

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
May 5, 2006**

Minutes

Members Present: See additional sheet.

New Members/ Guests: Thomas Carey, St. Petersburg Police; Tim English, Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Minutes not available from April meeting.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
 - HCA Hospital Group working with Hillsborough CHD to implement databridge.
 - Increase in upper/lower respiratory syndrome noted prior to increase in positive influenza lab results. ICNs at hospitals notified and encouraged to have employees vaccinated and practice proper airborne precautions when dealing with patients.

- EMS/ FirstWatch: No update at this time.

Old Business:

- NIMS:
 - Elected officials have not been trained in NIMS, yet.
 - Status of the individuals cities within Pinellas County not known.
 - Hospitals using HEICS to train employees are compliant.
 - ICS 300-400 trainers available in the region for free; most are CHD personnel.
 - Use the ODP homepage at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/> to find HEICS instructor courses available.

- MMRS funding:
 - Contract is at an impasse – to change the way purchases are made in the contract, which require PRIDE to be the first choice for products violates state law and to sign the contract as is violates city ordinance because the city requires a bid process be used for purchases.
 - 2005 money runs out in March of 2007, yet that money has not been received.
 - **Steve LeCroy will contact the St. Pete Mayor's office and request guidance on what to do next.**

- Anthrax Medications:
 - No meds currently available in a MMRS cache.
 - CHD is talking with local hospitals which may be willing to rotate stock through their pharmacies.

- Motion made, seconded and approved to have Steve LeCroy, as Chairman of the MMRS, write a letter to the members of the DAC with a copy to Pinellas County Commissioners, requesting an allocation of county funds to start an antibiotic stockpile that would be administered through the Pinellas CHD.
- Letter to County EM:
 - Letter regarding adding an automatic law enforcement representative at local hospitals in the event of an emergency to assess the situation was sent to Gary Vickers at Emergency Management.
 - No response was received at this time.
 - Ed Smolik will contact Gary Vicker's office and request a response.

Committee Reports:

- Communication:
 - VPN to emergency rooms is under review.
 - Meeting between hospitals, EM and medical director's office to discuss communications.
 - Will review process of communication and create a strategic plan.
- Radiological:
 - City approved purchase of original monitors – target shipment of May 18th.
 - Rad monitors were also purchased by St. Pete Fire.
 - First responder training needed on radiological issues.
 - Subcommittee to identify nuclear bomb shelter criteria.

New Business:

- SiteProfiler:
 - RDSTF has bumped Pinellas to #46 on the critical infrastructure (CI) list.
 - SiteProfiler assists with assessment of CI in community and also gives security assessment at same time.
 - Assessments that have already been done need to be uploaded into SiteProfiler.

Open Forum:

- EM Systems:
 - Software system that allows hospitals, LE, MCO, etc. to communicate together.
 - Maintenance of EM systems will be \$128,000/ year for the 9 county region.
 - AHCA will be mandating all hospitals use web-based system and update it once a day during disasters (operational status).
 - AHCA system can be expanded to work as well as EM systems according to rep.
- Request to add Hospital Liaison update to each MMRS meeting with highlights from the previous HL meeting.
- FHA has distributed Bomb, Burn, Blast chapter of hospital disaster response plan. Contact Joanie Parrish for a copy.

- Grant contracts in next 30-45 days will be sent out to hospitals. Variations are still an option at this time.
- FL3 DMAT update given by Karen Crabbe. For more information on how to request a DMAT in an emergency contact Karen at 727-647-6271.

Next meeting will be June 2nd at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.