



**County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEPAC) Meeting
January 2nd, 2014**



In attendance: James Beebe, Dave Blanchard, George Brown, John Dunkel, Julia Fogelson, Beth Haberkern, Robin Hendry, Mike Hubert, Karen Jones, Ann McDowell, Elizabeth Merson, Chris Moffat, Mark D'Arelli, Matthew Roberts, Teri Reeder, Kevin Taylor, Jeanette Tosh, Greg Thomas, Steve Lieberman, Denise Yi

Call to Order	Meeting began at 10:30 with a welcome from Michelle Shoresman, introductions and approval of 10-03-13 minutes. (No changes were reported).
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Agency / Program Reports	
DR. BEEBE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory Supervisor, Sharon Beccacio has retired as of 12/31/13. Dr. Beebe will assume the position of supervisor and director for now.
ELIZABETH MERSON/MICHELLE SHORESMAN PHEP-COALITION/MRC/MEETING CALENDAR/WEBSITE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the goals HPP is working on is building coalitions. On Dec 12th, 2013 a mass fax/email of MOUs and PHEPAC meeting governance structure was sent out to healthcare partners. 9 partners have responded and 1 has responded with a signed MOU. There is a new webpage slopublichealth.org/coalition where people can find copies of MOUs to sign and read over the PHEPAC governance structure. The new meeting schedule for 2014 is now available. Medical Reserve Corp new volunteer orientation will be late January/early February Next meeting for HPP will be February 6th from 11am-12pm and will have an expanded scope to discuss Medical Surge. Last update was in 2008
ELIZABETH MERSON DRILLS, EXERCISES, AND TRAININGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabletop for Top 3 Hazards will be coming up. Location is TBD but the Vet's Hall is a possibility. The Diablo Canyon Dress Rehearsal will be on April 16th, 2014. The CHEMPACK-exercise is TBD. It will be funded in part by the Office of Homeland Security funding process within the county. PH requested and was awarded funds to do a CHEMPACK exercise. These funds will cover exercise expenses and some staff time during participation of the exercise (overtime, etc.).

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<p>Round Table</p> <p>Jeannette Tosh</p> <p>Ann McDowell</p> <p>George Brown</p> <p>Greg Thomas</p> <p>Steve Lieberman</p> <p>Robin Hendry</p> <p>Chris Moffat</p> <p>Dr. Beebe</p> <p>Julia Fogelson</p>	<p>The base station in AG is planning on going online in January</p> <p>There have been 6 cases of the flu in Twin Cities Emergency Room. Age ranges from 16-77 years old. 2 were hospitalized. 76 and 77 year old. Not confirmed as of yet.</p> <p>The Flu is here in SLO County and the Flu vaccine/mist is still available.</p> <p>PPOD SOP is in progress. It is consistent with the FRPOD SOP. New language has been added for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) populations and should be completed by the end of the month.</p> <p>Dr. Bragg has retired. Dr. Harris is the interim director.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the priorities for EMSA this year is to get a community vaccinator policy. Working on submitting a policy before the next TTX. • Received funding from Homeland Security to purchase an EMS utility vehicle. <p>There was a CAHAN drill that took place before the end of the year. 60% of the users responded to this drill. Within the first 24 hours, 91% of the 60% were confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a main core switch update on December 18, 2013 at Sierra Vista. • Twin Cities covered Reddinet during this time period and incident command was set up for this switch. • The Labs are busy with influenza testing. They are getting cooperation from partners, hospitals, and urgent care facilities. • Of the 52 that have been tested, 30 have tested positive for H1N1 09. • Two patients have been hospitalized. • The lab has a new panel that can test for 15 new agents in gastrointestinal viruses. It is called "GPP". • A respiratory panel is also available for influenza negative tests. <p>Cerner implementation has been postponed 1 month. The update will occur in March of this year instead of February.</p>

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<p>SCHEDULED</p>	<p>April 16, 2014 – DCPD Full Scale Exercise – Dress Rehearsal – OES</p> <p>May 21, 2014 – DCPD FEMA Evaluated Full Scale Exercise – OES</p>

Roles in Responding to Top 3 Hazards

Water Contamination

Gaps in Roles:

Jeanette Tosh- One of the gaps is having the same MOUs with water companies. (Many of the healthcare partners use the same vendors for their services. This could be problematic when resources are scarce.)

Chris Moffat- The water purification system is only for natural water. This water is only used for toilets and to put out fires. People can't drink it unless it is certified by the county. There is only enough drinking water for 96 hours.

Julia- The biggest challenge for hospitals would be dialysis. It takes 450 gallons each time. Dialysis centers are very fragile/special needs places.

Fire Authority- The water from a fire hose can be used after it's been boiled.
Water resources in SLO County: 13 wells and (3) 4 million gallon storage tanks.
A challenge could be people who are not aware of the situation and continue to use the water.

George- The County needs to prioritize use of water. Places such as food processing facilities, dairies, and wineries use up a lot of water.

John Forsberg: Being in a protective action zone, there are ways to get communications out. Going up and down the streets and reverse dialing among the top two. Communications to call the whole county can take up to 3-4 hours with the 16 outgoing lines that are available.

Recovery:

Dilution would be important in making the water drinkable again.

George: Bringing in mutual aid help from other counties such people to test the water to make sure it is drinkable.

Wildfire

Roles and Responsibilities:

Julia Fogelson- Shutting down the intake HVAC on the roof. Start watching to see if the hospital has to evacuate. More resources are needed to move patients. Transportation to move patients out of the area would be the biggest issue. Busses would be needed.
Start discharging people who are ready to go to lighten the load of people in the hospitals.

Chris Moffat- Roles and responsibilities would vary depending on if the hospital was evacuating or taking on more people and patients. If more were entering, a tented system at the entrance to keep the smoke out would be helpful in sustaining shelter in place.

EMS/Ambulance: The tricky part would be responding quickly if some of the main roads are shut down. Finding alternative routes would be a top priority. Communication issues with radios would be a big issue as well. Depending on the time of day, there could be 6-10 ambulances ready to go. Main responsibilities would be dealing with staffing those ambulances and communication.

Recovery Gaps:

Karen: If facilities are gone, they may take a long time to rebuild and many of the facilities may opt to not rebuild. Nursing homes may not be rebuilt, especially if they are older buildings and due to higher operation costs and a lower profit margin.

EMS: Responsibilities would include making the right decisions: whether it is shelter in place or evacuation of assisted living facilities. The county will have limited resources so early notification is key. SB and Ventura County may be able to help with transportation based on our needs.

Pandemic Flu

Roles in Emergency:

Michelle S: There are 2 major roles that are common among all healthcare facilities:

1. Making sure that the patients are being taken care of.
2. Making sure everyone is in communication with each other once their status has been established.

Jeannette Tosh- Limiting access in and out of the hospital to decrease the possibility of spreading the virus.

Illness screening for visitors and hospitals before entering the hospitals.

Handing out N95 masks to patients.

If possible, cohort influenza like illness in one area and non-influenza illness in another area.

Eliminate elective surgeries and discharge patients that are well enough to leave.

Chris Moffat- Surveillance and reporting. Limit access for entry and exit.

Recovery

Chris Moffat- Communication, as far as keeping people informed with what is going on. Staffing of the ACS.

Jeannette Tosh- Service announcements- giving good information to the public and the media.

Greg Thomas- Lines of succession. Who will be in charge when the top people are affected by the flu.