

Emergency Preparedness Committee
September 11, 2006 1 p.m.
Memorial Conference Center
1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto (McHenry Village)

Attendance:

Doug Buchanan, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Renee Cartier, Stanislaus Health Services Agency
Rosie Lopez, Stanislaus HSA
John Walker MD, Stanislaus Public Health Officer
Kay Gordon, (chair) Doctors Medical Center
Tammie Waddle, Memorial Medical Center
Dan Cipponeri, Progress Valley/Evergreen
Dennis Nelson, Doctors Medical Center
Sharon Perry, Memorial Medical Center
Jim Worobe, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital
Lynn Leatherman, Emanuel Medical Center
Richard McGinthy, Hospice
David Plantier, Doctors Medical Center
Marianne Shaw, Memorial Medical Center
Patrick Lynch, RDMHS, San Joaquin EMS Agency
Robert Barandica, DMC ED Medical Director
Don Bailey, Evergreen Convalescent
Laura Shouse-List, Doctors Medical Center
Steve Andriese, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Cindy Murdaugh, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Jeff Wilson, E&J Gallo
Troy Lute, E&J Gallo
Tom Brennan, Modesto City Fire
Vivian Thompson, Oak Valley Hospital District
Scott Penner, Golden Valley Health Center
Cherry Lee, California Department of Health Services, EPO
Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto City Fire
Gary Hinshaw, Stanislaus County OES/Fire Warden

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kay welcomed everyone. Self-introductions conducted.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: (Dan/Rosie) To approve the minutes as presented.
(Carried:unanimous)

3. System Saturation

Dr. Walker reported that at the recent ED Managers Meeting, he and Dr. Mackey from the EMS Agency attended. They reviewed various documents including System Saturation reports, the Pilot Diversion documents, and Draft Stanislaus County Saturation Policy. He also shared that the primary reason for attending was to establish a relationship between the EPC and ED Managers. Laura suggested that the ED Managers need to meet again to review the policy draft before moving ahead.

4. Bylaws Report

Terry Nelson reported on the Bylaws Task Force meeting. The EPC started out with a much smaller scope and has grown. The Task Force has met once and is scheduled to meet again this week. Today's report is "interim." The Task Force is looking at mission statements from other agencies and committees, including Authority, Membership, and Organization. In summary, the current function seems to be Stanislaus County-based. Kay has done some research from other areas. The Task Force would like to see this committee integrate well with NIMS and SEMS. Suggest becoming only a Stanislaus County committee and looking at the county's Emergency Plan for positions/membership, etc. Since HRSA Fund expenditure recommendations come from this committee, there is implied authority. Voting members should be defined. Kay shared that she and Mark met with Gary Hinshaw regarding this committee. The Task Force is learning about LEPCs (local emergency preparedness committees). Renee asked how this committee will address "regionalization?" Terry offered to bring this to the next Task Force meeting. Dr. Walker suggested using the Portland model presented at the NDMS conference, i.e. semi-annual reports by the EPC to policy makers. "Going to the next level" must include reporting to administrators and government policy makers. The goal is to "get done" before the beginning of the year with this project.

5. Gary Hinshaw

Gary distributed copies of the After Action Report Meeting from the July 2006 Heat Event, the Stanislaus County Emergency Management Organizational Chart, and the EOC Layout with Printer Locations. He shared that the county OES is ready to partner with this committee to move forward. They are currently re-evaluating the org chart and EOC layout to better suit the newer paradigms in emergency management.

6. Statewide Exercise

Doug shared the scenarios for this year's Statewide Medical/Health Exercise (SF earthquake and IED in San Bernardino), and that this year's focus for unaffected counties will be to provide support to the affected counties (e.g. blood, staff, ASTs, hospital beds, etc.). Dr. Walker shared that Public Health will not be participating since they have already been involved with 3 events this year (2 exercises and the heat event). Their focus now is to look at previous gaps. Steve shared that our goal is to "get down to basics," i.e. movement of casualties, and processing resource requests. Doug also distributed a one page Objectives list and a MSEL begun by Kay, to begin identifying the roles and levels of participation of the various agencies. Doug and Kay will be scheduling a meeting to further develop the local scenario and levels of participation. Doug will send out the Intent to Participate form by email today to remind everyone that this Friday is the deadline for submitting this form to the EMS Agency.

7. Communications

Doug introduced Cindy Murdaugh, the EMS Agency's new Communications Coordinator. Dr. Walker requested follow-up for feedback from the Homeland Security group for the Consultants Medical/Health Communication Plan document. Doug will follow-up and report at next month's meeting.

8. HRSA Update

a. HRSA Year 4

Renee shared that everything has been purchased except the Radio Cache and Patient Tracking system. She is arranging to have presenters come to a future meeting. Year 4 HRSA has been extended for one year.

Additionally, the MMRS program is looking at developing Alternate Care Sites, i.e. MOUs with sites near hospitals with deployable 50 bed Treatment Units. Staffing and operations will need to be addressed. Goal is to test deployment by April 2008. Questions were posed by CCLHO regarding the ESAR-VHP program and Medical Reserve Corps programs to EMSA last week. ESAR-VHP only current allows licensed individuals and can be deployed anywhere. Medical Reserve Corps is local. CAN starting own volunteer registry. Terry suggested the need for just-in-time training for volunteers. Marianne suggested promoting local CERT training. Consider using CERT members more in drills. Renee requested volunteers to help develop Alt Care Site program (Jim Worobe, Vivian Thompson, Marianne Shaw).

b. Pandemic Flu

Renee shared that Oct 19, from 9-12:30 Public Health will be sponsoring a Public Health Stakeholders meeting (faith-based organizations), and a Spring Seminar for private business regarding Flu Pandemic.

7. Roundtable

-Patrick requested comments to be submitted on the Drill Evaluation forms to the state (i.e. comments on the Guide Book, etc.)

-Marianne shared that she has been appointed as the Respiratory Therapy rep on the state committee- California Society for Respiratory Care. The plan is to purchase 2400 vents (LTV-1200) to be kept in a single stockpile. 300 will be kept charged at all times for deployment.

8. Next Meeting: October 2, 2006