



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

April 7, 2016



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San Luis Obispo County

In attendance: Ron Alsop, Nicole Balliet, James Beebe, Dave Blanchard, Penny Borenstein, Kerry Boyle, George Brown, Janice Campbell, Lorene Campbell, Claire Grantham, Megan Harrington, Robin Hendry, Colleen Hubbard, Karen Jones, Chris Kolkka, Emma Lauriston, Stuart MacDonald, Elizabeth Merson, Brenda Ouwerkerk, Vince Pierucci, Teri Reeder, Christina Thielst, Jeannette Tosh, and Denise Yi

For corrections/comments: email Elizabeth Merson – [emerson@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:emerson@co.slo.ca.us)

### Call to Order

Meeting began at 10:30 with a welcome from Elizabeth Merson and introductions. No changes to January meeting minutes were reported.

### TOPIC

### DISCUSSION

#### PROGRAM REPORTS

JAMES BEEBE  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
LABORATORY

- The lab can test for biological agents but cannot test for chemical agents
- Trudy Hodge retired last October and they have not found a replacement for her yet.
- Lab has been upgrading behind the scenes for capability and capacity
  - New robot instrument that extracts DNA from microorganisms; can extract approximately 80-100 specimens per day.
  - Expanding PCR panels; in a short amount of time the lab can determine what is causing respiratory disease in a human being or what is causing gastrointestinal disease.
- Ebola specimen transfer exercise
  - Tenet Health – Emma Lauriston and coworkers are assisting the lab in conducting an Ebola specimen transfer exercise on June 7, 2016.
  - Dignity Health – Still waiting for response to coordinate and conduct an exercise
- New Ebola case in Liberia, 1 woman died and 84 others are under observation.
- The lab is taking their first big step to becoming electronically linked to its customers for electronic receipt for test orders and electronic reporting.

PENNY BORENSTEIN  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Zika
  - SLO County does not currently have any cases.
  - Transmitted sexually or by mosquitos
- Flu peaked late this year and is still active.
- Position available as a Communicable Disease Investigator

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<p>VINCE PIERUCCI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EMS Week is: May 15- 20</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nationally recognized week for all of EMS providers</li> <li>○ EMSA will be doing a presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>○ Recognizing MICNs in the hospitals, Hands Only CPR and High performance CPR trainers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chief Lieberman from Five Cities Fire and Kathy Collins were on KCBX radio talking about Hands Only CPR and High Performance CPR. Interview available on EMSA webpage.</li> </ul>
<p>ELIZABETH MERSON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Staff Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PHEP is fully Staffed</li> <li>○ Denise Yi, new Administrative Service Officer/ PHEP Specialist working full time.</li> <li>○ Megan Harrington, new Administrative Assistant working half time.</li> <li>○ Elizabeth Merson will be on maternity leave for approx. 3 months starting at the end of April.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Exercises:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conducted federally required POD sites call down drill in February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All 4 hospitals confirmed receipt of message and could make site available</li> <li>▪ 3 of 4 FRPODs confirmed receipt of the message and could make sites available.</li> <li>▪ 3 of 8 PPOD sites confirmed receipt of the message but could not make site available within target time.</li> <li>▪ Overall 65% confirmation rate and 59% rate of site availability</li> <li>▪ AAR: Continue to sign MOUs with POD sites and get updated contact information; other items were drill artificialities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Grant Updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Homelandsecurity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Received approval to develop self-study CHEMPACK training video; can be used for PH staff and partner agencies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Alternate Care Site/ Medical Shelter Supplies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have two new 20 foot trailers at Health Campus that will store ACS/ Medical Shelter Supplies</li> <li>○ Purchased remaining items to supplement State's ACS cache <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strategically planning to serve 25 patients for 72 hours.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Plans:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Isolation and Quarantine SOP:</u> Out for review. Please send comments to Elizabeth by April 14<sup>th</sup>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Added more content to the base plan, including roles and responsibilities for LEA, EMS, healthcare Clinics and SNF's.</li> <li>▪ Added Checklists LEA, EMS, Healthcare clinics and SNF's.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>ROBIN HENDRY COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satellite phones- for Iridium Satellite phones that are on the monthly plan, Communication Professionals has a new plan where you will get 10 minutes a month included in the new monthly plan.</li> <li>• HPP meeting in May will be ReddiNet training for hospitals.</li> <li>• CAHAN quarterly drill is coming up, if you have any changes in staff please notify Robin so the drill can be run correctly.</li> </ul>
<p>CHRISTINA THIELST CONSULTANT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see attached “Healthcare Services Recovery Assessment Report”.</li> <li>• Top three identified hazards; Pandemic Flu, Electrical Failure, and Water Contamination.</li> <li>• There was a recommendation to add residential care to the county’s plan list of essential services.</li> <li>• Looking at the six items in the Recovery Tasks section the room voted the three most important items were:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assessing and evaluating the facility for recovery and resumption of operations.</li> <li>2. Initiation of restocking inventories- supplies, food/water, medications, medical gas, fuel, etc.</li> <li>3. Identification and establishment of agreements MOUs/MOAs with vendors and suppliers for recovery and resumption activities (debris removal, cleanup, vital record recovery, renovations, etc.)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p>VINCE PIERUCCI CAL POLY STRIKE PLANNING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential Labor Strike at Cal Poly April 13, 14, 15, 18, 19 will run each day from 0700-1900 hours.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concern is not from Cal Poly employees but from agitators that come from outside SLO to participate strike (i.e. Oakland)</li> <li>○ Hospital Impacts (Sierra Vista)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Potential road closures may impact people coming to or leaving work, especially since it is during their shift change.</li> <li>▪ May need more security so protestors do not park in lots that are for patients and families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Surge of student drinking – due to lack of classes for a week.</li> <li>○ Cal Poly’s Open House is Saturday April 16.</li> <li>○ Protestors have to park on the streets, they will not be allowed to park on campus.</li> <li>○ Coordinating Agencies Operations Sites:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SLO PD – Grand and Slack</li> <li>▪ CHP – Santa Rosa and Highland</li> <li>▪ Cal Poly PD – Campus Way and California Campus Way and Grand Avenue</li> <li>▪ SLO FD</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ MHOAC be pushing out information from the Cal Poly EOC via ReddiNet.</li> <li>○ Cal Poly will remain open during the strike, business as usual.</li> <li>○ Anthony Knight from Cal Poly, Director of Emergency Management &amp; Business Continuity:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EOC will have a soft activation – 8 positions staffed</li> <li>▪ Cal Poly will be putting out situation report every 6 hours, at 1300 and 1900 and will</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>push it out to Op Area for situational awareness</li> <li>▪ Cal Poly will have an Incident Action Plan for the field and Incident Action Plan for the EOC.</li> <li>▪ Cal Poly will set up a mobile command and a unit command post for Cal Poly PD, SLO PD, and SLO FD.</li> </ul>
<p>ELIZABETH MERSON UP COMING EVENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 5, 2016 ReddiNet Training and drill, 10-11am at the Health campus.</li> <li>• May 11, 2016: MRC Orientation, 5:30-7:00pm Health department on Johnson Ave.</li> </ul>
<p>ROUND TABLE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Alsop, OES-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diablo Canyon Hospital Drill held at Marian Reginal Medical Center. This is a federal requirement for the hospitals and PG&amp;E to demonstrate that they can transfer a contaminated patient from Diablo to a hospital. Dress rehearsal is on July 13, 2016 and the evaluation will be on August 10, 2016.</li> <li>○ Scott Milner is now part of the OES team.</li> <li>○ If there was ever Diablo Canyon event with evacuations, Op Area would currently open a Southern congregate care and a decontamination center at Santa Maria Fair Park and a Northern center at Camp Roberts. There in a 95% chance that the Southern location will change to Nipomo High School and Nipomo Tech School Campus. OES has FEMA written approval and have walked the site. Both Southern and Northern centers will then be under the authority of Dr. Borenstein.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stuart MacDonald, SLO County Sheriff Office – April 10-16, 2016 is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to honor all of our public safety dispatchers.</li> <li>• Col. Nicole Balliet, Camp Roberts – Camp Roberts will be very busy this summer. They will have anywhere from 3,000-6,000 soldiers on base between the months of May-July performing exercises. Each session should last approximately 2 weeks.</li> <li>• Karen Jones, Long Term Care Ombudsman- On May 20, 2016 in Paso Robles, LTCO is holding annual Elder Abuse Seminar, focusing on domestic abuse and domestic violence.</li> <li>• Kerry Boyle, SLO City Fire- SLO city Fire Department will be staging for the Cal Poly strike.</li> <li>• Lorene Campbell, Sierra Vista- Went to FEMA for Highly Infectious Disease course. Felt our county has done a really good job preparing for disasters and Ebola. Got to practice drawing blood in PAPRs.</li> <li>• George Brown, PHEP- Working on a number of SOPs: FRPOD SOP – mostly editorial changes, CHEMPCK SOP- major overall, including new/changing checklists, MOHAC SOP- also getting a conceptual revision.</li> <li>• Brenda Ouwerkerk, SLO County Ag – working with partners for the Ingestion Pathway drill that is coming up October/ November to demonstrate our county’s abilities to monitor, quarantine, intercept, and destroy Ag commodities including livestock in the event of a leak at Diablo.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next PHEPAC Meeting: Thursday July 7, 2016 at 10:30am CHP Coastal Division Headquarters, 4115 Broad Street, #B-10, San Luis Obispo, CA</li></ul>
ADJOURN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm</li></ul>