

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
August 4, 2006**

Minutes

Members Present: See additional sheet.

New Members/ Guests: Barb Wilson, Palms of Pasadena Hospital

Motion to approve minutes from July 7th meeting as written seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
 - Baycare to begin databridge with Hillsborough hospitals and then add Pinellas hospitals. This will include Morton Plant, Mease Countryside, Mease Dunedin and St. Anthony's Hospitals for Pinellas County.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: No update.
- Mark-1 Kits:
 - Price has doubled since last time they were purchased by MMRS and the number of kits has also increased because of additional vehicles added to the Fire/EMS fleet.
 - Safety officers of hospitals should discuss with ER directors/ managers the location and use of Mark-1 kits.
 - Training information available from Steve LeCroy.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
 - Difficulty spending money because of the slow process.
 - Morton Plant Hospital has elected to purchase their own lockdown system instead of wait for UASI funds because of the slow pace. This money may be available for another hospital to use for lockdown.
- MMRS funding:
 - No change in status.
 - Some HazMat equipment received.
- NIMS:
 - Private hospitals are not required to be NIMS compliant at this time.
 - HICS roll-out on September 1st and EMI will also have ICS 100 and 200 specific for hospital personnel.
 - Hospitals need direction from county on what to train their personnel on so there is standardization across the county.

- Motion was made, seconded and approved to create a subcommittee to define for healthcare facilities the recommended trainings for Pinellas County.
- Larry Green will facilitate the first meeting in which a sub-committee chairman will be selected.
- **Contact Larry Green if you would like to be on this subcommittee.**
- The subcommittee will request an endorsement of the trainings from EM and DOH and possibly include in plan reviews.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - Monitors were available for pick-up at the MMRS meeting. The majority of the hospitals in Pinellas County should have them on location.
 - Larry Green contacted Mr. Ludlum from the monitor company and confirmed that there are no height restrictions when installing the monitors over the doors, just that the monitor should be in the center of the doorway.
 - A representative from the company will be available in September to visit each hospital.
 - Nuclear plan review: split into nuclear blast and other.
 - Nuclear blast not feasible to plan for because there is little to no hope for escape.
 - Focus of committee was on the "other" category:
 - Primary responders not equipped to identify a rad event and need equipment, training and protocols identified.
 - Quick detection, immediate evacuation plan and secondary evacuation plan are steps that need to be determined.
 - Need to take the components that are already in place for an emergency and pull together for a rad event. (e.g. – public information: have pre-scripted press releases)
 - First responders' ability to identify an event is a major gap.
 - Request fire chief's association to recommend to training department to standardize response.

New Business:

- Alternate Medical Treatment Site Plan:
 - Motion made, seconded and approved to remove AMTS from MMRS agenda.
 - A command level committee will be formed outside of MMRS to handle this countywide.

Open Forum:

- Request to post MMRS information on DOH website to provide ease of use for MMRS members. Motion made, seconded and approved to create and MMRS website.
- Tom Carey from St. Pete PD will pass along MMRS information to other agency reps.
- Largo Medical appreciates EM training.

- Recognition of Steve O'Keefe's last MMRS meeting. You will be missed!

Next meeting will be September 1st at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.