



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEPAC) Meeting

January 7, 2016



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In attendance: Nicole Balliet, James Beebe, Kerry Boyle, George Brown, Reanna Clayton, Christine Gaiger, Beth Haberkern, Robin Hendry, Major Johnson, Karen Jones, Aaron LaBarre, Emma Lauriston, Andrea Lee, Elizabeth Merson, Teri Reeder, Kelly Riddle, David Ruiz

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Call to Order	Meeting began at 10:30 with a welcome from Elizabeth Merson and introductions. No changes to October meeting minutes were reported. PHEP will send out the October meeting minutes again since non-county personnel are not receiving PHEPAC emails.
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
PROGRAM REPORTS	
CHRISTINE GAIGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flu activity picking up• Ebola – Dec 29, 2015 Guinea, declared stable, no longer monitoring, good opportunity to develop treatment centers and relationships, travelers in ER still need to be questioned and or call health dept. if suspect Ebola• Nursing home out brakes – para influenza 4, (Beth – positive B, problems with rapid testing)
AARON LABARRE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since last fall gearing up for flood planning, prep for rainy season. Sending out notification to facilities within flood zone (cold storage facility etc.)• Develop a list for resources for Cupa/Hazmat (earthquakes, Hazmat specialist for damage assessments). An increased list will help to easily pick out whom to contact when assistance is needed.
KATHY COLLINS EMSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Todd Spanton out on Military leave and not expected back until July
ELIZABETH MERSON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>San Bernardino Incident</u> December 2, 2015 shooting, killing 14 and injuring 22, many of whom were Environmental Health workers Region 6 and 1 received mutual aid resource requests for EH and BH staff through RDMHS and MHOAC process At this time all requests have been filled by Riverside and LA Counties.• <u>Grant Updates</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHEP and HPP: Still waiting for State to release final allocation amounts and execute contract amendment. Working on new subcontract applications and reporting requirements

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- **PHEP Ebola:**
Healthcare providers are encouraged to register for FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness classes taking place in February – April 2016.
Applications for salary reimbursement are due to PHEP by January 15, 2016. in Anniston, AL
Law Enforcement, fire and emergency management are not eligible for reimbursement but may still attend.
- **Plans:**
 - Pan Flu plan: authenticated and distributed
 - Medical Shelter plan: authenticated and distributed
 - CHEMPACK: first round of revision complete. In internal review process. Will go out to partners next.
 - First Responder Point of Distribution: in internal review for administrative updates. Will be distributed to partners once admin review complete.
 - Communicable Disease Response Plan and disease specific annexes: draft complete; waiting for internal authentication.
- **CHEMPACK**
The CDC is exploring the option of drop-shipping CHEMPACK replacement pharmaceuticals directly to California CHEMPACK sites via the United Parcel Service (UPS). Local staff would be responsible for receiving, labeling, replacing and then returning the replaced product to DSNS via prepaid UPS mailers.
1/7/16 Update: CDC will not implement the drop shipping program. CHEMPACK replacement program will continue as it has in the past.
- **Staff Updates**
Sara Epps was promoted to Administrative Services Officer position in BH. Started new position on January 4th
Andrea Lee was promoted to Accountant III in BH. Will start new position on January 18th
Elizabeth Merson will be on maternity leave for approx. 3 months starting at the end of April 2016.
- **Personal Protective Equipment Cache**
At the SWMHE TTX, which was a Pan Flu scenario, Chief Johnson brought up that during H1N1 it was difficult to obtain PPE supplies. He suggested encouraging healthcare providers to inventory their cache of PPE and consider increasing it in anticipation of supply shortages during a pan flu or communicable disease outbreak.
No guidance available on specific quantities of PPE to have on hand. Best guidance comes from a CDC Conference Summary article on stockpiling supplies for the next influenza pandemic. Providers are encouraged to review and consider the article when calculating how many supplies to have on hand
http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/15/6/08-1196_article. Further Public Health encourages healthcare providers to pre fit all essential personnel for N95s, have universal precautions available for all essential staff: googles, gloves, gowns, EMS Personnel must follow Title 18 regulations for PPE per SLO EMSA policies.
- **Surge Capacity Survey**

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	<p>Emergency Preparedness grants require local health departments to assess the surge capacity within their jurisdiction. To fulfill this requirement, SLO County Public Health developed this assessment spreadsheet to capture the surge capacity at all hospitals and Skilled Nursing Facilities within SLO County. Survey captures: Overall surge capacity, Pediatric surge capacity, Neonatal surge capacity and Intensive care surge capacity</p> <p>See email sent to all hospitals and SNFs surge capacity survey on 12/17/15</p> <p>Send questions and completed surveys to Elizabeth Merson by 1/28/16</p> <p>Part B applies to Skilled Nursing Facilities</p>
<p>ROBIN HENDRY COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat phones for partners – renewed activation, minutes carry over ends in February (purchased 100 min.), distribute new phone list and destroy old phone list
<p>ANDREA LEE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Capacity Survey due to Andrea Lee by January 11, 2016 • Medical Reserve Corps Orientation on February 3, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 pm
<p>ELIZABETH MERSON HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health was required to update the Health Hazard Assessment that was originally completed in 2012. Top Hazards are now Pan Flu, Electric Failure, and Water Contamination. Plans and procedures will be updated to reflect the change in top hazards.
<p>DR. BEEBE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capability/Capacity. Member of the Lab response network (160 state and local labs here and international that have been equipped by CDC with testing capacity), also, influenza surveillance lab. • Ebola – 55 labs around the nation, SLO Co. opted not to become an Ebola lab. LA is the closest lab equipped. • Sentinel Labs – clinical lab – frontline, (ours is a biologic testing lab) • Reference lab – (ours) • National labs – CDC – very high capability and who we go to when in need • Also a chemical network. • Fastest, most accurate is Molecular test. We have expanded to other areas (RVP- resp virus and GPP-Gastro pathogen) both can be done in about 2hrs • Can test for some Bio-terrorism agents (some bacterial, viral) • Data pipeline – negative and positive reported to CDC, only positive reported to CDPH
<p>ELIZABETH MERSON UP COMING EVENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 24, 2015: Medical and Health Operational Area Coordination Training for partners 9:00 - 11:30 am Ag Auditorium on Sierra Way • February 3, 2015: MRC Orientation 5:30-7:00 pm Public Health Dept. on Johnson Ave
<p>ROUND TABLE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Lauriston – Sierra Vista ER undergoing refurb – will take longer due to Phased process – a couple months more • Kerry Boyle – Used heavy rains to test EOC Command; activated during business hours and overnight; want to follow up with further training, Last fall did a fire dept. outreach to focus on fixed facilities. Demonstration of diffibulator, CPR and fire extinguishers. All city staff are defacto emergency responders and outreach was a good reminder and training for them on their role.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Brown – During Nov. 2015 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise, simulated bringing in assets from CDC in Georgia via San Bernardino warehouse. SLO received one truck with 2 pallets of medical material. Really good support from Camp San Luis. Shipment from State was 6hrs late with messy paperwork, but exercise was good opportunity to practice procedures and coordination.• Captain Ruiz – attending meeting with Cal Poly, Muslim conference, expecting 1500 students to come into the area, Conf. Jan 15-18th. No serious concern.• Major Johnson – for GPS location of Camp SLO, need to type in 10 Sonoma to get accurate location.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next PHEPAC Meeting: Thursday April 7, 2016 at 10:30am CHP Coastal Division Headquarters, 4115 Broad Street, #B-10, San Luis Obispo, CA
ADJOURN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting was adjourned at 11:36am