HCPWG & HPP Combo Meeting Minutes

Date: February 5, 2021  
Time: 11:00am - 11:30am  
Venue: Online – Zoom

Attendees:

Public Health: Denise Yi, Rick Rosen, Maya Craig-Lauer, Vince Pierucci, Elizabeth Merson, Robin Hendry, Jen Miller; Ann McDowell  
Partners: David Majors (Dignity, French Hospital Medical Center); Adam Bramwell (Compass-San Luis Post Acute Care); Karen Jones (Long Term Care Ombudsman); Becky Herzig (Atascadero State Hospital); Lori Torgerson (Central Coast Dental Society); Miranda Rose (Atascadero State Hospital); Iva Larkin (Dignity Health); Joni Anderson (Coastal Surgical Institute ); Michelle Payne (ResCare); Simone Mueller (Oak Park Surgery Center); Jeannette Tosh (Tenet Health); Kayla Hammer (Community Health Centers of the Central Coast); Shauna St. Vincent (Dignity Health); Grace McGovern (Galileo Surgery Center ); Evan Millard (Community Health Centers of the Central Coast); Anju Agarwal (Dignity Health); Mike Mayfield (Avila Senior Living); Vicky Winslow (SLO Surgical ); Lindsey Cooper (SLO Surgical ); Chris Anderson (San Luis Ambulance); Steve Clarke (Community Health Centers of the Central Coast); Melissa Smith-Huff (Templeton Endoscopy Center ); Dana Melgares (Dignity Health); Natalie Kaplan (Dignity Health); Breanne Davis (Dignity Health)

1. Meeting Introduction - Denise Yi, SLO County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Manager

2. San Luis Obispo County COVID-19 Status Update – Vince Pierucci, SLO County Operations Section Chief
   a. Currently, there are 18,365 cases. Cases are trending down. We continue to work hard at the EOC.

3. Epidemiological Update – Ann McDowell, County of San Luis Obispo Epidemiologist
   a. We have detected the new variants here in San Luis Obispo County, but they seem to be normal in terms of disease presentation.
   b. We are working on genome sequencing, prioritizing new variants and reinfections. Reinfections must be symptomatic and have a positive PCR to be sent for sequencing.
   c. We have a large library of old specimens at our Public Health lab.
   d. There will be a vaccine trial in the UK focusing on mixing first doses and second doses of different brands of vaccine.
   e. The current vaccines are mRNA vaccines that allow your cells to produce the COVID-19 spike proteins to build immunity. The next wave of vaccines will be adenovirus vaccines.

4. Healthcare Provider Unit Update - Dr. Rick Rosen, SLO County Healthcare Provider Unit
   a. We continue to respond to outbreaks in congregate settings.
   b. Case rates have been dropping significantly.
c. SNFs have been seeing less disease activity. This is because many have seen large-scale outbreaks in the past few months and they are now have been mostly vaccinated.

d. We have been seeing more cases in schools, childcare, and preschool settings

5. Communicable Disease Unit Update – Christine Gaiger, Communicable Disease Unit
   a. Our team of 27 contact tracers and case investigators continue to investigate.
   b. We have a process in place to notify cases if they are not interviewed.
   c. We have been reaching out to employers about positive cases.
   d. There is a nurse line for the public to call if they have any questions.

6. Vaccine Unit Update
   a. Denise Yi, Vaccine Division
      • Vaccines arrived to San Luis Obispo County in mid-December and the POD started on 12/21.
      • 88% of vaccine doses received have been administered (some doses are being saved for second doses for the next week.
      • Vaccine supply from the State has slowed down.
      • Currently, we have 3 POD sites in SLO, Paso Robles, and Arroyo Grande.
      • We are currently vaccinating Phase 1A and 75 or older adults.
         • There are approximately 26,000 75+ adults in our county. We have vaccinated a substantial amount of them
      • The SLO POD is the only one open for the week of 2/8 - 2/12 due to the limited vaccine supply.
      • We are partnering with other organizations to provide support for those with access/language barriers.
      • The POD sites require a large amount of resources, especially staffing-wise.
         • The MRC, City and County DSWs, State staff, and IMT have been a tremendous help. Thank you for all of the support!
   b. Jen Miller, Vaccine Task Force Coordinator
      • Was added to the team a month ago.
      • The Task force began 5 weeks ago with the 5th meeting happening next week.
      • The Task Force is comprised of 30 stakeholders of all backgrounds – community organizations, healthcare organizations, insurers, etc.
         • The Task Force advises on how to prioritize vaccines in our community.
      • The Task Force follows CDC and CDPH guidelines for vaccine dispensing, but accounts for local needs with an equity-centric view.
         • Local knowledge is used to bring vaccine access to hard-to-reach communities.
      • Groups and individuals can advocate for themselves through the public
comments on RecoverSLO.org.
  • The Task Force reviews these comments.
  • Dr. Borenstein makes the final decisions for these decisions, but she greatly considers the recommendations of the Task Force.

7. Volunteer Update - Maya Craig-Lauer, Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinator
   a. The Medical Reserve Corps has 822 active volunteers.
      • 200 volunteers have been onboarded in the past month.
      • 500 people are currently onboarding to become MRC Volunteers.
   b. Volunteers have helped for months with COVID-19 testing at community and outbreak testing sites. They are now helping with COVID Vaccination Sites.

8. Roundtable
   a. Dave Majors (Dignity FHMC) – Does the Moderna Vaccine have worse side effects in the 75+ category?
      • Dr. Rick Rosen – It seems that middle-aged people are most affected by the Moderna side-effects.
   b. Dave Majors (Dignity FHMC) – Saw oxygen daily usage double. Other hospitals reached capacity on their oxygen. Our facility did not have to activate our contingency plan. This bump in usage was not foreseen.
   c. Karen Jones (Long Term Care Ombudsmen)– Have been coordinating with CVS and Walgreens for their vaccination program. Our team is making sure all facilities get their 3 clinics. We are working on a plan for more efficient emergency communication in RCFEs.
   d. Lori Torgerson (Central Coast Dental Society)– The Dental Community has been very impressed with Public Health and their communication.
   e. Miranda Rose (Atascadero State Hospital) – We have also seen a downturn in positive cases.
   f. Becky Herzig (Atascadero State Hospital) – We are doing much better. We have no units on quarantine. 63% of staff have been vaccinated. We are still coordinating vaccinations.

THE NEXT ALL COALITION MEETING (DHCC) WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING ON April 1, 2021 – via ZOOM

Next Regular HPP/HCPWG Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021 11:00 am - Noon. Via ZOOM