Recovery and Resiliency Summit 2021

Recovering and Growing as a Community
Lamar University April 9, 2021

7:30–8:10 – Registration/Preparation

8:10–8:30 – Welcome & Introductions
  • Dr. Brenda Nichols – Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Lamar University

8:30–9:15 – Regional Disaster Recovery – Jorge Ayala, Area Director AURO Economic Development Administration (U.S. Dept. of Commerce)

9:15–10:00 – Regional Health Update – Kenneth Coleman, Beaumont Public Health Department

10:00–10:15 – Break

10:15–11:15 – Breakout Sessions I

  Healthcare
  1. Nurses During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Qualitative Study – Ruthie Robinson & Cynthia K. Stinson
  2. Resilience in the time of COVID-19: A virtual experiential learning program serving students and cancer patients – Lindsey Minter

  Economic
  2. Financial and risk management analysis of the education sector in Southeast Texas during Hurricane Harvey – Enrique Venta, Gevorg Sargsyan, Paul Latiolais, Ricardo Colon, James Slaydon

11:15–12:00 – Lunch Break

12:00–12:30 – Coastal Restoration, Tim Richardson and County Judge Jeff Branick

12:30–1:45 – Panel Discussion: Lessons Learned and Resources for Future Storms
  National Weather Service (NWS): Joe Rua, Senior Forecaster, Lake Charles Office
  US Geological Survey (USGS): Jeff East, Surface Water Specialist, Texas Water Science Center
  Entergy-Texas (tentative): Frank Shannon, Customer Service Director
  Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM): Carman Apple, District Coordinator
  Lower Neches Valley Authority (LNVA): Scott Hall, General Manager
  Moderated by Dr. Liv Haselbach; Chair, Lamar University Civil and Environmental Engineering
1:45-2:00 – Break

2:00-3:00 – Breakout sessions II

**Healthcare**
1. Socially Distanced: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention during a Pandemic – **Warren Miller, Angela Clavijo, Matt Stephenson**

**Science/Community Preparedness**
1. Radar Satellites for Emergency Response to Storm-induced Flooding – **Reda Amer**
2. A GIS Study of showing the importance of wearing Facemask during COVID Pandemic – **Suranjana Chatterjee**

3:00-3:15 – Wrap up, Evaluations – **Ginger Gummelt**

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