

Emergency Preparedness Coordinators Meeting: 06/04/07

Attendance:

Patricia Martin, California Department of Health Services
J. Blake, California Department of Health Services
Dan Stratman, California Hospital Association
Kay Gordon, Chairperson, Doctors Medical Center
Judy Mahan, Doctors Medical Center
Karen Hall, Doctors Medical Center
Dan Cipponeri, Evergreen/Progress Valley
Scott Penner, Golden Valley
Renee Cartier, Stanislaus H.S.A.
Scott Penner, Stanislaus H.S.A.
Randy Fike, Stanislaus H.S.A.
Rosie Lopez, Stanislaus H.S.A.
Ron Lopez, Public
Devon Huning, Stanislaus H.S.A.
Richard McGinthy, Hospice
Sharon Perry, Memorial Medical Center
Tammie Waddle, Memorial Medical Center
Marianne Shaw, Memorial Medical Center
Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto City Fire
Doug Buchanan, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Jim Worobe, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Vivian Thompson, Oak Valley
Mike Wilkinson, OES
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Kay called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m

2. Meeting Minutes:

Correction: Spelling of “Sidion” should read “Sydion.”

M/S/C (Renee/Vivian: unanimous) to accept the minutes as presented.

3. System Saturation Issues

Doug reported that no Surge Capacity meeting has occurred since the last EPC meeting, but is scheduled for later this month.

4. Patient Tracking

Randy reported that the next meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at the RFTC in room 105. The subcommittee is continuing to plan for “Triage Tuesdays.”

Alicia reported that AMR, MFD, and OES will be meeting to discuss the implementation of Triage Tuesdays in Modesto. Doug will forward the meeting invitation to Ambulance and ED Managers. Alicia shared that the focus of the current subcommittee is to begin with the basics and later add the other pieces

such as electronic tracking. Doug shared that the state Surge Project is currently proposing that all patient tracking numbers begin with the County 2-digit identifier (i.e. 50 = Stanislaus County). Randy shared that the Sydion system has been purchased by HAS and that the system is very flexible in its ability for import/export, data set configuration, etc.

5. HRSA Grant

- Renee reported that she sent out the latest 05/06 financial report.
- Renee has received the vendor contract for the HICS/NIMS 12-hour training course. Kay suggested scheduling the course for the second week of September. Renee will work Tammie to secure a location.
- Please check on the status of the MOU and return to Renee at your earliest convenience. Only two have been returned to date.
- The ACS subcommittee continues to meeting. Two subgroups were formed (Equipment and ACS Typing).

6. Dr. Walker

- Renee reported that the May 17 broadcast regarding Pandemic Flu was attended by Modesto, Ceres, and SCOE. A survey is being developed specifically to assess school needs, including the need for a tabletop exercise. Pandemic Flu broadcast will be distributed to schools on DVD.
- Dr. Walker provided an overview of the state's Surge Project. The current 8 project guides will be revised into 7 provider-specific guides (e.g. hospitals, clinics, non-licenses facilities, individual practioners, LTCs). He is the CCLHO representative on the Executive Committee for this project. They are scheduled to meet on 6/7 and 6/18. Dr. Walker requested that time be scheduled for the EPC to review the final documents. Comments are still being solicited via the state's website at: <http://bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov> or www.dhs.ca.gov/epo/surge .
- Dr. Walker reported that Stanislaus County experienced the largest number of heat-related deaths last year. He shared the Corrective Action Plan from last year's After Action Review. He pointed out that no deaths were reported that involved women or children. The common factor seemed to be socially isolated individuals. He also explained the affects of "concrete islands" in the urban areas. He reviewed the four phases of Heat Emergency response developed by state OES (Readiness, Increased Readiness, Heat Alert, Heat Emergency). This 55 page document can be found on the OES website at www.oes.ca.gov. One significant factor is the Heat Index, not just the outdoor temperature, but considers the humidity and ambient temperature. He stressed that government cannot do this alone. Non-profits and faith-based communities are important partners. Dan Cipponeri asked about the issues regarding alternate care standards and the role of the MHOAC, especially regarding LTCs. Dr. Walker shared that LTCs were well represented during the state's Surge project and they have done extensive review of local, state, and federal rules, laws, and regulations that might need waivers.

7. Roundtable Reports:

-Kay asked about the status of the bylaws. Terry reported that only one comment had been received. Renee offered to send out the current draft to the EPC. Kay will put the Bylaws on next month's agenda for action.

8. Next Meeting: July 2, 2007