

**Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Council**  
 July 7, 2008  
 Memorial Medical Center  
 1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto (McHenry Village)

In Attendance – X		Absent = O			
X	Scott Penner, Chair	X	Jeff Wilson	X	Loni Howard
X	Terry Nelson, Vice Chair	X	Renee Cartier, Voting Member	X	Richard Murdock, voting member
O	Marianne Shaw, Secretary	X	John Walker, MD	X	Jim Worobe
X	Mike Corbin	X	Randy Fike	X	Doug Buchanan
X	Richard McGinthy	X	Rosie Lopez	O	Steve Andriese
O	Rashmi Birla	O	Janwrya Funamura	X	Vivian Thompson, Voting Member
X	Kay Gordon, Voting Member	O	Bob Castillo	O	Mike Wilkinson
X	Judy Mahan	O	Ryan Zollicoffer	O	Barry Hurd
X	Karen Hall	O	Michael Rossini, MD	O	Darrell Freitas
X	Renee Pimentel, Voting Member	X	Tammie Waddle, Voting Member	X	Teri Norton
O	Lynn Leatherman	X	Sharon Perry	X	Ken Huntley
X	Daniel Cipponeri, Voting Member	O	Cindy Young	X	Becky Crow
X	Don Baliey	O	David Sasser, MD	O	Ron Lopez
X	Troy Lute	X	Alicia Hinshaw, voting member	X	Darin Kram
O	Leta Love	X	Dan Sharver	X	Rick Ornellas
x	Janice Bates				

1. Welcome and Introductions

Scott Penner called the meeting to order at 1300 and welcomed everyone. Self introductions were conducted. Janice Bates, from the MJC health dept, attended. Thank you Judy Mahan for the minutes.

2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion: ( Alicia Hinshaw/Tammie Waddle ) to approve the minutes.**

3. System Saturation – Teri Norton

Teri presented handout for May and June, 2008, 26 hours for June. Diversion occurred from July 5 until July 7, now also at this point. Slight surge in dispatch volume occurred over the weekend. Teri will bring log but no specific complaints related to heat or wildfires, except pna. Dr. Walker stated heat and wildfires set up specific groups. OES is having a conference call for hospitals and healthcare facilities today at 4:15. Dan C. requested OES to notify facilities if rolling blackouts will occur. Renee is preparing for heat related illnesses at the public health department and EMS agencies. Doug requested facility information be on EM site. Public Health has a hotline set up. Renee is not anticipating cooling centers at this point. Sept 3 will be a health fair at MJC and requested heat related flyers for the event.

Extended forecast is 5 days of triplicate temperatures with one day expected to be 106 per Dr. Walker, and warm nights. Dr. Walker stressed the importance of the heat index. Dr. Walker stressed the need for the healthcare community to be involved from the beginning. Smoke and heat conditions now are similar to 2006.

## **Committee Reports**

### **4. Patient Tracking – Randy Fike**

Randy presented a handout for START triage results. There are areas for improvement with communication as to who in the field completes the triage tag. With shift work it can be 2-3 months for providers to complete tags. Treatment documentation is important, and if triaged appropriately. Renee from Emmanuel stressed the difference between medical and traumas. Medics aren't leaving the tags at the facility.

Doug presented a draft from the Patient Tracking Subcommittee for START Triage and Patient Tracking. Added is the QI and exercise portion of the policy. It specifies that all providers will comply with the triage and exercises. This is DRAFT #4. Language is generic and not specific to Stanislaus County and is being submitted to the Regional advisory Council (RAC) Dr. Mackey has not authorized utilization of JUMP START. Renee C. asked for the draft to be sent out electronically for comments to be returned. It was asked that a blank audit form be attached to the draft. Alicia asked if the outlying fire districts had received a copy of the draft, but Doug said not yet. It was suggested that once approved the policy be given to the Stanislaus Fire Authority.

### **5. HRSA Grants – Renee Cartier – not present**

- HRSA – 06/07

Renee is trying to close out 06-07 grants. 18 Phillips HeartStart FR2 + Defibrillator AEDs have been purchased and are earmarked for the long-term care facilities. If any are left over after distribution to interested long-term care facilities, they may be allocated to MJC and EMS Agency, who have submitted requests. Checks have been issued to Mtn Valley EMS and AMR and replacement cartridges for PAPRs for HEPA filters for hospitals have been issued. Fire Agencies were not on the original grant for 06-07. She prepaid the SEMS license charge October through Sept

next year for approximately \$18,000. Dan C. offered a thank you to the group for the AEDs.

California will be requiring a mass immunization exercise for pan-flu each year. Stanislaus County may have a waiver for this year due to last years exercise.

Alternate Care Facilities: Thank you to Pro Transport is allowing the storage of the trailers at their facility at 1525 Leonard Ave in Modesto. 22 MOUs have been signed, all hospitals have signed, and most of the long-term care facilities have signed.

- HPP: 07-08 approval.

The grant for 07-08 was approved. Nothing has been done yet per Renee. It is anticipated that the State would approve a roll-over of funds. The allocations are unknown as yet.

## 6. EMSystem

Dr. Walker had requested information to be collected from hospitals and it to be collected through Mtn. Valley. Dan Burch and Jim Worobe stated the system and he were unable to do so due to lack of administrative privileges. Information needed to be faxed instead. Doug asked for an event page to be created, which is not possible. Alert features can attach documents which can be faxed or printed. No adhoc query or spreadsheets are technically feasible. Renee and Dr. Walker felt that there was too much effort and layers needed to be completed. A Region 4 Level Orange event occurred a couple of weeks ago and the EM system was not robust enough to send alerts. Doug stated again the users are not familiar with the features available and unavailable with the system.

A regional meeting is scheduled on July 15 and members will be attending with EM representatives to study the usage of the EM system. Renee stated there was no policy and procedure for the system, nor no standardization for the utilization of the system. Teri said the EM System works but the user does not know how to use the system.

Loni, Teri, Marianne, Jim Morrow, Dan Burch, and Doug Buchanan were at an EM system meeting last week. Policy issues, function and user training issues were discussed. Vivian suggested that Public Health be a part of the committee. Discussion was held on the database and programmers needed to create updates. Region 4 is using EM system. Readinet is used in a few areas.

**Motion: Dr. Walker (2<sup>nd</sup> Teri Nelson) we augment the EMS system committee, send out information to all members suggesting that the committee report back to us on a monthly basis including the activities to**

**look at other options, and publicize the announcement to all HEPC members when the meetings occur. Approved.**

7. Public Health Officer Report - Dr Walker

Dr. Walker shared the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Achievements for Stanislaus County from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007. Specifically the last 4 in his report:

- Special Populations Workgroup: 26 participating agencies
- SNS: 56 potential locations have been identified and evaluated 10 of them in Stanislaus County.
- Medical Reserve Corps: One of the newest endeavors. It is in its infancy. Judy Mahan is the new liaison with MRC and the HEPC and will keep group updated.
- Mass Fatality MGMT: 15 agency stakeholders, including funeral directors have participated.
- N-95 Masks for Public Health: 152 PH personnel have been fitted this year.

Next Tuesday is a joint meeting with the CD task force and immunization coalition to work collaboratively for the next seasonal flu outbreak. Terry Nelson suggested the organizations rethink their own respiratory protection and immunization policies. Practicing for seasonal flu prepares with the CD committee.

Randy Fike reported on biosurveillance, a project called Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE), on line in Stanislaus County with 2 daily feeds, at noon and midnights. It is capable for real-time within the year.

Per Dr. Walker, active Surveillance Monitors for Stanislaus County include:

1. Excess animal deaths of chickens, and dairy cows at animal rendering plants. SC gets a weekly report.
2. Ambulance Dispatch Volume
3. Emergency Dept and clinic volume. Unable to utilize EM system but conference calls occur.
4. Direct report of heat deaths from coroner to Health Department.
5. EMSsystem
6. Long-term and Senior living facilities ,monitoring the number of public assist requests (still pending)
7. ESSENCE system (still pending)  
32 Counties have agreed to participate in the Agricultural response template.

8. CA Dept Public Health – No current representative

Scott attended a meeting a couple of weeks ago, and guidelines for clinics are not completed.

9. CHA: Loni Howard

CHA conference October 3. An evacuation checklist from San Diego has been completed and will be published. Fatality management is being studied. NIMS update for hospital has been published.

10. Roundtable

Dr. Bledsoe will be speaking on Carbon Monoxide at a Cal Chief Conference on July 17 for the EMS area providers at Regional Fire Training Center. Dr. Bledsoe will speak at 1 pm and there will be 2 free CEs.

Disaster Mobile Supply Unit vehicle, authorized by EMSA and OES. The purpose is to augment an ambulance strike team for 72 hours. The local community can utilize as needed. It is part of the medical mutual aid system in California. It is housed at the AMR campus.

11. Meeting Adjourned: 1435

**12. Next Meeting: August 4, 2008 – 1pm at Memorial Education Center – McHenry**