



**County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEPAC) Meeting
January 3, 2013**



In attendance: Ann McDowell, Brenda Ouwerkerk, Brian Wisneski, Christine Moffat, Claire Grantham, David Blanchard, Elizabeth Merson, James Beebe, Jeannette Tosh, Jim Tate, Jo Taylor, Joe Hoeflich, Joe Righello, Jonh Forsberg, Julia Fogelson, Karen Jones, Kelly Decker, Kerry Boyle, Kevin Taylor, Michelle Shoresman, Paul Deis, Robin Hendry, Scott Ellis, Steve Lieberman, Teri Reeder, Todd Wernet. Please send corrections of these minutes to Madie Van Beveren (805)-788-2940, mvanbeveren@co.slo.ca.us

Call to Order	Meeting began at 10:35 with a welcome from Michelle Shoresman, introductions and approval of 10-04-2012 minutes (no changes were recorded).
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Agency – Program Reports	
OES	<p><u>Report given by Ron Alsop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OES has a new project which includes hiring a contractor to look at ways to provide service to those with special needs during an emergency situation. • Fuel supplies for generators and gasoline pumps could be impaired during a power outage but OES has a contingency plan which includes some private, county, and statewide facilities that can provide backup power to San Luis Obispo. A grid power outage can be a significant problem and will be addressed in planning efforts next year. • FEMA IPAWS is implementing a new alert emergency system where authorized people can login in the county system and send an equivalent to a text message alert to cellular phones. A lot of the 2011 and newer phones have the capability of receiving this type of message already built in. Weather alerts using this type of warning system is already in place. A campaign will be in place soon to make the public more aware of this new alert system.
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	<p><u>Report given by Dr. James Beebe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year the lab will be doing an exercise with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the UC Davis Animal and Food Laboratory System, January 31st, at 5:30 pm. The three hours of didactic presentations and table-top exercise is called "Protecting Animals and People, Veterinarians and Public Health Working Together". This is an effort to reach out to the animal health community. Dr. Borenstein will be doing a welcome and Dr. Beebe will be

	<p>making a presentation. This event is going to be at Agriculture Extension Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way. It is open to everyone. There is no charge. For more information, contact Dr. Beebe at jbeebe@co.slo.ca.us.</p>
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	<p><u>Report given by Ann McDowell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter is here and many people are getting sick with flu type H3, H1, and B. Flu shots are highly recommended. • There are a significant number of Norovirus outbreaks going on in our community. This virus causes vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms can last for up to 72 hours. Try to avoid going out to eat, especially if the food is raw, such as oysters. This virus is highly transmissible. People acquiring it from sick family members or co-workers. Precautions such as constant washing of the hands should be taken.
PHEP	<p><u>Report given by Michelle Shoresman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHEPAC history: funded around 2003, after 9/11/2001 and Anthrax attacks, with the purpose of serving and advising the county health officer. Around the same time the HPP program developed more specific guidance toward health related entities to coordinate and receive funds for emergency planning. • PHEPAC charter was updated in 2006 with just minor changes. In 2009 the name BTAC was changed to PHEPAC and the emergency preparedness expanded from just bioterrorist to all hazards. With the name change, the meetings also decreased from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings. HPP continues to meet monthly to obtain more regular feedback from its members on joint plans and roles of group members, among other topics. • PHEPAC tries to have two representatives from each partner agency in the membership list in order to have one primary person and the other for redundancy to be informed about what is going on with the group. Regular notices, procedures and invitation for participation in drills, exercises and training are sent regularly to the members. • PHEPAC is valuable to PHEP, public health and the county as a whole, as it allows for feedback on joint plans and procedures, coordination of drills and exercises and other activities. Suggestions to work on coordinating drills and exercises within a group are welcome as well. • This year, one of PHEP and HPP's requirements is to outreach and get more partner participation. MOU template was created to fulfill this requirement. It helps clarify and create relationship among the partners and with public health. • Feel free to review, provide feedback and share the MOU with other entities that may be appropriate. If needed, the slides shown at this meeting can be provided for additional clarifications.
COMMUNICATIONS	<p><u>Report given by Robin Hendry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHEP is in process of switching the vendors for the satellite phones in order to become more accessible in case of an emergency, since the previous vendor is located in a foreign country and language problems have occurred when trying to communicate with them. The new vendor is in the US. • As a result of this change, new numbers have been issued, and the previous "roll over" minutes are no longer available due to a new policy that vendors have implemented. The new phones have 75 minutes is offered with the current plan. Therefore the testing procedure had to be revised. From now on when testing the phone, instead of

	<p>calling Robin, use the free number displayed on a sticker attached to the handset to avoid using the 75 minutes. Once the testing is completed, fax or email the log to Robin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin will be looking into how we can obtain more minutes, what the costs will be if this is possible and will return to the HPP partners with more info.
MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS	<p><u>Report given by Elizabeth Merson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical volunteers are up to 45 members. • On October, 14 volunteers participated in a PPOD drill, the largest number of volunteers so far. • In December, three new volunteers received orientation and are in process of becoming qualified. • In February, First Five school readiness programs for Spanish speaking people will be implemented, where they will have CPR lessons in their language.

Drills, Exercises and Trainings	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
STATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH EXERCISE	<p><u>Report given by Elizabeth Merson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide Exercise on October 30, 2012 • Scenario was a power outage due to an earthquake
OTHERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The floor was open for others to describe previous or upcoming exercises.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
<p style="text-align: center;">Round Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Forsberg (EMS Coordinator CAL FIRE) mentioned that the IMT 3 has been established. More participants are necessary from varied disciplines and organizations so that when an emergency occur everyone is in the same page and can take a role to get the job done. • Dr. James Beebe, (SLO Public Health Laboratory Director) reported that the emergency procedures for his lab have been revised after a good testing (repeated a couple of times) this year. The testing will be repeated again next year to make sure that the whole process works. • Another testing was also made this year (the worst case situation), with people wearing PAPR. The conclusion was that it was too long. The test will be done again, but next time without PAPRs, and an attempt will be made to use defibrillator, and move the victim out. • Ron Alsop (OES-Emergency Service Coordinator) proudly mentioned that in November, the NPP exercise was evaluated by FEMA and despite the fact that there were two items on the planning that needed improvement (minor things), on the overall performance they received very good remarks from the evaluators. • Ron expressed satisfaction with the WebEOC functionality when needed. He mentioned that Pismo Beach EOC has seven lines but didn't need to use any of them because they utilized WebEOC for everything during an exercise. Kudos for everybody that worked together. <p><u>Report given by Paul Deis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October, Red Cross did a shelter exercise at Cal Poly simulating a wild land fire that caused an evacuation in the neighborhood. They used functional needs cots and equipment for the first time. • In March, another exercise will be performed simulating a disaster somewhere in the county. They haven't decided yet what type of disaster and shelter they are going to use. The Red Cross team would like to see some health partners involved. One lesson learned from New York Sandy disaster was that about 20% of the population have functional needs and want to be treated like everyone else during the emergency response, thus the shelter activity will have this part of the population in mind. • In May, Red Cross is planning an additional exercise with Veterans. They will see if some disable vets will volunteer to play shelter clients on the exercise. • Red Cross will be moving to a new building anytime soon to get a more functional place and more storage space in order to stock more disaster supplies here in the county instead of in Santa Maria.

Report given by Karen Jones

- Reminded everyone about the changes on the AB40 abuse report that took effect on the January 1st. If you have to report a care facility abuse call her first to obtain guidance on how to properly file the report according to the new rules.

Next Meeting	THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2013 AT 10:30 A.M. CHP COASTAL DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM @ 4115 BROAD ST., SUITE B-10. YOU MUST BRING A VALID PHOTO I.D. FOR AUTHORIZED ENTRY!
ADJOURN	Meeting ended at 11:20am