

Emergency Preparedness Committee
May 1, 2006 1 p.m.
Memorial Conference Center
1700 McHenry Ave, Modesto (McHenry Village)

Attendance:

Doug Buchanan, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Renee Cartier, Stanislaus Health Services Agency
Sharon Perry, Memorial Medical Center
Vivian Thompson, Oak Valley Hospital District
Tom Brennan, Modesto City Fire
Dennis Nelson, Doctors Medical Center
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital
Laura Shouse-List, Doctors Medical Center
Roz Mitchell MD, Interlude Enterprises
Jim Worobe, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Rosie Lopez, Stanislaus HSA
Bob Castillo, Kindred Hospital
Mike Petrie, Health Analytics
Jerry Grandon, Golden Valley Health Center
John Walker MD, Stanislaus Public Health Officer
Teri Norton, Stanislaus Control Facility
Kay Gordon, (chair) Doctors Medical Center
Robert Mark Keizer, Memorial Medical Center
Marianne Shaw, Memorial Medical Center
Justin Hess, Kaiser Permanente
Lynn Leatherman, Emanuel Medical Center

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kay welcomed everyone. Self-introductions conducted.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

3. System Saturation

Teri Norton distributed current statistics summary from System Saturation. Doug suggested that we discuss the issues surrounding system saturation during the Hospital Surge Capacity topic.

4. Tabletop Drill

Renee distributed the current list of participants for this exercise. She also requested that any names missing from this list be submitted by the 10th of this month. Renee shared her current list of Facilitators, and requested additional volunteers. Facilitators will lead each 55 minute discussion period. Dr. Walker shared that on May 9th there will be a special on flu pandemics on ABC.

5. Functional Drill

Doug shared that the objectives of this exercise have changed. The date has been changed to June 8th to allow for time after the Tabletop exercise, to allow for evaluation of "lessons learned." Additionally, the objectives have been narrowed

to Deployment of the Surge Tents and Assignment of Tactical Frequencies. Doug will be meeting with the local ambulance providers this week to get a commitment to transporting approximately 5 patients to each hospital's alternate triage/treatment area. Each hospital will need to get a group of volunteers to stage at their facility (preferable 5 walk-in patients, and the 5 ambulance patients). Kay also shared that the timeline is 11 to 3:30 to test the transfer of command at shift change at the hospitals. Mark distributed the current Operations Section of the Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan. Dr. Walker suggested that this would be a good time to review this plan, since a lot has happened since the last revision of March 2002. Kay also had distributed the MCI Manual 3 by email so that people may get familiar with the current Mutual-aid system.

6. HRSA Update

a. Year 3

i. Communications (Professional Management Associates)

Doug distributed the draft Tactical Radio Frequency plan, which describes how to acquire a tactical medical radio frequency during special operations. It was also pointed out that EMSsystem is currently the best way to communicate system activity/changes, such as special operations. Doug will follow up with AMR to ensure access to EMSsystem by AMR dispatchers, as well as OES and SR911. Roz also pointed out that training would need to be conducted before the June 8 exercise in order to adequately test these new protocols. It was also suggested that we add the testing of EMSsystem countywide during the upcoming exercise.

ii. Surge Capacity (Health Analytics)

Mike Petrie presented some data graphs and offered to send them out electronically. This data summary was based upon the facility surveys that were conducted. Mike asked that people send any corrections to these data, once they have a chance to review. He also distributed a new draft policy for Stanislaus County Hospital Saturation. He explained the difference between the various levels of saturation. Mike also agreed to incorporate the current Diversion Pilot protocols into this policy draft. There was significant discussion regarding the number of non-emergent patients who present at the ED, and the possibility of referring these patients elsewhere.

iii. Training/Exercises (Interlude Enterprises)

Dr. Mitchell shared regarding the upcoming BDLs Course. After some discussion the committee agreed that this course should be delayed until Fall to allow time to increase the numbers of participants.

iv. PPE/Decon

Nothing new to report.

b. Year 4

Renee shared that her office is developing a form for the Training Expense Reimbursement. She has been trying to reach the Grainger rep to begin ordering Year 4 supplies.

7. Roundtable

Kay shared regarding the HICS Update at recent NDMS conference and about the NIC recommendations for NIMS and hospital compliance. She also shared information on the Ready RN program a competency based education program.

8. Next Meeting: June 5, 2006