



HPP & HCPWG Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2022

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

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INTRODUCTIONS (ALL)

Denise Yi (PHEP), Robin Hendry (PHEP), Michael Brindle (PHEP), Maya Craig-Lauer (PHEP), Vince Pierucci (EMSA), Sara Schwall (EMSA), Brandi Colombo (Central Coast Home Health Hospice), Michelle Payne (ResCare), Karen Jones (LTCO), Emma Lauriston (Tenet), Dana Melgares (AGCH, Marian), Mary Massey (CA Hospital Association), Eric Ruelas (FHMC), Melissa Smith-Huff (Central Coast Endoscopy Centers in SLO and Templeton).

1. Meeting Introduction and program update - Denise Yi

- **The June HPP** meeting will be virtual, but we are close to having a physical location for future meetings.
 - a. COVID-19 After Action Review**
 - The County Public Health Department COVID-19 AAR is currently in final review and the County is working with a contractor to begin their AAR.
 - Public Health is experiencing big staffing changes. In the last year, Dr. James Beebe and Ann McDowell retired. Christine Gaiger and Robin Hendry will be retiring before the end of the fiscal year. All of those mentioned played key roles in the County's COVID-19 response as well as day to day public health essential roles and will be missed greatly!
 - Jessie Harris is the new County Epidemiologist and Dr. Glen Miller is the new Public Health Laboratory Director.

b. Upcoming Drills and Exercises

- NPP FEMA Evaluated Drill
 - The bi-annual NPP evaluated drill will be resuming this year.
 - The dress rehearsal will be held on August 10, 2022.
 - The evaluated drill will be held on September 14, 2022.
- **Statewide Medical and Health Exercise**

- The Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will be resuming in grant year 22-23 and may occur in the Spring instead of Fall as in previous years. The State Emergency Preparedness Office will share updates in the coming months so we can begin our planning efforts within the HPP and Healthcare Preparedness Work Group.
- **Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE)**
 - This drill will be replacing the Coalition Surge Test Exercise. The State has shared LHDs may combine the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise with the MRSE to satisfy both exercise requirements.
- **Fall POD Exercise**
 - The PHEP program will resume the annual Point of Distribution Drill in 22-23. This is a Public POD year. In the past, we have offered flu vaccine. This year we may offer a combination of flu and COVID. More information to come.

2. Communications Update – Robin Hendry

a. Satellite Phones

- Facilities who are in possession of a County purchased satellite phone must test their phones every month and fax the testing logs to the PHEP program.
- The PHEP program is planning on purchasing new satellite phones and they will be distributed to facilities that submit their test logs consistently for a minimum of 3 months.

b. GETS Card

- GETS is a priority phone service that allows users to have their phone service reestablished ahead of others in the event of an emergency.
- For those who have a GETS card, test calls must be made once a month and will be tracked.
- Please contact Michael Brindle if you or other essential staff need to obtain a GETS card.

c. Position Transition

- Robin Hendry will be retiring in June 2022! You can find her volunteering at Pacific Wildlife Center in Morro Bay. (805-543-WILD)
- Michael Brindle (mbrindle@co.slo.ca.us) will take over Robin's responsibilities.
- Sara Schwall is the new EMSA and PHEP Administrative Assistant.

3. MRC and HPP Requirement Updates – Maya Craig-Lauer

a. Emergency Management Institute

- MRC Updates
 - Maya will be attending the MRC Coordinators training conference at the end of the month.
 - Maya will be presenting the County MRC efforts during the pandemic, specifically the scheduling system created during COVID response that replaced the DHV system.

- HPP Requirements
 - Currently working on grant applications for the 22-23 grant year

- EMI
 - Emma Lauriston and Maya had the opportunity to attend the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland last month.
 - The City of San Luis Obispo coordinated this training to focus on the City's disaster response plans.

b. Burn Surge Annex

- Since we have limited resources in the County for burn-specific care, the focus of this annex is on initial triage, care and transport procedures to the nearest burn center for ongoing treatment.
- Maya will share the annex at the next HPP meeting for partner input.

4. Partner Updates

- Vince Pierucci (County EMSA)
 - In any emergency event, early notification to MHOAC (1-805-380-3411) is critical to:
 - Provide aid as quickly as possible when needed.
 - Prevent unnecessary State level intervention.
 - Maintain situational awareness.
- Emma Lauriston (Tenet Emergency Preparedness)
 - Currently working on AAR for COVID-19.
 - County Public Health did a great job representing the healthcare system at EMI in Maryland.
- Brandi Colombo (Central Coast Home Health Hospice)

- CCHH is currently experiencing nursing staff shortages but there is an ongoing recruitment to address the staffing shortages.
- Michelle Payne (Rescare)
 - No current outbreaks to report
 - Conducting annual evacuation tabletop exercise.
 - Preparing for earthquake drills in the Fall
- Mary Massey (CA Hospital Association)
 - ASPR is working to match exercise requirements with the State and CDC to reduce redundancy.
 - Cybersecurity is a growing threat in emergency response. The IT and the Emergency Departments have been increasing communications and situational awareness to prevent potential threats.

Next meeting: June 2 virtual via zoom.