

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
August 3, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay.

New Members/ Guests: Peter Grauze, Bay Pines VA Hospital; Jeff Strout, Medical Reserve Corp; Mark Harris, Medical Reserve Corp

Motion to approve minutes from July meeting as written; seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
 - STARS system is down permanently.
 - Pinellas will be joining statewide syndromic surveillance system, ESSENCE, in the next few months. ESSENCE is an automatic download only system; there will be no manual data entry. Hospitals will be contacted to set up automatic download when the state DOH is ready to add our county.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: None.
- Treasury Report: None.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
 - All hospitals should get any security assessments that have been done to Gayle Guidash.
 - Any projects that hospitals currently have quotes for should also be sent to Gayle. Also, please start thinking of projects you would like funded. We need to start turning in quotes.
 - Project categories: Medical Surge & Security
 - If you have not had an assessment (and are a not-for-profit hospital), please let Gayle know so one can be set up.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - HAZMAT team is having issues with money for upkeep of detection equipment, as they have no budget for it.
 - All Children's is still working on the voice alert for their radiological detector and hope to be able to demo it at the September MMRS meeting.

New Business:

- Medical Reserve Corp:
 - Two visitors from the West Central Florida Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) (Jeff Strout, Mark Harris) presented on their MRC.
 - MRC is a system to pre-identify, pre-register, and pre-credential medical professionals (and non-medical personnel as well) to be volunteers.
 - West Central FL MRC currently operates in Pasco and Polk Counties. (Hillsborough has own MRC). Would like to add a chapter in Pinellas.
 - Benefits to the community for having an MRC were discussed and include: assistance to hospitals with surge capacity; specific teams built for Special Needs Shelters, immunizations, hospital support, etc.
 - Website: www.wcfmrc.org

- Pandemic Flu Workshop:
 - Teri Heimann from Roche Labs spoke on sponsoring a Pandemic Flu Workshop for Hospitals in the Tampa region.
 - Similar to a state-wide workshop for hospitals held in Orlando.
 - Would include speakers, a didactic panel of state and county reps, and set of tabletop exercises.
 - Pinellas and Hillsborough County Health Departments will meet with Teri on 8/21 to discuss further.

- Universal Task List:
 - Please send Steve LeCroy suggestions regarding what the focus of MMRS should be (from the Universal Task List distributed prior to the meeting via email).
 - Steve's suggestions: CBRNE detection, mass prophylaxis, and volunteer management.
 - Example: Tampa MMRS is redoing all mass prophy caches in hospitals and funding a company to do volunteer coordination.

Open Forum:

- Model Community Award:
 - Hunter Zager and Ed Smolik will travel to the CDC in Atlanta on August 13 & 14 to represent Pinellas County. Pinellas has been recognized as a "Model Community" by the CDC's Terrorism Injuries: Information, Dissemination & Exchange (TIIDE) program for our exemplary working relationship between public health and the emergency care community.

Next meeting will be September 7th at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.