

## Metropolitan Medical Response System Committee Meeting

**Purpose** Meetings are held on a monthly basis to strategize about how to improve the preparedness and response of the medical community in Pinellas County.

**Date / Time:** Friday, May 2, 2008 / 9:30 - 10:30 AM

**Facilitator:** Captain Steve Lecroy, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue

Item #	Topic	Discussion	Action Required	Person Responsible
1	Syndromic Surveillance  TC: Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Information provided by Lea Wansbrough, Syndromic Surveillance Coordinator for PinCHD: fever, ILI and respiratory syndromes declining over the past month in the reporting hospitals; remaining syndromes steady.</li> <li>➤ IASIS Group – IT personnel not responding to requests for information</li> <li>➤ HCA Hospitals – West HCA Clinical IT person, Patty George, not responding to requests by state for information. TN corporate level OK with project and East and North HCA Hospitals already sending data.</li> <li>➤ UCH Group – Working with DOH but moving slowly.</li> <li>➤ ACH – Lea contacted and waiting for response to set them up in system.</li> </ul>	HCA Hospitals should contact Patty George and express their interest and need to be a part of the ESSENCE program.	HCA Hospitals
2	FirstWatch  TC: Information Gathering and Recognition of Indicators and Warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 1 respiratory alert over the past month was determined unfounded by DOH personnel after review of age groups and geographical spread of calls.</li> <li>➤ Added ALF to nursing home alert.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
3	Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Expenditures over past month: ~\$53,000 for antibiotic cache, airfare and travel expenses for UASI conference, and \$4300 for leak kits for HazMat team</li> <li>➤ Steve to provide a spreadsheet showing all expenditures and remaining balance in MMRS grants.</li> </ul>	Provide MMRS committee with revenue/expenditures spreadsheet and show remaining balance in funding.	Steve Lecroy

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4	Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)  Target Capability (TC): Critical Infrastructure Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Vote next month on priority of projects that did not make the initial cut for funding. If extra money available then turn to list of projects for funding.</li> <li>➤ All funding this year to be spent on interoperable communications.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
5	HazMat Radiological Detection Equipment  TC: CBRNE Detection; Responder Safety and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ St. Pete HazMat is requesting different items from other HazMat teams in the county.</li> <li>➤ MMRS has decided that the equipment to be purchased should be standardized throughout the county.</li> <li>➤ MMRS wants to purchase items that are useful and needed and not available through other funding streams.</li> <li>➤ Motion to buy radiological testing equipment for HazMat teams and the DOH Radiation subject matter expert as approved by the MMRS committee was made, seconded and approved through majority vote.</li> <li>➤ Additional equipment that is not part of the standardized package will be reviewed to determine need.</li> </ul>	Gary Frank will provide list of approved radiation equipment to MMRS committee members.	Gary Frank
6	Antibiotic Cache  TC: Mass Prophylaxis; Responder Safety and Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Shipment received from vendor and split into North and South Distribution Centers.</li> <li>➤ SOG for Distribution Centers completed by Suzanne DeKay and posted to E-sponder.</li> <li>➤ Each first responder agency needs to create its own dispensing plan for employees. Booklets available through Suzanne DeKay.</li> </ul>	Create guidelines for dispensing to employees.	All First Responder Agencies

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7	<p>Hospital Radiological Detection Equipment</p> <p>TC: CBRNE Detection; Responder Safety and Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hospitals need to complete set up of light, enunciator and speakers on own. Larry Green sent wiring schematic in February. Deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> to complete set-up.</li> <li>➤ Most agencies have monitors installed. Contact Gary Frank if installation delay.</li> <li>➤ Most agencies have a policy written and are working on the training of employees. Contact Gary Frank if assistance with training is needed.</li> <li>➤ Florida Hot Zone – Joe Burgess, consultant</li> </ul>	<p>Complete wiring of entire set-up by May 1, 2008.</p> <p>Complete training of employees. Contact Gary Frank if need assistance with training.</p>	<p>All Hospitals</p> <p>All Hospitals</p>
8	<p>Incident Command System (ICS) Training</p> <p>TC: On-Site Incident Management; EOC Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Classes are open countywide.</li> <li>➤ Greg Lindgren sends out emails and posts classes on RDSTF website.</li> </ul>	<p>Ensure all hospital personnel have completed required level of ICS training.</p>	<p>All Hospitals</p>
9	<p>Paraslyde</p> <p>TC: Medical Surge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ MMRS has agreed to purchase evacuation equipment for hospitals.</li> <li>➤ Each hospital should determine their own needs and provide a requested number by next month.</li> <li>➤ Greg Watts to set up a demonstration of the Evacused, hopefully next month.</li> </ul>	<p>Determine number of sleds needed.</p> <p>Set up Evacused demonstration.</p>	<p>All Hospitals</p> <p>Greg Watts</p>
10	<p>Sovereign Immunity</p> <p>TC: Medical Surge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ajoy Kumar attending training in Washington DC and will report back on issue to MMRS group.</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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11	Patient Tracking System  TC: Medical Surge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ State DOH to make decision by May 15<sup>th</sup> and execute a contract for a statewide system by 06/30/08.</li> <li>➤ System will be software only, web-based, and come with 3 years of free service for the hospital.</li> <li>➤ Hospitals will purchase hardware if needed.</li> <li>➤ Decision to wait and see what state purchases and see if it fits the needs of the county.</li> </ul>	Monitor status of Statewide Patient Tracking System	Hunter Zager
12	Training Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Will post MMRS approved training document on E-sponder.</li> <li>➤ Committee members: Greg Lindgren, Carol Clark, Larry Green, Charlie Crowther, Bruce Biefeld and Kenny Livernois</li> </ul>	Post training document on E-sponder.	Suzanne DeKay
13	Radiological Subcommittee  TC: CBRNE Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Incident at Morton Plant 2-3 weeks ago facilitated meeting.</li> <li>➤ Rad monitor alarm went off when EMS brought patient through ambulance bay. Called Gary because EMS did not know what to do.</li> <li>➤ Hospital personnel responded well, but need training for EMS personnel.</li> <li>➤ Provide awareness of system to all employees now and formal training in August.</li> <li>➤ Run cards being created.</li> <li>➤ Need to determine if ER shuts down and when it will reopen.</li> <li>➤ June 18<sup>th</sup> – tabletop exercise on radiation response</li> </ul>	Training for EMS personnel on rad monitor system response.	Jeff Taylor/ Gary Frank
14	Chemical and Biological Subcommittee  TC: CBRNE Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No update.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A

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15	Medical Response to WMD Training	➤ Move to training subcommittee to work out with SPC.	Make training available.	Training Subcommittee
17	Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dana Winslett with VA needs to shadow ICS 300 level courses (contact info in roster). Please contact if know of course in area.</li> <li>➤ HSEEP training available through FEMA IS courses and classroom courses. Federally funded agencies must use HSEEP format for exercises.</li> </ul>	N/A	N/A
18	Next Meeting	Next meeting will be on June 13 <sup>th</sup> 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

**Chemical and Biological Subcommittee:** Larry Green (chair), Don Pell, Charlie Crowther, Suzanne DeKay, Hunter Zager, Gary Frank

**Training Subcommittee:** Carol Clark (chair), Greg Lindgren, Larry Green, Charlie Crowther, Bruce Biefeld, Kenny Livernois