

Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Council
 March 3, 2008
 Memorial Medical Center
 1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto (McHenry Village)

In Attendance - X		Absent = O			
x	Scott Penner, Chair		Jeff Wilson		Tom Brennan
	Terry Nelson, Vice Chair	x	Renee Cartier, Voting Member	x	Richard Murdock, voting member
O	Marianne Shaw, Secretary	x	John Walker, MD		Jim Worobe
x	Mike Corbin		Randy Fike	x	Doug Buchanan
	Richard McGinthy	x	Rosie Lopez		Steve Andriese
	Rashmi Birla		Janwyrá Funamura		Vivian Thompson
x	Kay Gordon, Voting Member		Scott Seamons	x	Mike Wilkinson
	Dave Plantier		Bob Castillo		Barry Hurd
x	Judy Mahan	x	Ryan Zollicoffer		Patrick Lynch
x	Karen Hall		Michael Rossini, MD		Darrell Freitas
x	Renee Pimentel, Voting Member	O	Tammie Waddle, Voting Member		Teri Norton
	Lynn Leatherman	x	Sharon Perry	x	Ken Huntley
x	Daniel Cipponeri, Voting Member	x	Cindy Young		Becky Crow
x	Don Balley		David Sasser, MD		Ron Lopez
	Troy Lute	x	Alicia Hinshaw, voting member	X	Marilyn Smith

1. Welcome and Introductions

Scott Penner called the meeting to order at 1305
 Additional members: Dianna Hill, English Oaks, Gloria from Country Villa Nursing and Rehab, Marilyn Smith from Mountain Valley

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: (Alicia Hinshaw, Ken Huntley) to approve the minutes as presented.

3. MID Presentation

Postponed until April

4. System Saturation – Teri Norton

Handout presented by Cyndi Young; format used was agreed upon. Statistics for January and February submitted. February was a difficult month. ED directors update on saturation:

- Memorial: ED at 227 pt per day for Feb, 180 in December. Inpatient at high census; all new beds full, 312 pts/day.
- Emmanuel: 200 ED pts per day, 150 inpatients. Dec 170 pt per day in ED. Emmanuel reaching to Los Angeles for specialty patients. Karen averaged 200 per day in Feb.
- DMC: Census high. Holding 7 pts this am, 1 ICU, 5 tele, 1 med.

- OVHD: Census is overwhelming; Hospital full. Specialty beds, i.e. dialysis, Reach calling out of state for beds. An OV family refused to go to Arizona.
- Dr. Walker stated: February difficult month, we have more beds this year. His big concern is serious air pollution, which did not occur this year. Unexpected issue, normal but late influenza year. Vaccination rates unusually low this year, and not covering all of the strains. Sees no relief until Mid March or April. 2 other viruses occurring, RSV, and adenovirus. Long-term care facilities having adenovirus outbreaks. Epidemiologists from SC are going to the facilities to investigate the respiratory virus. English Oaks states census is full. Evergreen census is down. They are holding on admissions for the next 24 hours due to a GI virus. Oak Valley long term care has 24 out of 99 residents and children of long-term residents.
- EMS agency stated: Region 5 has significant holding of ED patients. Region 4 appeared OK. Sacramento on diversion 18 hours recently. Doug stated appointed on a state committee to evaluate bed reporting throughout the state. Tasks are (1) HavBed reporting,(2) using of State assets, 3)table top exercises.

Committee Reports

5. Patient Tracking – Randy Fike

Randy ill. No report given.

Increased triage tag days. DMC wouldn't take patients without tags.

San Joaquin County is interested in this. Memorial experimented with the hand-held scanners, which worked well, even in the midst of chaos. Turlock, Salida, AMR, and Modesto participating.

MCI instructor class will be held. Usually fire and EMS involvement. Doug would like to offer Stanislaus County as a host site for Region 4. This is the whole medical piece of multiple casualty incidents, at the leadership level, possibly at Regional Fire Training facility. Chief Wilkinson stated will be happy to host the 2-day course.

Per Dr. Walker, using triage tags is great, starting with the basics, and incorporating it into standard procedures. He commends the committee.

EOC: Chief Wilkinson spoke. Writing still, hoping for adoption by state. FEMA and NIMS now have 5-year plan. They have reemphasized the training requirements, including all groups who are receiving federal money or may do so after and event. Even private and NGOs must comply.

6. HRSA Grants – Renee Cartier

- Remaining Funds:

HRSA- 07-08 pending final budget Approval. 06-07 money ends in August, 2008: available, \$96,123, budgeted for tracking,\$20,865.36 to renew EM system license, \$4900 for training,\$600 for exercise, \$1755 for amateur radios. PAPER cartridges are expiring in 2008. We may be able to get new ones through grant. Renee will check into it for 10 for each hospital. Homeland Security money and other federal funds may be available for an EM system. There is an interest in getting a system that would be compatible. Group wants to reallocate the \$96,123 to other areas. Chief Wilkinson suggesting training dollars for rural district EMTs, 800-900 to train START triage. Marilyn Smith suggested a data terminal system for EMS, CAD available for AMR, through cell phone system, 47 for each ambulance \$7,000 ea for \$329,000. Agencies would pay for ongoing maintenance. Per Chief Wilkinson, Modesto Fire, Oakdale fire using them, but expensive ongoing maintenance cost. Per Mike Corbin, 199 employees need training for WMD at a cost of about \$26,000. Longterm Care Facilities would be interested in AEDs, about \$2000 apiece.

- **Motion (Rosie Lopez, Mike Corbin) and approved to reallocated the \$96,123 for patient tracking to be reallocated.** Renee states there are other funds.
- **Motion (Renee, from Emmanuel, Dr. Walker) and approved for \$2500 for PAPRS.**
- **Motion (Chief Wilkinson,Vivian Thompson,) and approved to train EMTS for START Triage, \$1000 to the regional training officer to train the trainer START.**
- **Motion (Mike Corbin, Doug Buchanan) \$27,000 for WMD training for 199 employees of AMR.**
- **Motion, (Dan Cipponeri, Judy Mahan) and approved for \$36,000 for 17 long-term care facilities for AEDs.**
- **Motion (Mike Corbin, Vivian Thompson) and approved \$35,143.04 allocated to Mountain Valley Ambulance providers, for, Mobile Data Terminals (MDT)**

ACS- Ad Hoc

Homeland Security Funds

- **Motion (Dr. Walker, Kay Gordon) and approved to request the patient tracking system be taken to the Homeland Security Work Group on Wednesday.**
- **Motion (Mike Corbin, Scott Penner) and approved to request \$ 29,000 for additional MDTs from Homeland Security funds.**

Communication, and training will also be added to topics to discuss at the Homeland Security Work Group.

- State-wide bed tracking (new committee)
- State-wide training (new committee)

7. Public Health Officer Report - Dr Walker

He presented the Healthcare Surge Progress Report. Saturation Policy is adopted and operational. County Healthcare Surge Plan committee still needs to have the Chief Nursing Officers look at a draft by May. Mutual Aid MOUS have had 21 organizations signed and agreed.

CA Dept Public Health – No current representative

No representative in attendance. Group agreed to remove this from future agendas.

8. CA HA:

Scott Seaman not available.

9. Roundtable

State Disaster Conference, is in Sacramento in September
CDHP surge regional training on new guidelines is April 1.

No information

10. Meeting Adjourned: 1445

11. Next Meeting: April 7, 2008 – 1pm at Memorial Education Center – McHenry