

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
January 5, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay.

New Members/ Guests: Ernie Armistead, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

Motion to approve minutes as written; seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
 - Addition of following hospitals to the data bridge: Morton Plant, Mease Countryside, Mease Dunedin, St. Anthony's, Bayfront.
 - Total number of hospitals participating in STARS = 13
 - Total number of hospitals using data bridge = 6

- EMS/ FirstWatch: No updates at this time.

- UASI:
 - Tampa Bay will likely make the cut for the next funding cycle with a rank of 26.
 - Steve LeCroy and Gayle Guidash will head the health and medical component of the UASI Committee

Old Business:

- 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
 - Steve LeCroy will assist any hospitals with 700/100 training.

- MMRS Funding:
 - Waiting for an executed copy of the contract from the state for 2005 money (\$227,000).
 - SPFD wants to use the 2005 money for communications equipment in the trucks.
 - 2006 contract worth \$230,000.
 - Request made to MMRS committee for budget history/ treasurer report.
 - **Steve LeCroy will provide a treasury report by the next meeting.**

- Mark-1 Kits:
 - Article in newspaper regarding Mark-1 kit availability.
 - MMRS will purchase kits for HazMat teams in Pinellas County.

- Med Surge Committee Projects:

- Dr. Tynan at the State DOH is leading a group to analyze the process of prioritizing projects and how the projects will be accomplished.
- HRSA Grants:
 - Contracts end in 04/07 – look closely at PPE requirements.
 - HRSA program will continue for the foreseeable future.
- Required Hospital Training:
 - Letter is being signed by agency heads to standardize the training of hospital staff in preparedness countywide.
 - Letters will be distributed to CEOs and a copy to the disaster coordinator of each hospital.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - 10 of the 14 hospitals have the monitors installed.
 - Details about troubleshooting will be discussed at Hospital Liaison Committee.

New Business:

- Treasurer Report: Not available at this time – Steve LeCroy will provide at the next meeting.
- MMRS Strategic Goals:
 - Try to tie the strategy in with the UASI objectives.
 - **Steve LeCroy will provide the grant guidance for MMRS.**
 - **Send goals to Steve LeCroy for discussion at the next meeting.**
- Hurricanes and Healthcare Conference:
 - Conference provides an opportunity for all healthcare agencies in the region to discuss strategy.
 - Looking for a new planner for the conference. Suggested that agencies to look towards may be TBRPC or RDSTF.
- EZ-10:
 - Technique for starting an IV in the bone of a person who is often in cardiac arrest.
 - Equipment for the procedure should be in every ER in Pinellas County.
 - At this time, the MMRS committee does not feel as though this is an appropriate project to use MMRS funding for.
- RDSTF IMT:
 - Report will be provided at next meeting regarding this training.

Open Forum:

- START 2 Finish training vs. Surge, Sort and Support – funding available for training materials for one and practical equipment for the other. Reminder that START 2 Finish was adopted by Pinellas County as the method for all hospitals to triage disasters.
- Cache of meds for first responders – letter needs to be sent to the county endorsing this project.

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