



**County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department  
Disaster Healthcare Coalition (DHCC) Meeting  
October 4, 2018**

In attendance: Ron Alsop, James Beebe, Kerry Boyle, Juan Busby, Brandi Columbo, Beth Haberkern, Robin Hendry, Emma Lauriston (by phone), David Majors, Elizabeth Merson, Evan Millard, Casandra Noone, Tim Rohan, Eric Ruelas, Mary Jean Sage, Jeannette Tosh, Denise Yi  
Corrections to Robin Hendry, pheap@co.slo.ca.us

<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting began at 10:35 with a welcome from Elizabeth Merson and introductions.
<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>ELIZABETH MERSON</b> PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM MANAGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS Preparedness Rule Proposed Changes (see attached slide show). In the “comment period” of the proposed changes. Highlights: No longer an annual review, the review will now be every 2 years; A functional exercise will be required instead of a full-scale exercise</li> </ul>
<b>RON ALSOP</b> COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on PG&amp;E’s “Community Wildlife Safety Program Regional Workshop” (see attached handout). Basically, when the power will be shut off when a wildfire is in the area/approaching. Three tiered approach: Tier 1, Tier 2-Elevated, Tier 3-Extreme. Visit <a href="http://pge.com/wildfiresafety">pge.com/wildfiresafety</a> to find out if your home or business is served by an electric line that may be turned off for safety during high wildfire threats.</li> <li>• Questions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kerry Boyle asked 1) if the cell towers would be turned off? Ron answered that 76% of Verizon towers have generators and all have battery backups 2) is there a hospital plan for power outage? Ron answered that he’d have PG&amp;E contact the hospitals</li> <li>○ Elizabeth Merson wanted to know if PG&amp;E would support community power shelters. Ron didn’t know</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>AGENCY-PROGRAM REPORTS</b>	
ELIZABETH MERSON PHEP REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide Exercise is coming up on November 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• PPOD (Public Point of Distribution) exercise is on October 21<sup>st</sup> for ages 3 years and older. In north and south county from 9am to noon. There will be NO Flu Mist available. Public Health uses the PPOD to practice surge procedures.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kerry Boyle asked what effectiveness this year’s vaccine will be. Dr. Beebe answered that we won’t</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p style="text-align: center;">be able to determine the effectiveness until mid-flu season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners should sign a “closed POD” agreement to receive medical countermeasures from Public Health for distribution to an organization’s own employees, family members and clients. The plan is on the website: <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/Forms-Documents/Public-Health-Emergency-Preparedness/Plans/SLO-Public-Health-Closed-POD-SOP.aspx">http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/Forms-Documents/Public-Health-Emergency-Preparedness/Plans/SLO-Public-Health-Closed-POD-SOP.aspx</a></li> <li>• Attachment 24 (page 21 of the plan) is the Closed POD Partner Agreement which should be filled out and returned to Denise Yi, Public Health Emergency Preparedness <a href="mailto:dyi@co.slo.ca.us">dyi@co.slo.ca.us</a> or fax to 1-805-788-2715</li> <li>• There are multiple drills and exercises taking place in the fall including NPP Plume Phase Exercise, Public Point of Distribution (PPOD) and the Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE)</li> </ul>
<p>ROBIN HENDRY COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), conducted a nationwide test of the <a href="#">Wireless Emergency Alerts</a> (WEA) and <a href="#">Emergency Alert System (EAS)</a> on October 3, 2018.</li> </ul>
<p>DENISE YI MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS AND HEALTHCARE PREPAREDNESS WORKGROUP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next MRC orientation for FY 18/19 is Wednesday, October 17, 2018 10:00 am – 11:30am at the SLO Public Health Department. See attached flyer.</li> <li>• The Statewide exercise is November 15, 2018             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Get involved early for next year’s exercise                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/All-Public-Health-Services/Healthcare-Coalition-Exercises.aspx">http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Health-Agency/Public-Health/All-Public-Health-Services/Healthcare-Coalition-Exercises.aspx</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>VINCE PIERUCCI EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY</p>	<p>(reported by Elizabeth Merson for Vince Pierucci)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The EMS Duty Officer program is rolling out. There will be a 24X7 on call number and email to reach a public health official             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1-805-380-3411</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:PublicHealth.MHOAC@co.slo.ca.us">PublicHealth.MHOAC@co.slo.ca.us</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• To clarify upcoming propositions on the November ballot: Prop 11 will only effect private ambulance providers</li> </ul>
<p>CHRISTINE GAIGER COMMUNICABLE DISEASE</p>	<p>(reported by Elizabeth Merson and James Beebe for Christine Gaiger)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For reporting purposes, the flu season began on October 1. Healthcare workers are required to be vaccinated by November 1, or else they will have to wear a mask.</li> <li>• Kerry Boyle asked about the recent ricin scare. Dr. Beebe responded that there was No information from CDPH regarding the recent ricin scare. Apparently the letters contained the castor beans, not the powder. Dr. Beebe added that in order to be poisoned by ricin, the beans would have to be mashed up and then ingested.</li> <li>• Per Dr. Beebe the number of Valley fever cases has increased considerably. There are 6 times the reported cases this year compared to last year.</li> </ul>

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<p>JAMES BEEBE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infectious Disease Forum—hosted by the PH lab held 9-14-18 with infectious disease, urgent care, public health, and hospital physicians, with clinical, hospital and public health laboratory staff discussed the rapidly changing world of infectious disease laboratory technology. Dr. Beebe proposed the voluntary submission of specimens to the public health laboratory when a molecular amplification test yield a positive result for agents like influenza, norovirus and agents of gastrointestinal illness. Dr. Beebe called this new effort “Extended Laboratory Surveillance” as multiple laboratories are now performing molecular testing.</li> <li>• Influenza--- the submission of a positive influenza molecular test specimen from the Sierra Vista RMC lab initiated surveillance for a new swine flu virus (H1N2v) that infected 4 patients associated with exhibition of swine at the Mid-State Fair.</li> <li>• Base on the events of last flu, season the PH lab is acquiring a second thermocycler that can be used to test for influenza using the CDC-developed Rt-PCR assay. This will double the PH lab’s surge capacity.</li> <li>• SWMHE—the PH lab will conduct a “wet bench” exercise called the 100 specimen challenge at some convenient time in the coming months with goal to perform influenza PCR effectively and efficiently in a specimen surge scenario using two thermocyclers.</li> <li>• Electronic connectivity—Dr Beebe will confer with Athena health representative tomorrow 10/5 regarding an electronic interface with CHCCC clinics EHR and will continue discussions with OCPRHIO staff regarding interfaces for test ordering and result reporting for Dignity Health and Tenethealth hospitals, funded in part by an OES grant award.</li> <li>• Animal Health- Public Health conference hosted by the County of SLO PH lab and the Mid-Coast Veterinary Society chapter is scheduled for January 24 2010 at the Ag auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way SLO with attendees from the veterinary community and public health, discussing infectious disease topics of mutual interest with speakers from the</li> <li>• California Dept of Public Health and the regional California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) laboratory in Tulare.</li> </ul>
<p>AARON LABARRE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</p>	<p>(reported by Denise Yi for Environmental Health)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EH participated in a Hazmat drill at a refrigeration facility earlier in 2018.</li> <li>• EH is participating in the evaluated NPP drill</li> <li>• Liz Pozzebon is creating a EH Department Operations Center (DOC). Scott Milner of OES is collaborating with her</li> </ul>
<p>ANNE ROBIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH</p>	<p>Did not attend-no report</p>
<p>RON ALSOP OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During an emergency, the Board of Supervisors will put up a “Go To” webpage for a one-stop place for the community to get information. See <a href="http://www.readysandiego.org/">http://www.readysandiego.org/</a> for an idea what it will be like. A</li> </ul>

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private vendor will develop it, and it should be ready in about a couple of months.

- Ron announced that he is retiring at the end of December 2018 so this is his last DHCC meeting

### PARTNER REPORTS

#### **Dignity/AGCH-Tim Rohan:**

- Tim Rohan is the interim ED Director and the permanent Disaster Preparedness for AGCH since Teri Reeder's retirement

#### **Tenet/Twin Cities-Jeannette Tosh:**

- Voiced some concern that Behavioral Health representatives were not in these meetings. They have had several issues with patients kicking nurses and other issues requiring security
- Flu season-Twin has begun vaccinating all employees (no family members yet, due to the supply of vaccine)

#### **Dignity/AGCH-Beth Haberkern**

- Have received most of their flu vaccine

#### **Central Coast Home Health/Hospice-Brandi Columbo:**

- Have not received their flu vaccine yet, but have vaccinated employees. Will vaccinate clients when they receive vaccine

#### **French Hospital/Dave Majors:**

- Please park in back of the Pavilion during upcoming DHCC meetings.
- He attended the recent California Hospital Association meeting. Reported that hospital evacuations was the key topic. Direct communication between the hospital command centers was top priority. Work early and often with the CDPH with regards to licensing during an emergency. Debriefings after the event are critical for lessons learned

#### **The Manse on Marsh-Juan Busby (director of Risk Management)**

- On October 30 they will conduct a practice evacuation drill with about 20 to 30 residents. They are partnering with American Trailways and Embassy Suites. They will be practicing their emergency prep plan; SLO PD, Fire and San Luis Ambulance will be present to observe and provide feedback. The current CEO has experience with hurricanes and evacuation preparation

#### **Health Commission-Mary Jean Sage:**

- Reported that she is the new representative of the Health Commission for the DHCC meetings

#### **CHCC-Evan Milard:**

- Providing flu shots for walk-ins. \$20. See flyer.

#### **Cal Poly (reported by Elizabeth Merson):**

- Animal Rights Protest planned at Cal Poly on October 5. Cal Poly will activate its EOC and has requested some mutual aide.

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<b>UP COMING EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 10 2018 Statewide Medical and Health Tabletop Exercise (SWMHE) TTX</li><li>• October 21 2018 Public Point of Distribution (PPOD)</li><li>• October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 NPP Evaluated Plume Phase Exercise</li><li>• November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE)</li></ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Next SLO-DHCC Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 10:30 am <b><i>New location for 2019</i></b> Copeland Health Education Pavilion Auditorium, 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor Behind French Hospital, 1911 Johnson Ave., SLO (Park BEHIND the Pavilion)
<b>ADJOURN</b>	The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.