

Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Council
(Formerly The Emergency Preparedness Committee)
August 6, 2007 1 p.m.
Memorial Conference Center
1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto (McHenry Village)

Attendance:

Dan Stratman, CHA
Richard McGinthy, Community Hospice
Kay Gordon, (chair) Doctors Medical Center
Lynn Leatherman, Emanuel Medical Center
Daniel Cipponeri, Progress Valley/Evergreen
Troy Lute, E & J Gallo
Scott Penner, Golden Valley Health Center
John Walker, MD, Stanislaus Health Services Agency
Renee Cartier, Stanislaus Health Services Agency
Rosie Lopez, Stanislaus Health Services Agency
Michael Rossini, MD, Medical Society
Sharon Perry, Memorial Medical Center
Tammie Waddle, Memorial Medical Center
Alicia Hinshaw, Modesto Fire Department
Vivian Thompson, Oak Valley Hospital District
Patrick Lynch, RDMHS, SJ EMS Agency
Teri Norton, Stanislaus Control Facility
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital
Dusty Lockett, Stanislaus County Department of Mental Health
Becky Crow, Yosemite Community College District
Ryan Zollicoffer, Kaiser Permanente
Cindy Woolston, American Medical Response
Mike Wilkinson, OES
Jim Worobe, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kay called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Self-introductions conducted.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Dan/Teri (unanimous) to accept the minutes as presented.

3. System Saturation Issues

Teri distributed and explained copies of the Monthly Saturation Summary. This summary included the July 2006 summary for comparison. The DCF Log was available to consult to attempt to discern a pattern; however Teri pointed out that there was no pattern –the patients transported during the periods of saturation had random complaints, “nothing specific.” Dan asked if there was any relationship between saturation and hospital census. Discussion took place that suggested that there were numerous causes for periods of saturation and there was no single trigger.

4. Patient Tracking Issues

Renee reported that the Sydion product has been received. User and admin will be taking place on August 21 and August in preparation for the October 16 Vaccination Drill.

Alicia reported that AMR and Modesto Fire will be conducting a “Triage Drill” one week each month on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginning the week of August 14, for a period of 3 hours (0900 – 1200 on Tuesday and 2100 – 0059 on Thursday) all patients transported will be triaged utilizing the START Triage procedure and Triage cards.

Vivian asked that since the Triage Drills were specific to the Modesto area providers, was there a plan to put the process out to the whole county. Alicia reminded the group that the initial plan was to test the process out in the Modesto area. The decision to take the process out to the rest of the county would be a fiscal and training decision. Discussion followed.

M/S/C (Terry/Rosie, Renee abstain) to allocate \$3000 from HRSA funds to purchase Triage Tags for training purposes; Funds to be taken first from 2005 money, and any remaining need to be taken from the following year's grant. Purchase to be made on behalf of the EMS Agency.

5. HRSA Grant

- a. **Alternate Care Sites:** Renee reported that there is a rumor that the State will be purchasing supplies and equipment for Alternate Care Sites. She will try to confirm this rumor. There is some concern that the efforts she has made to this point may be a duplication of effort if the State has decided to purchase the supplies and equipment.
- b. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs):** Renee reported that she has sent out the revised MOUs. The MOUs were changed after recommendation of County Counsel. So far, Renee has only gotten one or two back.
- c. **September Class:** Reminder that the HICS IV class is scheduled for September 13, and September 14 here at Memorial Conference Center, McHenry Village.
- d. **Purchases:** Purchases made with the HRSA grant funds should be arriving soon. Renee asked that agencies expecting deliveries let her (or Aaron from her office) know as soon as they arrive. Renee also mentioned that agencies allocated satellite phones should be receiving them soon. Discussion concerning the satellite service provider's current financial condition and ability to provide reliable service took place. Renee will be

contacting the broker to determine the status of the satellite service provider.

- e. **WMD Training:** Cindy Woolston asked if training funds would be available to assist ambulance service providers in obtaining WMD Training. Cindy mentioned that the new ambulance service provider's contract requires WMD training for all employees and new hires. Renee explained that there was \$39,100 available for training. Discussion on applying those funds toward WMD training took place.

M/S/C (Terry/Tammy, Renee abstain) to allocate \$13,000 to Mountain-Valley EMS Agency to be utilized for Weapons of Mass Destruction training to meet the requirements of the new ambulance service provider's contract.

6. **Approval of By-Laws**

Terry presented the proposed By-Laws of this Committee. He pointed out the changes and explained them to those that required additional information.

M/S/C (Vivian/Tammy: unanimous) to accept the By-Laws as presented.

In accordance with the acceptance of these By-Laws, this Committee will hereafter be referred to as the **Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Council**

7. **Dr. Walker**

- a. **Heat Preparedness:** July was a busy month. Taskforce was established and Dr. Walker thanked the sub-set members (Douglass Sisk, Kay Gordon, Dan Cipponeri, Chief Wilkinson) for their efforts. The role of the Faith Community was discussed.
- b. **Pandemic Preparedness:** Focus of July was on special populations. Meetings were held with the Office of Education and the Children and Families Commission.
- c. **Surge:** The next Executive Roundtable is scheduled for August 20, 2007. Dr. Walker discussed the importance of Executive participation and encouraged those present to remind our respective Executives to attend the meeting.

8. CDPH

There were no representatives from CDPH. No report given.

9. Roundtable

- Kay mentioned she, Pat Lynch, and Dan Stratman attended Hospital Evacuation Planning Training in Sacramento.
- Renee mentioned that the EMSsystem contract had been transferred from Hospital Council to San Joaquin EMS Agency. She mentioned an increase in subscription rate and the fact that the amount of money allocated for EMSsystem will not provide for the length of service originally discussed. She will bring an update to the September meeting.
- Renee stated that according to the HPP (formerly HRSA) requirements, the county needs to develop a Surge Plan. Renee proposed that a sub committee be established to develop a plan. The Chair asked for volunteers for a Surge Plan Work Group. Terry reminded the Chair that establishing a workgroup and work group leader was to be set by approval of the Council.

M/S/C (Renee/Tammy, unanimous) to establish a work group to develop a Surge Plan and approve those that volunteered as the workgroup members.

M/S/C (Terry/Jim, unanimous) Renee will lead the Surge Plan Workgroup

- Dr. Walker mentioned that the State Department of Mental Health is conducting disaster training. He asked if the Council could get a report at the next meeting on that training.
- Pat mentioned that the organization formerly referred to as Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) has changed its name to California Medical Volunteers (Cal Med).
- Pat asked if the hospitals were planning to coordinate their plans for the Statewide Medical Health Disaster Drill in November, he would like to be kept informed. Memorial Medical Center, Doctor's Medical Center, and Oak Valley stated they were going to participate.

10. Next Meeting: September 10, 2007