

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
May 4, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay

New Members/Guests:

Motion to approve minutes as written; seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
 - Treva Davis (STARS Coordinator) is contacting and visiting hospitals regarding STARS program. Ed Smolik suggested all hospitals meet with her to smooth out the flag investigation process.
 - There were problems earlier this month with those hospitals downloading data directly into the STARS program; these have been resolved.
 - There is currently an outbreak of measles in Alachua County, and hospitals across the state are asked to increase surveillance for rash illnesses. STARS has seen increase in rash syndrome. Hospitals to give handout on measles to relevant people at each facility.
- EMS/FirstWatch: No update.
- Treasurer Report:
 - 2006 MMRS contract has been approved by St. Petersburg City Council and has been sent back to the state for execution.
 - 2007 MMRS contract has not been received. There is uncertainty whether it will go through Department of Health (DOH) or Department of Emergency Management (DEM) or neither at the state level.

Old Business:

- NIMS:
 - There will be an ICS 300 class offered May 30-31 at the Gus A. Stavros Institute and an ICS 400 class at the end of June in Palm Harbor. Contact Gayle Guidash to enroll/for more information.
 - Deadline for NIMS compliance for ICS 300 and 400 compliance has changed from October 2007 to October 2008. However, altering efforts or pace of training is not recommended.
- UASI Projects/Representative:
 - Representative (Doug Paisley) was assigned to assemble a group to discuss the hospital hardening money. He was invited, but was unable to make this (MMRS) meeting. A meeting of this newly assembled group will take place in the next couple of weeks.
- Hospital Training/ICS:
 - ICS 100, 200 and 700 classes are still available from Steve LeCroy, if needed.

- Letter to BCC
 - The letter to the BCC was deemed unnecessary, as Emergency Management has money allocated for training and exercises available. This money has been used in the past to pay for use of school buses during the hospital mass casualty exercise, and it has not been requested for other use.
 - A meeting will be scheduled between the Health Department, EM and Steve Lecroy to discuss possible uses for this money.
 - Motion to retract the letter to BCC was made, seconded, and approved (with one opposing vote).

Committees:

- Radiological Monitors/Alarms:
 - All Children's Hospital still working on installation of voice enunciators. Hopefully, there will be an update and possible demonstration at next month's meeting.
 - Suggested a workgroup be put together to develop a radiological drill to test alarms and response, but only after all facilities have alarms installed, protocol developed, and staff trained.
 - Gary Frank will bring an update of all hospital progress in installation, protocols, and training to next meeting.
- Mass Casualty Exercise:
 - Final draft of the After Action Report (AAR) was emailed as a PDF document on Thursday, May 3rd to MMRS distribution list. Any questions, contact Hunter Zager.
 - Lack of familiarity of hospital staff with triage tags discussed. EMS does not use on daily basis. Tag use required by START 2 Finish, which state requires. Ribbons may be more practical to use than tags. Hospitals should document challenges with the tags and send to state triage group (via Steve Lecroy).
 - Steve Lecroy to contact Rhonda White to discuss this issue and will use Batter Up! AAR as documentation.
 - Concerns also expressed about issuing of black tags in the field and proper training for this process.
 - Tarpon Fire Rescue donated time and unit to the exercise (this was not noted in AAR).
- Disaster Summit:
 - Meeting will take place in May of subcommittee identified in April's meeting (Ed Smolik will join as well).
 - Primary purpose of summit will be to educate local elected officials on status of preparedness and encourage them to allocate more local resources to disaster planning.
 - Video shown by Dr. David McKalip as example of summit format.

New Business:

- Volunteer Database/Crisis Center:
 - Hillsborough MMRS and Health Dept. have contracted with Crisis Center. Have 1 FTE at Crisis Center working to coordinate medical volunteers. Are now a nationally recognized Medical Reserve Corp (MRC).

- Due to different set-up in Pinellas (lack of strong Citizens Corps Council), will wait and assess Hillsborough's progress before determining our role.
- HRSA Funding Categories:
 - Hospitals encouraged to think about possible future HRSA funding categories.
 - Forward issues, concerns, suggestions on HRSA process improvements to Ed Smolik, who will represent region 4 at a statewide meeting.
- Next Month's Meeting: Will take place on June 8th (the second Friday).

Open Forum:

- Hospital Sheltering:
 - Request for EM to issue recommendations on evacuation levels to hospitals ASAP. EM will have recommendations out next week, after receive final word on evacuation level changes from Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.
 - Hospitals will have to make final internal decision to evacuate or not.
- Ambulance Parking:
 - Morton Plant having problems with ambulances parked (while running) near air intake outside ER. Ed contacted Mark Postma at Paramedics Plus and negotiating parking on street instead; recommends other hospitals do the same if have similar problems.
- Hurricanes & Healthcare: Will be held on June 21st at St. Petersburg College Epi-Center (Ulmerton Road). Will focus on a small storm, impact and response.

Next meeting will be June 8th at 9:30am in ACH Education Center classroom.