purpose	
			One minutes silence - respect	
B	Focus Areas			
	Gavin Mitchell		1. Pandemic Plans – getting all the information together	
			2. Food Security – securing food for communities and logistics assistance.	
			3. Regional Approach – funding	
			Everyone is on board now, but we must not leave anyone behind.	
			We will identify corporations/organisations/communities who are not involved.	
			Need to create focus groups.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	Pandemic Plans – not too much to update from yesterday. Still waiting on several to come back.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	There are a few missing on the list.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	We are working off a list of 24.	

	Kathryn Bates	Nyamal/NPT	<p>We are working on the plans continuously. Data is changing daily. The most important thing is to provide comfort to community that there will be supplies. That will reduce the amount of movement.</p> <p>Out of all the communities listed we have delegated individuals to contact each community. Johanna from BNTAC is managing the communities that are in her area. We have made contact with all but one community so far.</p> <p>Plans are in draft, with information coming in constantly. We are updating and working on the best way to provide this information to Ella and her team.</p>	
	Shaye Hayden	DPC	Food security -	
			<p>Food security is a national issue. The Freight and Logistics Council of WA has been liaising with retailers; CME, mining houses. An update from this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPC were able to sit in on the Food Security Working Group meeting on April 2. This group is driven by the Freight and Logistics Council of WA (FLCWA). • Also involved were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Communities • Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development • WA Local Government Association • This is rated as an issue of national significance so national structures are emerging to ensure food supply and distribution across the States. • As mentioned previously, the FLCWA have been liaising heavily with food retailers (Coles, Woolworths, Metcash who run IGAs) in addition to a number of wholesalers in WA. They have also been liaising with the Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME) and mining houses in order to tap into supply chains and logistics resources (which include transport, warehousing and distribution). • They observed that the retailers have been under a lot of pressure however appear to be responding well. Retailers are beginning to 	

			<p>implement new ordering and deliver systems which may alleviate issues in some areas although this is still firming up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Groups is currently involved in a data gathering exercise to understand areas of immediate and emergency need. This data is being gathered through Shire Councils, Development Commissions and from the Department of Communities in their work around the development of Remote Community Pandemic Plans and other activities. This will build a comprehensive picture in a short time span. • A tool is being developed to keep this data up to date so that need can be seen as it emerges and prior to it becoming an emergency. It is anticipated that this will be able to be interfaced with by groups, organisations and communities. • Once immediate emergency needs are dealt with the program will move to a stable and continuous network of supply, transport and distribution. Methods of transport and distribution will vary from region to region and place to place depending on the needs of the community. Development of this next stage is currently underway. <p>Need information on immediate needs. Need information from community plans to build comprehensive picture to identify areas of need. Tool being developed to keep data up to date for future emergency response. This will be an interface with other agencies, can be used with other agencies etc. Can be adapted from region to region. The indigenous specific information is being placed in to the data set so we keep it up to date.</p>	
	Lorraine Injie	IBN	What sort of help on medical services is being made – rather than body bags or building morgues.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	There were erroneous reports. These reports are not true. The Minister addressed this and expressed his disappointment on the story. This is not a part of pandemic planning; we will deal with individual cases as they arise.	

	Lorraine Injie	IBN	If Dept of Health were not including that type of provisions in their planning, what type of health support is being provided	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	That is a part of the pandemic planning process. We will be able to better identify the needs of the communities. Simons team is also looking as isolation and quarantine accommodation.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	We are undertaking an exercise next week with WAPOL, DFES for both quarantine and isolation accommodation. We are not looking at isolation accommodation in communities. This will be in facilities that have easy access for emergency services. Quarantine accommodation will probably take a similar line for similar reasons.	
	Lorraine Injie	IBN	How far down the track are you with those plans?	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	We have a draft complete and we need to test that with the emergency services to ensure the plan works.	
	Craig Stewart	Red Cross	We have been working with 2 different corporations looking for care packages across the Pilbara. We are interested in seeing what the government are doing broadly and if there is a role here for the Red Cross as we are not wanting to duplicate efforts. I am trying to get a sense of what is required of the Red Cross – or whether I go back to the corporations that have approached us and redirect them back to the government.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	My thoughts are that it might be worth working with – across the pandemic plans.	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	It would be beneficial if we are able to add Red Cross as a contact, as these plans are being rolled out.	
	Shaye Hayden	DPC	There is a food security working group, yesterday was the first opportunity to start discussing this. Early days however contact details are important.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Community	Whilst we are on food security, the welfare support plans for each locality are progressing. These will be done on a local government by local government basis. Most advanced is Karratha, then Town of Port Hedland and Shire of Ashburton with RTIO.	

			Our IMT is central to the coordination – need to look at the strategic issues. Can Woolworths and Coles provide exemptions to access bulk foods for welfare purposes.	
	Shaye Hayden	DPC	We are looking to strategically develop plans, this is the purpose of the working group.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Key points here, we need to have focus groups to get these actions in place for the Pilbara region, to identify gaps. We can provide updates live and accurate data. Focus group led by key people in each area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food security • Health and Medical • Regional Funding Next steps – a collective approach to bringing industry partners together.	
	Simon Taylor	Dept Communities	We are calling a meeting with Mining companies.	
	Lorraine Injie	IBN	Any scope for Government to provide immediate health care to communities right now?	
	Ella Quigley	Dept Communities	I am happy to discuss this with you directly.	Ella and Lorraine to discuss (Kathryn to assist as required)
	June Councillor	WMHS	Happy to talk with you about the communities we may share.	
	Lorraine Injie	IBN	We are aware of the services that are provided but we have had a specific incident that has impacted us directly. We have had an issue around sending people out to the communities, however we have individuals that require specific care. This needs to be addressed.	
	June Councillor	WMHS	We have so many meetings to attend to, we are being pulled from pillar to post. But happy to assist and work together.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Food security – people moving between communities for food. We are in the process of submitting an application to DPC, BHP, Lotterywest for \$1m for food security for the groups across the Pilbara.	

	Tris Barron	PDC	We have spoken with Kathryn and happy to assist with the application writing.	Trish, Kathryn, Johanna, Teri to work on applications
C OPEN TO QUESTIONS				
	Mark Barrett	WAPOL	There are no updates, it is business as usual at the moment, other than we have been approached regarding fuel supply.	
	Kathryn Bates	Nyamal/NPT	This is something we can address in our community pandemic plans, if you would like to pass on the information we can update.	
	Ingrid Walkley	Nomad/Strelley School	We have noticed a greater movement in and out of the community for supplies in particular. This really is a problem for us and for the community. We have spoken with Kathryn and submitted our plan and hoping that we are able to get support for this.	
D CLOSING				
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal	Question / Answer round complete	
			Next meeting Saturday 11.30am	
			Meeting closed at 1.05pm	