



County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Meeting April 3, 2025

In attendance: Maya Craig-Lauer, Alyssa Vardas, Gayle Robinson, Kristine Greene, Phillip Koziel, Chris Anderson, Megan Harrinton, Ken Dalebout, Jessie Burmester, Joni Anderson, Kristin Edler, Emma Wilcox, Ryan Rosander, Javier De La Cerda, Eric Ruelas, Megan Dubnicka, Diane Hebrard, Karen Jones, Rob Jenkins, Sarahi Garcia, Julia Armanino, Peter Hague, Ricardo Navarro, Leonardo Ontiveros, Breanne Davis, Amara Rodriguez, Debora Vitaliano, Gary Miller

Corrections to: phep@co.slo.ca.us

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
INTRODUCTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DHCC meetings begin at 10:30 am.
AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS	
MAYA CRAIG-LAUER PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The CHEMPACK Training is scheduled for June 12th. We will be releasing additional information soon.The Medical Response and Surge Exercise will be held on April 24th.We are assisting OES with an upcoming EMAD Exercise this summer in June and July.This year we are catching up on reviewing our plans and SOPs. In total, we are reviewing 16 plans and SOPs.The first grant year of our new five-year cycle ends in June, and we are on track to wrap up this year's deliverables.
KRISTIN EDLER PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICABLE DISEASE NURSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The week 12 respiratory report shows the following positivity rates: 2.1% COVID, 4.8% Influenza, 3.1% RSV. All are continuing to decrease and are relatively low.Measles cases total 483 in the country with majority in Texas in individuals under 20 years old. 97% are unvaccinated or status is unknown.
DR. GLEN MILLER PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The laboratory hosted a bioterrorism workshop for clinical laboratory scientists in March at Allen Hancock College. Participants came from commercial and hospital labs in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and SLO.Measles cases continue to rise in Texas and other states, including New Mexico and Kansas. The lab

Disaster Healthcare Coalition Meeting Minutes 4/3/2025

remains prepared to test for measles, with a turnaround time of one day.

- Influenza surveillance has shown, to date, no detection of H5N1 avian influenza.
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is terminating \$11 billion in COVID funding that had been used to support equipment upgrades, surveillance activities for drug-resistance bacteria, and personnel.

JESSIE BURMESTER
PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGIST

- Public Health is sending out a provider advisory on measles on 4/4. There has not been a case of measles since 2018.
- Wastewater surveillance is available on the respiratory diseases page on the county website.
- There was a spike in influenza and this year showed the lowest rate of individuals vaccinated since the 2017-2018 flu year.
- In 2024, there was reported the highest number of cases of valley fever. A lot of provider and public education is being released.

AMARA RODRIGUEZ
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(OES)

- OES will be hosting decontamination exercises in June and July.
- FEMA will be holding a radiological exercise at French Hospital.

RYAN ROSANDER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

- No updates.

PETER HAGUE
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

- No updates.

PARTNER REPORTS

- Emma Wilcox, Adventist Health Twin Cities and Sierra Vista: Gary Miller is our new Emergency Manager. We are hosting an MCI exercise at Sierra Vista.
- Phillip Koziel, Atascadero State Hospital: ASH is holding a mental health awareness day on May 14th and is open to any partners who would like to showcase at the event.

Disaster Healthcare Coalition Meeting Minutes 4/3/2025

- Javier De La Cera, RDMHS: An Emergency Operations Manuel training will be held in SLO in June.
- Kristine Greene, Kallos Surgery: The Sheriff's Office recently held an active shooter and lock down training at our facility.
- Jessie Burmester, Epidemiology Public Health: We will be holding an STI clinical update in Syphilis and presenting local data.
- Leonardo Ontiveros, Health Equity Public Health: We are holding a Mixteco outreach training in May that will be open to public health staff and then partners as space allows.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 3rd, 2025 at 10:30 AM

2995 McMillan Ave. Ste #178, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401