

**MMRS Meeting
All Children's Hospital Education Center
September 7, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present: Attendance sheet on file with Suzanne DeKay.

New Members/ Guests: Michael Duchesneau, Medical Director's Office; Kathy Sterling, Sunstar

Motion to approve minutes from August meeting as written; seconded and approved.

Reports:

- Syndromic Surveillance Update:
 - STARS system is down permanently.
 - Pinellas will be joining statewide syndromic surveillance system, ESSENCE, in the next few months. The State should have ESSENCE ready to receive data by the end of October.
- EMS/ FirstWatch: TuffBook data entered by field paramedics will be available to view for FirstWatch analysis. Triggers still need to be defined.
- Treasury Report:
 - 2006 contract still not received.
 - Re-sent fax to Diane Smith, supervisor at state agency overseeing grant.

Old Business:

- UASI Grant:
 - No information received from hospitals for project ideas.
 - If either Bayfront or Morton Plant does not have any project ideas, then 2nd tier hospitals will submit ideas.
 - **Gayle Guidash will contact hospitals to solicit project ideas for the meeting on 09/27.**
- MMRS Funding: Push to create permanent funding for MMRS.
- ICS: 700, 100, 200 trainings should be complete and agencies should apply ICS principals during daily routine.

New Business:

- HRSA Exercise:
 - HRSA is now called ASPR (Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response).
 - Hospital evacuation will be an exercise requirement for this year's grant (contract offers in September).

- Suggestion to hold a tabletop exercise approximately 1 month before the full-scale exercise.
- Separate mass casualty exercise should still occur.
- Subcommittee headed by Emergency Management created to plan exercises.
- **Dan Simpson will get the parameters and timeframe for the ASPR exercise.**
- Unified Command:
 - Road closed due to gas leak near Mease Countryside, no contact with Mease occurred and conflicting reports were given.
 - Need to work on communication to affected agencies regarding a situation.
 - **David Macnamee will contact Dick Williams at 9-1-1 to discuss use of HENS for this type of situation.**
- Universal Task List:
 - Motion to develop and pay for an antibiotic cache for first responders in Pinellas County under the control of the PinCHD was made, seconded and approved.
- Global Emergency Response:
 - DOH will install and activate patient tracking model.
 - Motion to table discussion on Global ER until additional information about the State system was made, seconded and approved.

Committee Reports:

- Radiological:
 - All Children's able to demo it at the September MMRS meeting. Device was being sent back for final modifications.

Open Forum:

- Model Community Award:
 - Hunter Zager and Ed Smolik traveled to the CDC in Atlanta on August 13 & 14 to represent Pinellas County.
 - Recognition was sent to the National MMRS as an example of the partnership that exists in Pinellas.
- Pan Flu Planning Workshop for hospitals is October 24th at the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast Facility on Roosevelt Blvd.
- Coast Guard is interested in creating a pan flu plan.
- ASPR allocation for region is \$1.7 million this year. No funding for decon training.
- HHS has additional grants available to hospital partnerships.

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