

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
February 3, 2006**

Minutes

Members Present: See additional sheet.

New Members/ Guests: Debbie Peck, Pinellas County Emergency Management; Bruce Ziebarth, HealthSouth Hospital; Patti Anderson, St. Petersburg Water; Mike Flanery, Pinellas County Health Department; William Orzech, Bay Pines VAMC; Craig Hare, Pinellas County EMS/ Fire Administration; Ronnie Duncan, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Adoption of minutes from December meeting.

Reports:

- STARS Update: No update at this time.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: Working on an alert for influenza.
- UASI Funding Projects:
 - Money being set aside for STARS from IT subcommittee (\$350,000) for completion of databridge project.
 - \$5.5 million for Health and Medical subcommittee projects:
 - \$1.9 million for hospital lockdown; 10 hospitals in Tampa Bay area
 - Patient tracking system
 - Volunteer coordination
 - First responder pharmaceuticals
 - **Gayle Guidash will provide UASI documents to committee members.**
 - **MMRS committee will create strategic goals as they relate to the UASI national priorities.**

Old Business:

- NIMS:
 - Training guidelines for FY 2006 can be found at:
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/nims/TrainingGdlMatrix.pdf>.
 - Deadline for completion of first wave of training is 10/01/06.
- MMRS funding: No update at this time.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - All of the hospitals in Pinellas County have agreed verbally to install the rad detectors in their ED; Sun Coast Hospital has not sent letter.
 - Committee provided sample SOP for hospitals to model.

- Monitors have been purchased and the company is waiting for the order to go through.
- Exercise:
 - Meeting will be held after Hospital Liaison meeting. Report will be made at next MMRS meeting.

New Business:

- Public Works:
 - When water supply is compromised, who do hospitals contact and what is the loss of water plan.
 - Use ReadyAlert through Emergency Management to alert hospitals if a credible threat to the water supply is detected; this is different from a boil water notice.
 - **PinCHD Engineering Department will work with Emergency Management to create a protocol for hospital notification.**
- Pediatric Ventilators:
 - Dr. Pell notified MMRS that the pediatric version of the Vortran ventilator has been approved; HRSA money can be used to purchase.
 - Suggest use of Vortran for patient transport and in CT and MRI environments to get respiratory therapist staff used to it.
 - Manifolds were included in original shipment. 8 patients can be hooked up to one manifold.
 - **Contact Steve LeCroy for a DVD copy of the Vortran presentation.**
- Alternate Care Facilities:
 - 3 resolutions regarding ACFs brought to the MMRS committee for review by Dr. David McKalip
 - Discussion before voting:
 - ACF would not be an empty building, rather identification of a facility that could be used. Have criteria for ACF written out and buildings within Pinellas County identified.
 - Consideration of hospital surge planning vs. mandating identification of ACF.
 - ACF resolutions will be voted upon individually by the MMRS committee.
 - Resolution 1: Resolved that our Metropolitan Medical Response System ask the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners to ask for a plan for hospital upsurge and management of patients when hospital upsurge is exceeded from the Pinellas County Department of Emergency Management and Pinellas unit of the Florida Department of Health.
 - Motion to adopt as written above made and seconded; did not receive majority approval and motion was not carried.
 - Resolution 2: Resolved that our MMRS advises the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners that consideration of Alternate Care Facilities as defined by the Rocky Mountain Regional Care Model as a potential way to prepare for management of victims of a large-scale contagious disease event that may decrease Morbidity and Mortality when hospital upsurge capacity is exceeded.

- Motion to adopt as written above made and seconded; did not receive majority approval and motion was not carried.
 - Resolution 3: Resolved that our MMRS stands ready to advise the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners on the consideration of Alternate Care Facilities for Medical Disasters resulting from large-scale contagious disease events.
 - Motion to adopt as written above made, no second was obtained and the motion is not voted upon.
- Medical Disaster Response Board:
 - 3 resolutions regarding the creation of a MDRB brought to the MMRS committee for review by Dr. David McKalip.
 - Motion to vote on the 3 resolutions was made, no second was obtained and the motion is not voted upon. There will be no vote regarding the MDRB resolutions.
- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI):
 - Exercise May 2-5: receipt and distribution of prophylaxis to a mass population.
 - No funding attached to exercise.
 - Further update at next MMRS meeting.

Next meeting will be March 3rd at 9:30am in the All Children's Hospital Education Center classroom.