

## EPC Meeting Summary

January 9, 2006 2 p.m.  
Memorial Education Center, McHenry Village

### Attendance:

Renee Cartier, Public Health  
Sharon Perry, Memorial Hospital Association  
Cindy Murdaugh, AMR  
Scott Penner Golden Valley Health Centers  
Kay Gordon, Doctors Medical Center  
Doug Buchanan, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency  
Dennis Nelson, Doctors Medical Center  
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital  
Renee Pimentel, Emanuel Medical Center  
Vivian Thompson, Oak Valley Hospital District  
Robert Mark Keizer, Memorial Medical Center  
Nick Nudell, Health Analytics  
Michael Rossini MD, Stanislaus HAS  
Daniel Capponeria, Evergreen Care Com  
John Walker MD, Stanislaus County Health Officer  
Don Bailey, Evergreen Convalescent

### Welcome/Introductions

Kay Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting. Round-table introductions were conducted.

### Buffer Zones

Kay explained that this presentation would have to be postponed to the next meeting due to a conflict in the speakers schedule.

### HRSA Updates

Year 3:

Communications: Doug distributed recommendations from the Professional Management Associates regarding the handheld radio purchases. There was some discussion regarding the benefits of VHF vs UHF. Doug offered to schedule a meeting with the major disciplines and dispatch centers before the next EPC to begin working on some of the specifics within the communications planning project.

Hospital Surge Capacity: Nick shared that the 800+ question survey was distributed to the five hospitals in Stanislaus County and he has only received two of them back. After considerable discussion, Nick agreed to network with the three remaining hospitals to provide clarification on data elements, and to mail the survey to other facilities such as

clinics and extended care facilities for review. An updated timeline was agreed upon, requiring that all surveys be received before the end of this month. Nick agreed to provide an update to the February EPC meeting, an analysis to the March meeting, and recommendations to the April meeting.

PPE/Decon: Doug distributed an updated Year 3 application with the revised PPE and Decon equipment.

Year 4:

Renee distributed the Application Evaluation from the Year 4 application. The two areas needing more information are under Training/Exercises and Surge Capacity. The committee agreed to submit training/exercises information for the whole year of 2005 to Renee by this Friday.

EPC Meeting Time: Kay shared that there has been a request to move the regular meeting times up to 1 p.m. The committee agreed.

County-wide Exercise: Renee suggested that we combine the goals and activities for Year 3 and Year 4 into a single 2-day exercise in May. The first day would be a Tabletop Scenario (Flu Pandemic) at the Doubletree Hotel, followed by a Functional Exercise on day 2 that includes Surge Capacity and Communications objectives. She will email out the date, after confirming availability with Doubletree.

NIMS Training: Renee shared that Stanislaus County will be hosting a Train-the-Trainer 3-day training session on NIMS, to be held May 20, 21, 22

Medical/Health Telephone Directory: Kay suggested that a county-wide telephone directory be developed, that might include EOC numbers for each hospital, the county EOC, and other pertinent contact phone numbers. Doug and Kay to work on an outline before the next EPC meeting.

Roundtable: Kay shared that the upcoming NDMS Conference is scheduled for April 22-26 in Reno, NV. Dr. Walker shared that a meeting has been scheduled with the hospital administrators and County CEO regarding Hospital Saturation/Surge Capacity. He also shared that this list has recently been expanded to include the EP Coordinators. The meeting is scheduled for Feb 3 at 12:30 at 10<sup>th</sup> Street Place.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2006 at 1 p.m. (Memorial Conference Center – McHenry Village)

