



Healthcare Preparedness Work Group (HCPWG)

Meeting Minutes

February 7th, 2019

2:00pm-3:00pm

ATTENDEES: Dale Felker, Dean Gosselin, Elizabeth Merson, Evan Millard, Paul Morris, Casandra Noone, Denise Yi

COALITION SURGE TEST EXERCISE-

PHEP and Healthcare Partners will be participating in the 2nd annual Coalition Surge Test Exercise this Spring. The exercise was introduced as a new grant requirement last year. Healthcare Preparedness Work Group members may participate this year. The purpose of this tabletop exercise is to test the evacuation and relocation of 20% of a participating healthcare coalition's staffed beds within 90 minutes. Healthcare Preparedness Work Group members may participate this year. For organizations that do not have "staffed beds," we can create a scenario where your organization is impacted and either has to evacuate or may be experiencing a surge a patients from evacuating areas. Through the planning meetings, we can work to build in necessary elements to test all participating organizations.

Since ReddiNet access is limited to hospitals and EMS providers, we will be looking for alternative methods of communications to maintain situational awareness during the exercise. We have asked the County Office of Emergency Services about granting limited access to Web EOC for healthcare facilities for overall situational awareness and track patients from healthcare facility to healthcare facility. We can also use the HICS 254 form for patient tracking and email or fax between facilities.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESPONSE PLANNING-

Healthcare partners are reminded of the need to maintain awareness of travel-related infectious diseases and routinely ask patients about recent domestic and international travel. Healthcare providers should screen for travel history on all patients with potentially infectious disease, especially those with fever, rash, acute respiratory symptoms, diarrhea, or vomiting. Should a patient present with signs/symptoms concerning for a special pathogen, including EVD, healthcare providers should immediately notify SLO PHD immediately of any suspect Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases by calling 805-781-5500, or after hours 805-781-4553.

STORM PREPAREDNESS-

PHEP has been receiving increased communications from the National Weather Service (NWS) and the County Office of Emergency Services (OES). The new Office of Emergency Services director, Joe Guzzardi has been proactive in sharing information by hosting conference calls with the National Weather Service during the heavy rains. Please let our office know if you would like increased information sharing regarding storm preparedness.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Please email suggestions for future agenda items to Denise Yi – dvi@co.slo.ca.us

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:00 PM

NEXT MEETING

March 7th, 2019

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