



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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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.

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- 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*