



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

January 8, 2015



In attendance: James Beebe, Dave Blanchard, Kerry Boyle, George Brown, Christine Gaiger, Claire Grantham, Parien Greenall, Robin Hendry, Major Mark Johnson, Karen Jones, Kathleen Karle, Steve Lieberman, Elizabeth Merson, Chris Moffat, Joe Piedalue, Ashley Reilley, Kelly Riddle, Ann Robin, Paula Smith, Jeannette Tosh, Amber Trigueros, Kasey Watson

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<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting began at 10:30 with a welcome from Elizabeth Merson and introductions. No changes to October meeting minutes were reported.
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>Outside In SLO</b>	Climate Change Affects Health
KATHLEEN KARLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate change – Public health climate change is one of the defining issues of 21st century. One of the most serious public health threats. Heating/heavy rain/snow/polar vortex/increased flooding/ hurricanes. Worldwide climate change.</li><li>• Outside in SLO is a Public Health Department program that focuses in raising awareness of the health effects of climate change.</li><li>• Pilot program to include climate change messaging in existing programs.</li><li>• Adaptation and Mitigation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Adaption: how we deal with impacts of climate change – Public Health emergency preparedness plays a huge role in Adaptation (i.e. responding to public health emergencies).</li><li>○ Mitigation: preventing climate change from getting worse (i.e. educating people about climate change so that behaviors are changed)</li></ul></li><li>• Potential impacts (SLO) – increased temps, rising sea levels, decreased air quality, drought, wildfires, extreme storms</li><li>• Health Impacts – increased asthma and allergy rates. Super pollens (due to exposure to greenhouse gases)</li><li>• Co-Benefits: (ie: Riding a bike is good for your heart, your weight and the environment)</li><li>• What you can do? When speaking to stakeholders, include a climate change message. Incorporate best practices for stopping climate change in your programs (i.e. buy local food for meetings)</li><li>• Encourage everyone to make a commitment. “There is still time, but just barely”</li></ul>

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PROGRAM REPORTS	
ASHLEY REILLEY OES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OES – Ron Alsop is back from medical leave.</li> <li>• New Emergency Services Aide is starting on 1/26/15</li> <li>• In February there will be a drill with Diablo involving San Luis Ambulance and French Hospital</li> </ul>
DR. BEEBE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lab has withdrawn its Select Agent Certificate – no longer required to carry it. Doesn't change capabilities – one week to transfer or destroy a select agent – if recovered</li> <li>• Better prepared to deal with Enterovirus</li> <li>• Reports coming back very slowly from State Lab / Epi has not been able to close cases due to delay.</li> <li>• <u>Dave Blanchard</u> - Is the lab not storing?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Dr. Beebe</u> - we had maintained two quality control strains (destroyed now), tests requiring strains are now optional</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CHRISTINE GAIGER COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H3 flu – 6 hospitalized (1 patient age 0-64). 3-10 per day</li> <li>• Ebola – 3 tiered hospital system in place. Most hospitals are front line hospitals, including all hospitals in SLO County. Waiting for State to release list of assessment hospitals; treatment hospitals already identified.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 90 patients during the holidays were being monitored (50 low risk) in CA.</li> <li>○ Waste treatment guidelines – will be asked to pretreat sewage with 5% alcohol</li> <li>○ The next scheduled Ebola Provider call is 1/21/15</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Malaria seems to be increasing / 14 tested in CA</li> <li>• Measles – 9 cases from Disneyland, but none in our county               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lab is set up to test for Measles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ELIZABETH MERSON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLO County Surge Capacity Standard Operating Procedure was authenticated in December 2014.</li> <li>• Waiting for input from the state on the Triage plan</li> <li>• Interviews for vacant ASO position on Friday – Full time</li> <li>• Memorandums of Understanding – all hospitals and signed have signed MOUS; next targeted group is urgent care centers and health clinics.</li> <li>• Mid-year for grants – on track for completion of requirements – sent out tracking sheets to hospitals – will need memorandums of agreement back before you can invoice.</li> <li>• Trying to push info on Web site (meeting minutes, agendas, health care coalition) <a href="http://www.slopublichealth.org/Coalition">www.slopublichealth.org/Coalition</a></li> <li>• Medical Reserve Corp training held in December / another one in Feb/March</li> <li>• <u>Robin Hendry</u> : HPP Work plan – will be conduct on site inventory inspections checking inventory at hospitals; still waiting for Arroyo Grande inventory spreadsheet</li> <li>• December – Conducted high priority CAHAN drill in late December (64% confirmed). Users need to update their high priority alert profile so they can be reached when away from work. Another high priority CAHAN</li> </ul>

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	drill will occur in February.
ANNE ROBIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crisis Resolution Team – Pilot project in SLO City only. No funding to support project.</li> <li>• Mobile crisis response: contracted service to hold patient until appropriate transfer is made             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Put out a new Request for Proposal for contract</li> <li>○ Received responses from 4 entities applying for new contract.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 5150 does not mean automatic hospital stay.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5150's are increasing. Our job is to determine if patient is in need of psychiatric help, detox or jail</li> <li>○ Reworking the 5150 training process. Will need to designate some of the partner staff to be 5150 writers.</li> <li>○ Hope first responders will get CIT training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proposed Psychiatric facility in Templeton – Freestanding hospital (96 beds 46 youth, 20 adults, 20 geriatric and the rest floating). Plus a 60 bed assisted living memory care; won't have to transport over 80 children a year to Santa Rosa.</li> <li>• 350 transports done by county (excluding ambulance transport)</li> <li>• Discussion between Kasey Watson, Karen Jones and Anne Robin about dementia patients needing crisis support. Mental Health doesn't treat dementia; may be able to treat if patient had a previous mental illness. Suggest calling Ombudsman or specialized geriatric hospitals to get into a geriatric/psych program.</li> </ul>
ELIZABETH MERSON PHEP	<p><b><u>Exercises:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHEMPACK – will deploy chemical nerve agent antidotes – January 21, 2015 (During the exercise, if you're agency is contacted, please take action—don't simulate action).</li> <li>• Long Term Care Emergency Preparedness Seminar – March 19, 2015 at Vets Hall in SLO</li> </ul>
ROUND TABLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Major Johnson</u> – Camp SLO is developing a Solar Ray to support energy usage on camp. PHEPAC is welcome to view once completed.</li> <li>• <u>Kerry Boyle</u> - SLO City Fire – updating web page. Fire companies are adopting a facility to work with on fire safety</li> <li>• <u>Christine Gaiger</u> – Not too late to get vaccinated for the flu.</li> <li>• <u>Karen Jones</u> – Jan 1st law changes:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Residential facilities must have a CPR certified staff member on all shifts=</li> <li>○ Also, a Bill that establishes a medical foster home (veterans)</li> <li>○ If a facility has severe deficiencies, they are not allowed to take on new patients</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
ADJOURN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 12:00</li> </ul>