

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

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay.

New Members/ Guests: None

Motion to approve minutes as written; seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update: Suggestion made to write a white paper on the success of the STARS program in Pinellas County.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: No updates at this time.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
 - Still determining the correct process for purchasing -- \$6 million has been earmarked to build infrastructure for communication.
 - Penny for Pinellas funding to be used to increase public safety during disasters.
- NIMS:
 - Training matrix: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nims_training.shtm
 - Training calendar available through the RDSTF for multidisciplinary classes at no cost to the student at http://dstftraining.net/Home_Page.html
 - HICS instruction per email sent by Greg Watts:
 - HICS (Train the Trainer) status: The problem is that there is no real organization that is authorized to deliver the training program. By "authorized" I mean, a group authorized to or contracted to provide this. The Washington Hospital Center and Kaiser-Permanente were co-contractors supporting the HICS revision contract, which ended September 30, 2006. These two organizations are acting as if they are in charge of continuing HICS and yet, many of us, see that as a conflict of interest. It's a mess, but a fix was submitted to the State of California, who will be acting on it – will take about 6 months.
- MMRS Funding:
 - MMRS budget is not on the agenda for the next board meeting.
 - Money that MMRS should have had in 2005 is still not received.
- Mark-1 Kits:
 - HazMat teams in Pinellas are requesting Mark-1 kits be purchased by MMRS.
 - Use of ChemPack for First Responders. Chempack is available for free from the CDC through the state DOH: contact Ken Sturrock at ken.sturrock@doh.state.fl.us.

- Request made to MMRS committee for budget history/ treasurer report.
- **Steve LeCroy will provide a treasury report by the next meeting.**
- Project Priority List:
 - City of St. Pete wants to spend MMRS money on mobile data terminals in fire vehicles.
 - Strategy for spending State priorities vs. local priorities.
 - **Request made to committee members to submit ideas for strategic goals for MMRS.**

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - Helen Ellis Hospital has settled the dispute over the rad monitor and installed the device.
 - For remote notification each hospital must return the monitor back to the company for retrofitting. **Gary Frank will explore other options (i.e. – have tech come out to hospital).**

New Business:

- December meeting: December MMRS meeting was cancelled.
- Med Surge Committee Projects:
 - Nerve Agent Kits (state strategy)
 - Hospital Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Project (\$800,000+ project)
 - Hospital Conversion of Non-clinical Space to Clinical Space Project
 - Hospital Security Planning Template (\$200,000)
 - Motion made, seconded and approved for MMRS to send a letter for all funding in med surge projects be devoted to med surge capacity for direct management of patients.
- Hospital Landing Zones:
 - Some fire departments come out to hospital landing zones and some do not. Each jurisdiction has its own regulations.

Open Forum:

- Schedule for next year passed out.
- Exercise on March 21, 22 with some 2nd shift participation.
- Cache of meds for first responders – letter needs to be sent to the county endorsing this project.

Next meeting will be January 5th at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.