

Emergency Preparedness Committee
July 10, 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
Jim Worobe, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
Rosie Lopez, Stanislaus HSA
John Walker MD, Stanislaus Public Health Officer
Kay Gordon, (chair) Doctors Medical Center
Robert Mark Keizer, Memorial Medical Center
Marianne Shaw, Memorial Medical Center
Jerry Grandun, Golden Valley Health Center
Mike Petrie, HealthAnalytics
Karen Madden
Phillip Cook, Kaiser EPC
Michael Rossini MD, Public Health
Laura Shouse-List, Doctors Medical Center
Diana Mason, Evergreen Rehab
Barry Hurd, Patterson Ambulance
Lynn Leatherman, Emanuel Medical Center
Cherry Lee, California Department of Health Services
Chuck Perry, 3M
Brendan Keely, Grainger
Bob Castillo, Kindred Hospital
Darla Lorenzen, Riverbank Nursing Center
Terry Nelson, Stanislaus Surgical Hospital

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kay welcomed everyone. Self-introductions conducted.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: (Worobe/Walker) unanimous “ to accept the minutes as presented.”

3. System Saturation

Delayed to later in the agenda to allow for the PAPRs presentation.

4. Presentation on PAPRs

Renee distributed the list of CDHS purchased equipment for Year 4 HRSA. The Grainger rep left a training CD and DVD with Renee regarding the PAPRs. Renee to make copies and distribute. 3M representative made a presentation on respiratory protection devices. Dr. Walker asked about standardization regarding N95 masks, and how many suppliers there are. There are 3 or 4 vendors in the U.S. according to the Grainger rep. 3M has multiplied production by 5, which is still inadequate to fill current orders, due to the threat of flu pandemic. One nice feature of the PAPR is that no fit testing is needed, only a medical exam since it is a respirator. Marianne asked how to address the issue of batteries not recharging. The 3M suggested switching to the NiMH batteries, which can be left on the

rechargers indefinitely. The Breath-Easy PAPR can be fitted with a HEPA filter (which is 100% effective against non-oil .3 micron particulate). The Lithium batteries that come with the Breath-Easy cannot be recharged. The Nickel rechargeable batteries provide approximately 20% more air flow.

5. Functional Drill

Doug shared that the Communications Consultants provided evaluators at each participating hospital and provided an After Action report, which was sent to the EPC list. Kay shared that they had an opportunity to orient a new IC at DMC, which was a very useful exercise for them.

6. HRSA Update

a. Year 3

Communications (Professional Management Associates)

Due to a family emergency, Steve Kovacs was unable to be present.

Surge Capacity (Health Analytics)

Mike Petrie shared the final report from HealthAnalytics on the Stanislaus County Hospital Surge Plan. Mike offered his email (mike@petrie.biz) in the event that there are any questions regarding the final report. Dr. Walker asked that some time be devoted at the next meeting to review and comments of this final report. He also asked to meet jointly with the ED Managers at a future meeting.

b. HRSA Year 4 / 5

Randy Fike from H.S.A. presented an overview of the ETeam surveillance system being developed by H.S.A. There were some questions regarding the function of ETeam vs EMSystem. Dr. Walker shared that these systems are meant to be complimentary not redundant. Randy shared that Crystal Reports is being used at the back end to produce reports that can show trends and detail where needed.

7. Roundtable

Renee shared that under the new CA grant for Flu Pandemic planning includes objectives such as Alternate Treatment Sites, etc. Updates will be given at future meetings.

8. Mission Statement

Kay shared the mission statement that was developed in 2004. Dr. Walker suggested that we continue to schedule annual meetings with the Health Executives throughout the county twice per year, instead of once per year. Kay asked for volunteers to participate on a subcommittee to work on the Mission Statement and Bylaws. It was suggested that this become a Stanislaus County-specific committee since it is rare to have representatives from any other county participate.

Motion: (Nelson/Keizer) unanimous - to form a subcommittee to look at Mission & Bylaws to come back to this committee, as a Stanislaus County EPC. Mark, Terry, Kay, and Rozie volunteered to sit on the subcommittee.

Motion: (List/Cartier) majority in favor- to use the ED Managers group, as well as the Health Officer and EMS Medical Director, to look at System Saturation issues before the winter flu season and bring recommendations back to the EPC.

9. Next Meeting: August 7, 2006