



## County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Meeting July 2, 2020

In attendance: 37 Disaster Health Care Coalition partners attended via Zoom.

Health Agency Staff hosting the meeting: Maya Craig-Lauer (PHEP), James Beebe (Laboratory Director), Robin Hendry (PHEP), Christine Gaiger (Public Health)

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### Call to Order

Zoom meeting began at 11:00 am with a welcome from Maya Craig-Lauer and introductions from all in attendance.

### TOPIC

### DISCUSSION

#### AGENDA ITEMS

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW PHEP STAFF

- Maya Craig-Lauer is the new PHEP Specialist
  - Moved from Kentucky for this new position
  - Started on the first day of the COVID-19 response
  - Received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Kentucky
  - Received her Master's Degree from
  - Erica Stewart (Cal Poly Health/Housing): have 48 generators which will be used for refrigeration and operation of their EOC (which for a PSPS will be at the Performing Arts Center; they will have daily town hall meetings to keep students and staff up to date on the event. They have a list of all students that rely on electricity for medical devices

#### COVID-19

Lessons Learned from Spring 2020

Preparing for Fall Surge

- Long Term Care Ombudsman (Karen Jones)
  - Quickly stopped to go into facilities
  - Call each facility every week
  - Call residents
  - Filtered opinion from fact
- Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center – Emma Lauriston
  - Agree with Karen Jones
  - Early communication to patients and staffs

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- Incident Command activated early
- Getting feedback now for fall surge planning
- Galileo Surgery Center
  - Keeping a pulse on what's happening
- Health Commission – MaryJean Sage
  - Asking how is COVID-19 being spread though community so can push out the info
    - Christine Gaiger (Communicable Disease): info gathered by contact tracing
      - Gatherings
      - Bars
      - Person to person
      - Travel
      - Community acquired

### AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS

#### PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

#### PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)

- Denise Yi, Program manager, will return on August 16, part – time
- The 20/21 grants have been submitted, not much changed from 19/20
- Communications: Robin Hendry
  - Although we have moved to the New Government Center, all phone numbers and emails are the same
  - Don't forget about testing your satellite phones and GETS cards
- Statewide Medical Health Exercise for 2020 – Maya Craig-Lauer
  - canceled for 2020; the scenario was to be a flu pandemic
- Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) – Maya Craig-Lauer
  - Added 700 volunteers who initially were assigned to the Alternate Care Site
  - Now they are assigned to community testing sites
  - Logged a total of 3055.8 hours; one top volunteer had 145 hours
- CHRISTINE GAIGER
- COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
  - Cases of COVID-19 are increasing
  - Expanding staff for case investigations and contact tracers

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JAMES BEEBE

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- Laboratory remains intact with the addition of 3 volunteers
- Reminding all that the Public Health Lab is a Lab Response Network (LRN) lab and can still respond to other bio illnesses such as measles and mumps
- 3 different tests are available for SARS-CoVID2 – all dependent on supply quantities
  - CDC which the lab started with on 03-06-20: can process 50 to 100 /day
  - Panther started in mid-June: can process a high volume of tests/day
  - GeneXpert (GX): used for STAT
- Collection media: NP Swabs the best, followed by mid-terebtant and throat, anterior not as good
- Department is trying to provide services through telehealth
- Starting to provide more direct services
- The Public Health Facility (PHF) census was low until the last 3-4 weeks – now full
- All incoming patients are tested for COVID-19
- The PHF does have an isolation area specifically for COVID-19 positive patients

ANNE ROBIN

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### PARTNER REPORTS

- Red Cross – Gayle Robinson
  - Responded to the Avila and River Fire evacuations
  - Avila Fire: Evacuees were told to go to Walmart parking lot which was crowded with non-evacuees as well so it was a bit confusing.
    - Next time will try for a vacant parking lot
  - Paso Robles fire: City of PR opened the Senior Center
  - ? about what to do with COVID-19 quarantined/isolated evacuees
- Long Term Care Ombudsman – Karen Jones
  - Atascadero Fire: 3 RCFEs were evacuated
  - Paso Robles Fire: 11 RCFEs and ARFs were evacuated
    - Most went to family members or hotels
  - Encouraging facilities to have an alternative evacuation site in case the primary site is also being evacuated
- Dialysis: Liz from Davita
  - Home Dialysis patients are doing well; using telemedicine
  - Inpatient dialysis patients are scheduled and wait in car until time to come in
  - COVID-19 positive patients are sent to a cohort center where only COVID-19 patients go
- Vitalant Blood Services – Susan Noone
  - Vitalant is offering free SARS-CoV-2 antibodies with a successful blood donation now through the end of August, using the Ortho VITROS Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Total Reagent Pack test. To schedule an appointment blood donors can visit [Vitalant.org](https://www.vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL (877-258-4825)

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- Vitalant is collecting COVID Convalescent Plasma (CCP at all 4 of their locations. Prospective donors who have recovered from SARS-CoV-2 and are at least 28 days symptom free visit <https://www.vitalant.org/COVIDfree>

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 1, 2020 (tentative)  
Location to be determined

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at Noon