



HPP & HCPWG Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Attendance: Denise Yi (PHEP), Vince Pierucci (EMSA), Maya Craig-Lauer (PHEP), Michael Brindle (PHEP), Emma Wilcox (THCC), Karen Jones (LTCO), Virginia Thompson (Davita Dialysis Pismo Beach), Dan Field (Infection Prevention), Joni Anderson (Coastal Surgical Institute), Stan Vinet (Dignity Health Home Health Hospice), Evan Millard (CHCCC), Brittany Taylor (CCHH), Brandi Colombo (CCHH), Chris Anderson (San Luis Ambulance), Dave Majors (French Hospital), Adam Bramwell (San Luis Post Acute Center).

1. Meeting Introduction and program updates - Denise Yi

a. Grant Updates

- The PPOD, FRPOD, CPOD, and CHEMPACK SOPs are all currently out for signature.
- We are planning a training course at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama for early Fall.
 - o We are working with the EPO to get staff time paid for the conference. If you are interested, we may need a subcontract in the next FY.
 - o Some of the courses offered include the HCL Healthcare Leadership HCL training and the Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT).

b. Drill and Exercise Updates

- Medical Response Surge Exercise
 - The MRSE scenario is an earthquake with a hazmat component.
 - Maya Craig-Lauer: If you have any plans or SOPs that involve the objectives to test, please send them to me so we can ensure those objectives are met.
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2. Communications Update – Michael Brindle

a. Satellite Phone Update

- Please continue to test your satellite phones and GETS cards.
- If you have any questions about these systems, send an email to mbrindle@co.slo.ca.us.

3. Partner updates and group discussion

a. What is your organization working on/prioritizing?

- Denise Yi: We want to provide as much help as possible and ensure the exercises provide as much value to our partners as possible.

- Emma Wilcox: We have a focus on MCI this year, which has been put off because of COVID. We have a functional exercise with an operational component on Thursday of the Statewide exercise. MCI is going to be the focus for the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise for us. Depending on what happens in the year, we will do a portion of Hospital Incident Command System HICS Tabletop. CHA offers a good HICS training. Moving forward, we should focus on HPP deliverables, creating a Family Reunification plan, creating new policies and plans especially in partnership with the County.
- Vince Pierucci: Public Health can offer help with HICS training, as well as ICS, MHOAC, EOM, SIMS, etc.
- Karen Jones: Currently prioritizing backup communications and general knowledge of emergency plans. We need to make sure we have effective communication plans available. Providing ICS training with a focus on LTCFs and SNFs would be helpful.
- Stan Vinet: We are interested in participating in functional and tabletop exercises.
- Brandi Colombo: CCHH participates in a tabletop exercise, alternating with a full-scale exercise each year. We used the recent floods to fulfill our full scale exercise requirement this year.
- Joni Anderson: Coastal Surgical Institute is focusing on improving communications with Arroyo Grande Community Hospital. We are looking forward to participating in the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise again this fall.
- Virginia Thompson: Currently prioritizing the communication process, points of contact, and evacuation procedures. Davita is currently working on updating their facility emergency plans.
- Chris Anderson: San Luis Ambulance is participating in various drills through the County. Two weeks from now, SLA will be participating in the Airport Mass Casualty drill. There's also two active shooter drills in the next few months.
- Evan Millard: CHCCC is interested in participating in the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise events. We are expecting a joint commission audit, so it would be great to show participation (minutes and exercise).

b. What would you like to see from this group in the 23-24 grant year?

- **Subject matter experts, certain topics, targeted trainings?**
 - Dave Majors: The Diablo Canyon meeting is this month, with a walkthrough next week. Drills in the Fall would be best since the first quarter can be busy. Environmental care has been concentrating on hazmat. I liked Emma's suggestion about focusing on family reconciliation. Media relations people would be great to include as well.
 - Tim Benes: Cambria Healthcare would like to participate in the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise Tabletop. We would opportunities to participate in MCI drills.
 - Adam Bramwell: San Luis Post Acute would like to participate in tabletop exercises and functional exercises again. There has been a lot of turnover with Compass staff so it would be nice to get reacquainted with emergency preparedness again.

4. Hospitals and LTCF Discussion – Maya Craig-Lauer

a. Medical Response Surge Exercise Discussion

- The MRSE scenario will be an earthquake focus with a hazmat component.
- **Hazmat component:** Do we want a specialized and rare problem, or would we rather stick with something more predictable?
- Karen Jones: We can customize. In one area we may have a full hazmat evacuation, somewhere else there might be a shelter, and somewhere else there might be no effect.
- Emma Wilcox: It has been such a long time since there was any Hazmat training. Let's make it less complicated, so that we can revisit the basics.
- Dave Majors: I Agree. There has been a lot of staff turnover, and our staff have not participated in these before. We should focus on something simple and more likely.
- **Objectives to test:** Communications, Unified Command/Command Center activation and operations, patient movement, and decontamination procedures.
- Karen Jones: Regarding decontamination, the first step is to determine if it is necessary, then follow the procedures.
- Denise Yi: Elements we can include in the MSEL: Our environmental health team can help determine if they need decontamination. They would like to participate.
- Vince Pierucci: Environmental Health is a subject matter expert for the Hazmat team. The fire department provides hazmat personnel who have been trained. Their job is to collect the agent(s), bring them to command post, then determine what the nature is. Fire does the collection and mitigation. Environmental health is more involved with the identification process.
- Vince Pierucci: Hazmat self-transport question: If a person dealt with a hazmat incident, then decided to self-transport to your hospital, how would your hospital react?
- Emma Wilcox: Lockdown is appropriate. If our hospitals can be notified as soon as possible, that would be helpful. Not enough training on quick actions like denial of entry and identifying hazmat situation upon entry. There is going to be a lot of confusion when someone shows up like that, so having information as soon as possible is critical. A new lockdown plan was made last year. Many requirements for lockdown are security related, but hazmat is also included. Level 1 lockdown: Specific dept or area. Level 2 lockdown: Full facility.
- Dave Majors: Lockdown of the entrances if straight forward. As much advanced notification as possible would be helpful.
- Maya Craig-Lauer: Exercise Components: Master Scenario Events List, patient cards, pre-exercise meeting for controllers, hotwash, AAR(S).
- Emma Wilcox: Doing the drill together in person would be great. It has been so long. It would be hard to coordinate all the staff and who is going to do what at each hospital. It would be hard to determine our level of play. Bringing everyone together could help add to the realism of the tabletop.
- Vince Pierucci: I agree, we should have the event here together. The MRSE is a functional exercise but does not mention that it needs to take place at separate

facilities.

- Karen Jones: I think in person would be more helpful and realistic.
- Denise Yi: Our plan will be to host the event here at our offices on Wednesday June 7th from 1:00pm-4:00pm.

SWMHE Statewide Medical and Health Exercise

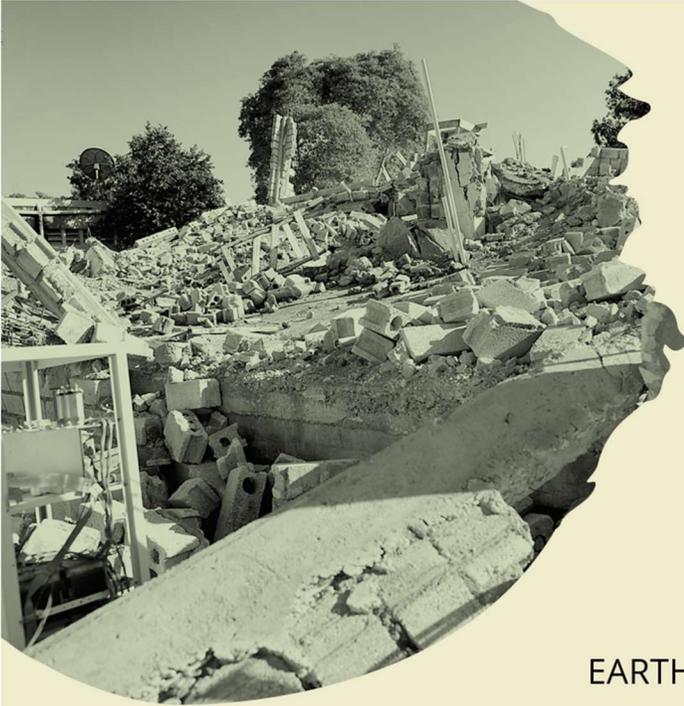
- Information on event is on CDPH.
- Plans to take place in Fall 2023.

The next HPP & HCPWG meeting will be on June 1st, 2023 from 11:00am-12:00pm at 2995 McMillan Ave, Suite 178, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.



MEDICAL RESPONSE & SURGE EXERCISE

PLANNING DISCUSSION



MRSE SCENARIO

EARTHQUAKE WITH HAZMAT COMPONENT

OBJECTIVES TO TEST

- Communications
- Unified Command/Command Center Activation & Operations
- Patient Movement
- Decontamination Procedures



EXERCISE COMPONENTS

- Master Scenario Events List
- Patient Cards
- Pre-Exercise meeting for controllers
- Hotwash
- AAR(s)



Other comments?

