

**MMRS Meeting  
All Children's Hospital Education Center  
July 7, 2006**

**Minutes**

Members Present: See additional sheet.

New Members/ Guests: Andrea Dopico, Surveillance Coordinator, Pinellas County Health Department; David Atrubin, Epidemiologist, Hillsborough County Health Department

Motion to approve minutes from May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as written seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
  - Guest David Atrubin gave an overview of the STARS system. Currently, 3 of 9 hospitals in Hillsborough and 1 of 10 hospitals in Pinellas use the data bridge.
  - Many hospitals are not able to use the FTP file transfer which is currently set up.
  - UASI funds were used to purchase a VPN (virtual private network) to transfer data. VPN will be ordered by end of summer and then hospitals may transmit this way.
  
- EMS/ FirstWatch:
  - New triggers are being discussed to meet the surveillance needs in the future.
  - A new machine was installed to store data.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
  - The Tampa Bay region grant funding was cut from \$23 million to \$8.8 million for the 2006-2007 grant year.
  - News regarding NYC funding cuts, however, NYC was not using the money properly. They were using the money to pay for overtime.
  - All items purchased with 2004 money must be delivered by August 15, 2006.
  - All items purchased with 2005 money must be delivered by January 15, 2007.
  
- NIMS:
  - No change on compliance regulations – 100, 200, 700 needed for compliance. Can be done online.
  - Contact Steve LeCroy or Gayle Guidash if you need instructors for 300 or 400.
  - Use the ODP homepage at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/> to find HEICS instructor courses available.
  
- MMRS funding:
  - Have not yet received 2004-2005 money. When combined with 2005-2006 money, MMRS has \$470,000 to spend.
  - Issue is between legal departments from state and city.

### Committee Reports:

- Communication:
  - Communications update will be discussed in Hospital Liaison Committee.
- Radiological:
  - Monitors were ordered in February, still have not arrived. Company contacted by Gary Frank, who was told they would ship Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Tech support will be provided on site for operation after installation.
  - St. Pete Fire received an isotope identifier, possibly purchased by the county.
  - Gary Frank attended a meeting to discuss rad training with municipal first responder leaders. Most of the leaders requested training for their personnel on rad dosimeters and general rad information. Gary requested endorsement of MMRS to train first responders. **Steve LeCroy will send a letter of endorsement to the health department.**
  - The Committee will meet soon to review evacuation plans for a nuclear event, as well as other issues.

### New Business:

- PHP Assessment:
  - Requested by State DOH for submission to the CDC – assessed all preparedness aspects of county to define areas that needed work.
  - Contact Gayle Guidash if you would like a copy or if corrections need to be made.
- Alternate Medical Treatment Site Plan:
  - Pre-hospital plan – needs to be reviewed by the Medical Director's office and the EMS/ Fire Administration personnel.
  - Written by State DOH, contact Lynne Drawdy at [lynne\\_drawdy@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:lynne_drawdy@doh.state.fl.us) for more information.

### Open Forum:

- Mark-1 Kits:
  - Valium expired in September 2005; Mark-1 kits will expire September 2006.
  - Cost is \$25 each from Meridian.
  - **Steve Fravel will provide the number needed for EMS/ Fire.**
  - **Steve LeCroy will contact Tiffany Melton at Hillsborough CHD about extension of expiration date.**
  - Motion to continue funding to replace Mark-1 kits for first responders made, seconded and approved.
  - Motion to continue funding to replace Mark-1 kits for hospitals made, seconded and approved.
- St. Pete Fire conducted a hurricane exercise and discovered that more agency coordination with county is necessary. Unsure if use of ESF's for NIMS compliance should be used or county terminology used.

- Hospital Emergency Radio test:
  - Conducted on 07/06/06.
  - No response from Kindred, Bay Pines, Sun Coast, Morton Plant, Mease Dunedin and Bayfront.
  - **Suzanne DeKay will email radio instruction sheets to hospital personnel.**
- Mass Casualty Drill After-Action Report
  - Report emailed by Hunter Zager and passed out at meeting. Contact Hunter if you did not receive a report.
  - Coordination with the LEPC for next year's exercise.
  - Possibility of Major League Baseball participating in the exercise as well.
  - **Contact Hunter Zager or Gayle Guidash if you would like to participate on the exercise committee.**
- Training available on mass casualty mental health issues from the University of Miami. Contact Carol Clark if you would like additional training information.
- Pinellas County Health Department is under new leadership. Dr. Claude Dharamraj is the new Director of the CHD.

**Next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.**