

**MMRS Meeting  
All Children's Hospital Education Center  
September 8, 2006**

**Minutes**

Members Present: No attendance sheet.

New Members/ Guests: Pete Grasso, Disaster Specialist, American Red Cross; Dr. Paula Bell, ACH ER Physician, Pinellas County Medical Control Board

Dr. McKalip would like to change the August minutes to read "...to remove AMTS from MMRS agenda **until the opportunity for emergency planning presents itself**". No vote by committee to approve change.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
  - Some improvements in data entry percentages. Morton Plant Hospital is finalizing the data bridge, waiting for Hillsborough BayCare Hospitals to go live with data bridge first. Sun Coast Hospital only hospital in Pinellas County that currently uses the data bridge.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: No update.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
  - No update at this time.
  - Channel 8 has information request in for UASI documents, but is being denied because of legal issues.
  - Bayfront and MPH still have not received any money for lockdown. Money approved by UASI.
- MMRS funding:
  - No change in status.
  - Dr. McKalip meeting with Congressman Young today; will discuss 2005 money issues.
- NIMS:
  - St. Pete mayor and cabinet are scheduled for classes.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
  - All radiological monitor have been delivered.
  - ACH – 2 are installed, however, they will only be turned on during a known threat.

- MPH will have 24 hour surveillance.
- Group discussed leaving on for 24 hours to see how many false alarms were received.
- HazMat units have monitors, but regular first responders do not.

#### New Business:

- Review priority project list and begin a new list of projects for 2007 money.
- Hospital Surge Capacity: MPH has substitution plan rather than surge plan. They will cancel electives and use those spaces.
- Mass Care Shelters/ Red Cross:
  - Red Cross tracks evacuees, not patients.
  - Need a program for mass care. Initially CDC did not support the cause and still does not support mass care facilities. Some support for the idea may be at the state level.
  - Next RDSTF meeting will be in November.
  - Staffing of facilities outside of hospitals is still an issue.
  - Dr. Pell suggested mutual aid for RN and MD between Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

#### Open Forum:

- Motion made, seconded and approved for MMRS to obtain a copy of the CEMP for each hospital. **Steve LeCroy has a current copy and will try to get more copies.**
- Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council: Ed Smolik presented documents showing new data indicating some hospitals that do not currently need to evacuate in the Pinellas County Plan are in an evacuation zone for the TBRPC plan.

**Next meeting will be October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.**