

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**  
**April 2, 2007 1 p.m.**  
**Memorial Conference Center**  
**1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto (McHenry Village)**

**Attendance:**

Doug Buchanan, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency  
Rosie Lopez, Stanislaus HSA  
John Walker MD, Stanislaus Public Health Officer  
Kay Gordon, (chair) Doctors Medical Center  
Tammie Waddle, Memorial Medical Center  
Sharon Perry, Memorial Medical Center  
Jerry Grandon, GVHC  
Jim Worobe, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency  
Randy Fike, Stanislaus HSA  
John Walker MD, Stanislaus Public Health Officer  
Judy Mahan, Doctors Medical Center  
Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire Department  
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital  
Renee Cartier, Stanislaus Health Services Agency  
Ray Leverett, Oak Valley Ambulance  
Marianne Shaw, Memorial Medical Center  
Patrick Lynch, RDMHS, San Joaquin EMS Agency  
Ken Hartley, Stanislaus Behavioral Health Services  
Patricia Martin, State DHS/EPO  
Troy Luis, EJ Gallo Winery  
Jeff Wilson, EJ Gallo Winery  
Dan Stratman, Hospital Council of Northern & Central California  
Richard McGinthy, Community Hospice  
Vivian Thompson, Oak Valley Hospital District  
Don Bailey, Evergreen Convalescent  
Ron Lopez, Public

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Kay called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were conducted.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: ( Terry/Alicia ) Unanimous. To approve the minutes as presented.**

**3. System Saturation Issues**

Doug shared that a subcommittee is continuing to work on the draft policy. The subcommittee has revised the first two levels and will continue to work on Levels 3 and 4 at the upcoming meeting. Jim Worobe added that there has been a change to the automated clock within EMSsystem. Doug explained that if a facility's Diversion status exceeds 2 hours, the facility status will automatically change back to "Open." This change was made due to a change in the Sacramento Diversion policy.

#### 4. Pandemic Flu

Dr. Walker shared that Public Health is continuing to work collaboratively with schools. On May 17, there will be a broadcast for schools regarding Pandemic Flu planning. He will report back to this committee at a future meeting on plans with schools. The Stanislaus Public Health has been working with the regional “B” lab regarding advanced viral testing, and participating in an upcoming exercise in the moving of specimens. During March, the Avian Influenza group also met.

#### 5. HRSA Grant

##### 05/06 HRSA:

- Doug to provide Renee specs for caches of VHF and UHF radios. Renee sent out available training dollars to providers.

##### 06/07 HRSA:

- **Alternate Care Sites:** Renee sent out an email with some optional dates for a meeting of this subcommittee. She pulled information regarding the deployment of federal medical units to share.
- **MOUs** were sent out for comment. Only one comment was received. Patrick shared that his office will be submitting comments on behalf of the RDMHC/S. Dan Stratman also offered to review the draft MOU and offer comments or utilize items for the Sacramento area MOU.
- **Drill Planning:** The subcommittee met last week at Memorial and began brainstorming drill activities for Summer, Fall, and Winter. Patrick shared that the Golden Guardian exercise for November has selected Stockton as the primary site involving an IED with Anthrax at a “large stadium.” He also shared that the Statewide Medical/Health Exercise will likely be in October (possibly a biologic event), and subsequent drills to the Spring. The subcommittee also discussed running last year’s Flu Pandemic tabletop as a functional exercise, involving all three hospital shifts. Their next meeting is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **HICS Education:** Kay shared regarding upcoming HICS training, and Train-the-Trainer courses. She also asked the committee if there was interest in sponsoring the new 1 ½ day HICS Course (covering ICS, HICS, and exercises) available through the Noble Training Center. Dr. Walker asked if there was a course brochure. Renee shared that there is currently about \$50,000 available for training, and the proposal is to use approximately \$10,000 off the top for this training. Patrick also shared that hospital ICS (100/200/ plus NIMS) training is also being rolled out, and offered. It is downloadable from the CHA ([www.calhospital.org](http://www.calhospital.org)) website.

**Motion: (Vivian/ Jim) Unanimous (Renee abstains) to allocate the monies from HRSA to bring the HICS training to Modesto.**

- **Surge:** Dan Stratman shared that he is working with HCNCC on a HRSA-funded position on Hospital Surge Planning. He is available to work with locals and committee regarding hospital surge plans. He also shared that the HICS train-the-trainer courses in July will be offered in Sacramento, Oakland, and Fresno. He

also shared that there are eight to nine workgroups finalized for the Price-Waterhouse-Cooper Surge Project. Renee asked how the various state-sponsored Surge projects inter-relate. Patricia Martin shared that there is an effort to integrate the related projects.

6. **Patient Tracking:** Randy Fike shared that the Sydion Patient Tracking software was previewed last week by the subcommittee. Renee and Patrick shared that Sacramento County Public Health has purchased the software to trial internally for inventory tracking. Randy asked if there was interest in a live Demo of the system and handheld scanner. The group expressed interest. Randy also shared that “Triage Tuesdays” have been proposed to begin testing our patient tracking system. Details for Triage Tuesday will be developed at the next meeting. More EMS providers will be encouraged to attend the next meeting.
7. **DMAT Teams:** Judy Mahan shared regarding Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs), as well as the current California project of developing Cal-MATs (the CA equivalent of DMATs). The Cal-MATs are supposed to be rolled out by the end of June. There are six teams DMATs and several specialized teams (children, veterinarian, etc.). The teams are comprised of volunteers. When deployed, they become federal employees. Equipment and personnel are funded through the NDMS. This organization is working on electronic medical records. They still have no patient tracking process.
8. **Roundtable**
  - HICS TTT:** Patricia Martin shared that they have now hired all the regional HRSA Coordinators through CDHS/EPO. UCLA is working on a Pandemic Flu Plan Evaluation Tool. Renee asked which plan this evaluation tool is based upon. Patricia is unaware of the basis for the evaluation tool.
  - White Powder Evnet:** Terry Nelson shared that there had been a field incident involving “white powder” discussed at the recent meeting of the Communicable Disease Task Force. There was concern regarding the communication/notification path for this type of event (i.e. communicable disease vs hazmat). He was asked to bring the issue to this committee for input or feedback. The CD Task Force expressed interest in more training regarding potential terrorist threats (chemical, biological). Dr. Walker suggested that a couple of the hospital safety officers, and possibly a hazmat expert, attend the next CD Task Force meeting. Dr. Walker reinforced the importance of the various committees to have liaison with one another (such as Terry Nelson to the CD TF).
  - Upcoming Classes:** Wed April 25<sup>th</sup> DMC conducting START Triage class
  - Marianne shared regarding the CBRNE CD with a review of START triage. She offered to bring copies to a future meeting.
9. **Next Meeting: May 7, 2007**