

Metropolitan Medical Response System Committee Meeting

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1	Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Target Capability (TC): Critical Infrastructure Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gayle Guidash met with UASI committee members at the last UASI meeting about the money for the hospital lockdown. Needs to meet with Bayfront and Baycare to identify issues and move the project forward. ➤ Hospitals need to provide an “in-kind” payment to receive UASI funds. David Bjelke recommends a backtrack through the hospital budget to 2003 to identify areas in which money was already spent that could be considered “in-kind”. Should equal \$25,000. ➤ The regional strategy for hospital inclusion in the funds distribution is to line-list the hospitals and just run down the list. ➤ No specific equipment has been identified or approved by UASI. ➤ Suggested that additional project ideas look to grant funds other than UASI for support. 	Review budgets to identify “in-kind” expenses.	All Hospitals
2	MMRS 2006 Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contract extended to 2009 for state. Steve Lecroy will apply to the state for an extension of the local funds. 	Apply to State for contract extension.	Steve Lecroy

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3	MMRS 2007 Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Received \$253,000 and Steve Lecroy will be creating a worksheet with project ideas and how the money will be spent. ➤ The worksheet is submitted with the contract – no deadline at this time. ➤ Suggested that we wait for the Mass Casualty plan to be completed so that gaps will be identified in the hospital readiness and then projects can be planned accordingly. ➤ Examples of ways to spend money – training/ exercises, replace expired PPE. 	Create worksheet of projects and expenditures.	MMRS Committee
4	Antibiotic Cache TC: Mass Prophylaxis; Responder Safety and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Project was put out to bid by the city. Many bids were received, but most did not meet the specifications. ➤ The city purchasing will be moving forward with the purchase soon. 	No action at this time.	N/A
5	Radiological Detection Equipment TC: CBRNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Equipment received and ready for distribution. Larry Green will send a detailed schematic of the wiring to the hospitals for their installation. ➤ Do not wire any of the purchased items until Ludlum 	<p>Send detailed schematic of wiring to hospitals.</p> <p>Contact Ludlum and arrange for company installation.</p>	<p>Larry Green</p> <p>Gary Frank</p>

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	Detection; Responder Safety and Health	has completed what the company needs to do to support the additional items.		
6	Incident Command System (ICS) Training TC: On-Site Incident Management; EOC Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Steve Lecroy is working with St. Pete College to provide 100, 200 and 700 courses. ➤ 449 course available to teach more people how to be instructors. ➤ Steve Lecroy is available to provide individual facility trainings – requires a class minimum of 15 people. ➤ 100/700 class available on January 23rd at Largo Medical. Contact Scott Westgate to register. 	N/A	N/A
7	Mass Casualty Plan TC: Medical Surge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Stringer completed review – focused on surge excess. ➤ A.C. Burke calling hospitals – please respond when she contacts your hospital. ➤ Dave MacNamee sent a letter to each hospital's CEO explaining the process. ➤ Part 1 (assessment) – due 01/22 ➤ Part 2 (plan) – due in February 	Respond with requested information when contacted.	All Hospitals

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Part 3 (exercise) – due in March ➤ Exercise will focus on hospital response capabilities 		
8	START 2 Finish TC: On-Site Incident Management; Medical Surge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disaster response model for triage and hospital surge was adopted by the MMRS committee as a countywide initiative in September 2005. ➤ Review plans and identify hospitals that do not comply with START 2 Finish model. Provide assistance to those hospitals to update their plans. ➤ JCAHO standards updated for 2008. VA intends to post the information on their website – Greg Watts will inform the committee when this occurs. Read about the standards review initiative at www.jointcommission.org. 	All hospitals should ensure that their plans comply with the START 2 Finish model, as adopted in 09/05.	All Hospitals
9	ASPR Funding TC: Medical Supplies Management and Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All hospitals have received contract offers. ➤ Region received a total of \$2.2 million for 43 hospitals in 8 counties. ➤ An additional line item was reserved for stockpiling of pan flu supplies. Dan Simpson needs ideas on how to allocate this funding. ➤ Additional supplies mean additional storage, which ASPR will not fund. 	Send Dan Simpson ideas about how to spend additional pan flu funds that would best support the hospital pan flu strategy.	All Hospitals

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CDC is against purchase of Vortran ventilators because they do not contain an alarm. Dr. Pell offered to contact the CDC regarding the use of Vortans. 		
10	Chemical and Biological Subcommittee TC: CBRNE Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee members: Larry Green, Don Pell, Charlie Crowther, Scott Westgate, Matt Quance, Suzanne DeKay ➤ Larry Green will arrange a meeting within the next month for this committee to meet. 	Committee will meet before next MMRS meeting.	All Chem/Bio Committee Members
11	Medical Response to WMD Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Not yet scheduled 	Schedule training and provide information to MMRS committee.	Steve Lecroy
12	National MMRS Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Still waiting for written confirmation. 	Inform committee when National MMRS has received written confirmation of existence.	Steve Lecroy
13	Syndromic Surveillance TC: Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No update 	N/A	N/A

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14	FirstWatch TC: Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Record number of transports for 1 day = 428 ➤ Steve Fravel will bring in the FirstWatch reports to show the committee what information they provide. 	Bring FirstWatch report to next MMRS meeting.	Steve Fravel
15	Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hunter Zager moving to regional position. ➤ Steve Lecroy sent a letter to the Attorney General regarding the issue of sovereign immunity. ➤ Dr. Pell contacted Charlie Crist and his father, Dr. Victor Crist, regarding issue of sovereign immunity. 	N/A	N/A
16	Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on February 8 th at 9:30am in the All Children's Education Center.	Attend next meeting.	All MMRS Committee Members

Radiological Subcommittee: Gary Frank (chair), George Bessler, Jordan Lewis, Jeff Taylor, Larry Rubin, Larry Green, Steve LeCroy, Thomas Carey

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