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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

JULY 15, 2010 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUDITORIUM

NOON – LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Special Populations Plan Review
3. Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan Revision Update
4. Statewide Medical Health Exercise & Training Program
5. Centers for Disease Control Site Visit
6. Round Table
7. Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 21, 2010

Health Department Auditorium



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July 15, 2010 Meeting Summary

1. Welcome & Introductions: Chuck opened the meeting at 12:20 and all of the attendees introduced themselves. It was noted that the April meeting was cancelled due to schedule conflicts.
2. Special Populations Plan Review: Each of the members were emailed a copy of the final draft for their review and comment. Chuck mentioned that the new term for “special populations” is to refer to them as “function access” or “functional needs” populations, and that we will be revising the plan to reflect this change. Comments from the attendees were noted and minor revisions will be incorporated.
3. Operational Area EOP Revision Update: Chief Banks advised the members that the RFP for a consultant was completed, and a consulting firm out of Sacramento has been retained to assist with the EOP revision. Key parties from each of the cities and county departments will comprise a steering committee to assist with this process, and Chief Banks anticipates the meetings to begin in late August or early September. Chief Banks anticipates that the entire process will take about 1 year to complete.
4. Statewide Medical/Health Exercise and Training Program: Each of the members was sent a flyer and a link to the state website for the upcoming exercise and training program. Chuck stated that each organization that plans to participate should register for the program on the website, and then complete the self assessment. The next phases will include multi-media training, a tabletop exercise and conclude with a functional, statewide exercise on November 18, 2010. The scenario for this year’s exercise will be an improvised explosive device, or IED.
5. Centers for Disease Control Site Visit: Chuck talked briefly about the upcoming CDC Site Visit, and the fact that they will be reviewing our SNS Plan. Ron and Chuck have been preparing for this visit, and working on a number of documents to ensure their compatibility and consistency with the new POD/Distribution Model. Chuck reminded the group that much of this new model really depended on the active participation of all county and city departments to fully staff and operate these eight PODs. It was noted that with eight PODs, the goal of providing mass prophylaxis to the entire population within 72 hours could be accomplished.
6. Round Table: No updates were provided by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



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JANUARY 21, 2010

NOON – LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. H1N1 Pandemic Update
3. Mercy Hospital Move Day Planning (Hospital Evacuation Drill)
4. Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan Revision
5. ICS 300 & 400 Classes
6. SNS Plan – Human Resources
7. Round Table
8. Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 15, 2010

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January 21, 2010 Meeting Summary

1. Welcome & Introductions: Chuck opened the meeting at 12:15 and all of the attendees introduced themselves.
2. H1N1 Pandemic Update: Chuck opened the discussion with a recap of activities, mostly centering on those that have occurred since October, 2009. The Health Department has conducted multiple Mass Vaccination clinics throughout the county, and is coordinating specialty clinics to continue through at least March of this year. Additionally, the EMS Agency applied for and received approval for paramedic expanded scope of practice from the State EMS Authority, to allow paramedics to administer influenza vaccine. Riggs Ambulance Service has held multiple 1st responder clinics to provide vaccination services to 1st responders and their families.

Clinics continue on a regular weekly schedule, and attendance at the clinics has been modest, as of late.
3. Mercy Hospital Move Day Exercise: The Health Department, Local OES, Merced City Fire and Police and CalEMA continue to coordinate with Mercy Hospital and Riggs Ambulance regarding the hospital's planned move for May 2, 2010 to their new facility in North Merced. We will simultaneously conduct a hospital evacuation drill, and our efforts at this point are to ensure that we can achieve the stated objectives without negatively impacting the actual hospital move. The Objectives for this exercise are as follows:
 - On-Scene Management
 - Communications (800 MHz Disaster Radio use)
 - Triage and Transportation of Patients
 - Public Safety and Scene Security
4. Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan (OAEOP) Revision: Chief Banks told the committee that it has been several years since the OAEOP has been revised, and it is in need of numerous updates. An RFP for a planning consultant to assist with the revision of the EOP is under way. The new plan will need to be NIMS compliant, and rather than try to address each discipline in detail, should, for example, simply refer to the Medical Health Emergency Operations Plan from the Health Department when addressing the Medical Health Branch. Numerous other plans need referencing, such as the Critical Infrastructure Protection Plan, SNS Plan, etc.
5. ICS 300 & 400 Classes: Chief Banks advised the group that one of the funding items in this year's Homeland Security Grant was ICS 300 & 400 classes. The preliminary plan is

to conduct three separate courses; one in Merced, one in Los Banos and one in either Atwater or Livingston. He wanted the group to have a heads up as the complete course requires a commitment of 4 days.

6. Strategic National Stockpile Plan – Human Resources: Chuck began by thanking Ron for his hard work on the current draft. The decision has been made to expand the POD site numbers and locations, as there were concerns that the model using 3 “mega” PODs would create insurmountable logistics and throughput issues. The current revision to the SNS Plan now uses 8 POD locations, dispersed throughout the county, and should be able to support the logistics and throughput needs of the PODs, depending on the community’s size and anticipated volume. For example, Le Grand will have less staff, and we anticipate approximately 6,000 resident will visit that POD, versus the South Merced Site, which we will fully staff and anticipate about 60,000 residents to visit.

Each of the cities and county departments have been briefed regarding the need for their have to assist with the POD(s) in their location, and a draft staffing plan was handed out to the committee. Chuck plans on meeting with each city to review this information and distribute “just-in-time” training material for their review.

7. Round Table: Ron Duran stated that the Health Dept. is being pressed for force protection pre-event planning with regard to SNS and POD site operations, and that state law enforcement officials will be reviewing those plans with local officials in the near future.

Tim Marrison gave the group a brief update on the CalSEIC process and the interoperability activities currently under way. It is anticipated that somewhere around \$3 – 400,000 will be available for system upgrades in Merced County.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.



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OCTOBER 8, 2009

NOON – LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. H1N1 Pandemic Update
 - a. Vaccination Planning
 - b. PPE Stockpiles (PPE Procedure, attached)
 - c. Medical Surge Capacity
 - d. Anti-Virals (Anti-Virals Procedure, attached)
3. Round Table
4. Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 21, 2010

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October 8, 2009 Meeting Summary

1. Welcome & Introductions: Chuck opened the meeting at 12:15 and all of the attendees introduced themselves.
2. H1N1 Pandemic Update:
 - a. Vaccination Planning: Chuck briefly discussed the current plans for mass vaccination clinics. He stated that there would be both multiple, simultaneous clinics in Atwater, Los Banos and Merced as well as regularly scheduled clinics at various sites around the county. Dr. Livermore spoke about the state's plan to distribute vaccine to local providers to increase the number of vaccinators within a given area. The current plan is to have providers apply on-line, with the Health Department validating the provider request.
 - b. PPE Stockpiles: The members reviewed the attached draft procedure regarding PPE distribution and use recommendations, and comments were received by staff. In general, the members thought the procedure was thorough and helpful.
 - c. Medical Surge Capacity: Chuck described the current plan for medical surge capacity, which centers on the use of tents on the hospital campuses. First step would be to increase capacity internally (use of multi-purpose rooms, single rooms to double, etc.). Only after maximizing internal expansion would the tent scenario be pursued. There are 8 tents currently available for this purpose, and each has a generator, lighting system and propane heaters. Once the new hospital is completed, there will be a much greater internal expansion capability.
 - d. Anti-Virals: The members reviewed and commented on the attached Anti-Virals distribution procedure, and staff took comment. By and large, the members were encouraged by the available stockpile and the priority distribution procedure outlined.
3. Round Table: Susan Coston (MCOE) commented on the good communications between the Health Department and MCOE and complimented the use of the county website for H1N1 updates.

Multiple questions were directed to the Health Department regarding vaccination clinic schedules and related activities. Dr. Livermore commented that dates were hard to nail down at this time because the delivery date of the vaccine is a moving target.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.