



## County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Meeting July 11, 2019

In attendance: Chris Anderson, Joni Anderson, Aaron Baker, James Beebe, Teresa Berning, Kerry Boyle, Casey Bryson, Lando Casabar, Brandi Columbo, Michael Coughlin, Jeff Edler, Dale Felker, Christine Gaiger, Temple Gibson, Eva Gonzales, Dean Gosselin, Robin Hendry, Rob Jenkins, Emma Lauriston, Jacqueline Lewis, David Majors, Elizabeth Merson, Evan Millard, Casandra Noone, Nathan Paul, Vince Pierucci, Maryanne Portman, Ali Prosser, Jeremy Ralstan, Tim Rohan, Mary Jean Sage, Jeannette Tosh, Denise Yi

### Call to Order

Meeting began at 10:30 with a welcome from Elizabeth Merson and introductions.

### TOPIC

### DISCUSSION

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### **POWER SHUT OFF PLANNING**

ELIZABETH MERSON AND VINCE  
PIERUCCI

- See Attached Presentation from PG&E
- Public Safety Power Shut Offs are a part of a larger program that PG&E has put in place for wildfire safety. The Public Safety Power Shut Off program is based on high fire threat areas that ties into where power transmission lines are located.
- PG&E has shared that medical facilities including hospitals and clinics will not be exempt from these power outages. PGE&E will make efforts to place priority on restoring power to hospitals and medical facilities if possible.
- SLO County is located at the end of a transmission line meaning that we are at a greater risk of losing power in the whole county, even if an area outside of the County is at a high fire risk such as Coalinga.
- PG&E is required to only notify the Governor's Office, Cal Fire, State of California, and the Public Utilities Commission.
- Red Cross will not be opening shelters or charging stations. PG&E is working on designating "Resource Centers" where community members can obtain updates on the outage and charge small devices.
- Start pre-planning efforts now by opening the lines of communication with clients, patients, staff, family members and friends.

##### **CA PATIENT MOVEMENT PLAN**

VINCE PIERUCCI

- EMSA is working on localizing the State Patient Movement Plan and will form a local workgroup to meet and localize the State's plan to San Luis Obispo County.
- In light of the recent Ridgecrest Earthquake and evacuation of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, representatives from hospitals, transportation agencies, fire are all encouraged to attend the work group. EMSA, MHOAC, PHEP and OES, will be representing the County.

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### RIDGECREST EARTHQUAKE SITUATION STATUS UPDATE DENISE YI

- At approximately 10:34 on July 4, 2019 a magnitude (M) 6.4 earthquake occurred roughly eight miles West-Southwest of Searles Valley near the city of Ridgecrest. The M6.4 earthquake has been followed by many aftershocks, and occurred on the Little Lake Fault, located in an active seismic area. At 8:19pm on July 5, 2019, a M7.1 earthquake occurred approximately 11 miles North-Northwest of Ridgecrest on the China Lake Naval Weapons Center. The M7.1 earthquake is now considered to be the main shock.
- On July 6, 2019 the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) activated the Medical and Health Coordination Center (MHCC) at level 3 (low) in response to the 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquakes.
- Since the 2 events, the Governor has issued 2 Emergency Proclamations: one on July 4, 2019 for Kern County and one on July 6, 2019 for San Bernardino County.
- Ridgecrest Regional Hospital was evacuated after the first event on July 4, 2019. On July 7, 2019 the hospital was approved to resume operations and repopulate.
- Currently, all San Bernardino County hospitals are open, functioning and have no reported problems or resource requests.
- As of July 11, 2019 1015, the response activities for the Ridgecrest Earthquakes have slowed down and the MHCC is planning on deactivating on July 11, 2019 at 1700.

### AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS

ELIZABETH MERSON  
PHEP REPORT  
ROBIN HENDRY  
COMMUNICATIONS

- No Report.
- If you or your facility is not enrolled in the California Health Alerting Network (CAHAN), please fill out an application (attached). CAHAN is a method of redundant communications that will allow members to receive communications from the State and County, possibly including information about future outages, disasters and outbreaks.
- See attached Satellite Phone List for San Luis Obispo County. This handout includes instructions on how to make a phone call to a satellite phone from a landline or cell phone. This is a confidential list and NOT to be shared.
- The 2019 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will take place on Thursday November 21, 2019. The scenario this year will be a flooding event.
- Planning for the exercise will begin sometime in August. HPP and HCPWG members will receive an email with more information.
- No Report

DENISE YI  
STATEWIDE MEDICAL AND  
HEALTH EXERCISE

VINCE PIERUCCI  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

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CHRISTINE GAIGER  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- There was a Hep A cluster outbreak in San Luis Obispo in June/July. 160 people attended a catered event and 4 people tested positive for Hep A. Specimens were sent to the State lab and they are all genetically linked. California has seen this genotype once in 2019 in Orange County. The source has not been confirmed. The event had 3 caterers. None of the servers or the food prep workers were sick. The virus is now outside of the incubation period.
- There has been a delay in flu vaccine shipment. The World Health Organization took longer than expected to release the strain type to the manufacturers. This will affect the scheduling of the First Responder Point of Distribution (FRPOD) exercise this year and it may not occur as early in the year as we had hoped and anticipated. SLO County Public Health is waiting for the State to inform counties when their vaccine shipments should be delivered.

JAMES BEEBE  
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY

- The Public Health Lab can do a high-quality test for Measles and Mumps with a quick turnaround time.
- The lab is using the Health Information Exchange (HIE) which currently reports to all of Dignity Health facilities. Dignity Health providers can access all PH lab reports through this program. Currently working on getting the same level of accessibility to the Dignity Health labs.

KELLY VAN BUREN  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

- OES has been working with a contractor to create a new website that will focus on emergencies. The new website will not be associated with the County website. The website will contain 3 sites: preparedness, response and recovery. The website will be live on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The main page will be [www.readyslo.org](http://www.readyslo.org)
- Tim Rohan AGCH- No longer overseeing daily operations at AGCH and moving back into Administration. Will continue with emergency services and disaster preparedness duties.
- Dave Majors, French Hospital: French Hospital participated in a FEMA evaluated drill with OES and Diablo Canyon NPP testing response to transporting a patient from at Diablo Canyon NPP to French Hospital. French has hired a new ED director. Start date is TBD.
- Mary Jean Sage, Health Commission: The Health Commission looks at all health issues in the County. The group consists of 11 commissioners who are all volunteers. The Commission is a resource for anything health related for the residents of SLO County. They can advocate to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) if necessary, on all health-related issues. Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of each month in the BOS chambers. The last meeting focused on air quality impacts surrounding the residents near the Oceano Dunes. Next month's topic will be emergency services. More information can be found on websites: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/All-Public-Health-Services/Health-Commission.aspx>

### PARTNER REPORTS

### NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2019  
CHP Coastal Division, 4115 Broad St #B-10, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

### ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm