

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
June 8, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay.

New Members/ Guests: Terence Ramotar, Sunstar; Dr. Don Pell, Pinellas County Medical Society; Peter Grauze, Bay Pines VA Hospital; Jen Ross, Intern, Bay Pines VA Hospital

Motion to approve minutes from May 4th meeting as written; seconded and approved.

Reports:

- STARS Update:
 - No increase in ER visits was noted during the smoke event from wildfires.
 - Treva will be contacting hospitals soon to update usernames and passwords.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: A respiratory trigger was recently developed for FirstWatch, which also showed no increase in activity due to the smoke event from wildfires.
- Treasury Report:
 - Mark 1 Kits have arrived and are in the process of being placed on the Sunstar units.

Old Business:

- MMRS Funding Update:
 - Activity has taken place by the federal lobbyist that Glendale, AZ MMRS hired. The Appropriations Committee has approved 2008 funding for MMRS. The next step is the Senate. The outlook is good for permanent federal funding for MMRS.
 - Steve LeCroy sent a letter to the Senate Chairman yesterday re: MMRS.
 - 2007 funding will go back through Dept. of Health at the state level.
 - 2008 federal MMRS funding was increased as well.
- UASI Grant:
 - Steve has had no return contact from Doug Paisley.
 - A group of people to look at current risk assessments is being gathered over the next couple of weeks.
- Hospital Training/ICS:
 - Pinellas Co. Health Dept. is teaching ICS-300 courses in Seminole in mid-July and an ICS-400 course in Palm Harbor at the end of June. Contact Hunter Zager if you are interested.
 - Bay Pines is interested in some 300 classes. Greg Watts is still in the planning stages.

- SPC will also be offering some 300 and 400 courses in the near future.
- State Triage Group:
 - Steve sent out an email on this topic to the MMRS distribution list.
 - Pinellas is not the only county asking questions about the state standard of triage tags.
 - Steve will check with the state group to see how much leeway our county would have to determine the use of the triage tag. Then the next step would be to establish as a county how the tags should be used.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - All Children's voice enunciator did not work once connected, and has been sent back to the company for repairs.
 - Largo Medical has returned their monitor, as it repeatedly gave false alarms with power fluctuations.
 - Question was raised about the existence of signage by the monitors, in case they go off, however the consensus stated that voice enunciators would make the signs unnecessary.
- Disaster Summit:
 - Summit committee (4 members) met and developed objectives/goals (handout attached to agenda).
 - Steve will discuss development of summit with St. Pete College. Ideally, they would develop and MMRS would take on more of an advisory role.
 - Summit would be 4 hours long, with an educational focus, and not designed to make any attendees look bad. Ideally would take place towards the end of hurricane season.
 - Discussion occurred whether to involve media or not, since are focusing on elected officials.
 - Also suggested to present to USF for involvement.

New Business:

- Hurricanes and Health Care:
 - Will take place June 21st at the SPC EpiCenter. Brochures were passed out.

Next meeting will be July 6th at 9:30am in the ACH Education Center classroom.