

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
December 7, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay.

New Members/ Guests: DSI Group – Norm Miller, A.C. Burke; Terry Schenk; Larry Rubin, Morton Plant; Kathy Sterling, Sunstar; Lea Wansbrough, PinCHD

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

DSI Group:

- Mass Casualty Incident Planning:
 - Hazard analysis completed.
 - Gathering information from hospitals to determine capabilities.
 - 7 different elements to the scope of work.
 - Dr. Lou Stringer is the physician expert and he will be in the area on 12/17-12/21. The DSI Group appreciates your cooperation.

Reports:

- Syndromic Surveillance Update:
 - New syndromic surveillance contact – Lea Wansbrough
 - State system is operational and they are working through Hillsborough contact, David Atrubin, to get local hospitals on board.
- EMS/ FirstWatch:
 - 10 triggers have been set and are receiving alerts.
- Treasury Report:
 - New purchases: \$60,000 for antibiotic cache and \$10,000 for radiological monitor additions.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
 - Steve Lecroy was scheduled to meet with Dave Bjelke in Orlando but the meeting did not occur.
 - No progress in receiving funding.
- ICS:
 - 300 course completed with ~60 attendees.
 - 200 course at Largo Medical
 - In January, Citrus County hosting a 449 class through CERT (4 day class)

- Should have a training coordinator through Pinellas County EM to determine areas that trainings are needed and work to provide those trainings. Pinellas EM says that Greg Lindgren does this work already.
 - Need more sharing of information about trainings available.
 - Do not need to retake new version of 800 if already completed older version.
 - Training plan posted on NIMS website at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_training.shtm.
- Antibiotic Cache:
 - Sole-source documentation did not work.
 - Put to bid – vendor will be selected on Dec. 27th and PO sent immediately.
 - Each agency needs to determine its own distribution plan for the antibiotics for their personnel. Forms will be standardized.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - PO cut to vendor.
 - Will be setting up installation week of 01/14/08.
 - Gary sent a letter to the VA and spoke with Bill about refusal of monitors – the safety committee will be reviewing the issue.
 - Scott Edelman is the contact who will arrange for pick up and return of units.
 - Electronic dosimeters – supply around state in boxes will be replaced. Is there a training program to receive to outdated dosimeters?
- Biological and Chemical Response:
 - CHD lab has capability to do PCR testing for Biosafety Level 3 agents in Tampa.
 - State CHD labs have capability for chemical testing.
 - Sovereign immunity – under Chapter 110 a medical volunteer has SI during a declared emergency.
 - Need Medical Reserve Corps structure to sign up medical volunteers under Ch. 110, but cost for background checks is prohibitive. During an emergency, background checks are not required because the licensure covers the background check. Need for this format to be available during non-emergency times for emergency volunteers. State level policy issue.
 - **Steve Lecroy to write letter to Attorney General regarding issue of SI and volunteers.**
 - **Steve Lecroy to send Dr. Pell list of committee members.**

New Business:

- Hospital Evacuations:
 - Many hospitals do not have the equipment to complete the training.
 - May use MMRS funds to purchase equipment if funding through ASPR fails.
 - Larry Green sent an email to the state about putting the Paraslide on the ASPR grant as an acceptable purchase.
 - Can submit a variance for equipment different from listed equipment on ASPR grant documents.

- Hospital Advisory Group – Ed Smolik has contacted Bill McDevot regarding issue.
- Push for sustainment of equipment and supplies through grants.
- Some hospitals did not receive exercise funding due to lack of grant funds.
- Radios:
 - Rebanding 800 mhz radios because of conflict with Nextel.
 - Radios that currently work will work after the rebanding is complete with no cost to the hospital – Nextel is paying for the rebanding.
 - Send serial and model numbers of 800 mhz radios to Steve Lecroy – Palms, St. Pete General, St. Anthony's and Kindred have not sent info.

Open Forum:

- Medical Response to WMD course. Target date of January, 25 participants needed for 2-day course. Still trying to set up.
- National MMRS has received approval – still waiting for written approval. 30-40 million in funding for next year, so program will not go away and no significant cuts will be made.
- 2008 meeting schedule distributed.
- Adding psych into EM standards.

Next meeting will be January 4th at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.