

South Central Healthcare Preparedness Coalition Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

South Central Public Health

Attendees: Debi Drake, Larry Troxell, Lori Capps, Patricia Heath, Sara Otto, Scott Rasmussen, Brenda Gully, Tammi Harr, Mark Phillips, Michele Carreras, Kim Vega, Chuck Wells, Joseph Barela, Dan Schaffer

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Welcome and Introductions	Larry welcomed members to the meeting. Participants introduced themselves and the agency they represented.
Approve Minutes from the February 22, 2017 Meeting	The Minutes were approved as written.
StateComm 101	Larry introduced Michele Carreras from StateComm. Michele provided information on how StateComm works. They are part of the Bureau of EMS but not a 911 center. They are not county specific and provide resources and coordination for the state of Idaho. They are co-located with the Idaho State Police in Meridian. They monitor all EMS and hospital traffic statewide and can assist if necessary. All staff are trained Emergency Medical Dispatchers and can provide pre-arrival medical instructions to callers prior to EMS arriving on scene. StateComm works with all seven health districts in the state as well as Idaho Fish and Game and State Aeronautics. StateComm can also utilize the electronic highway signs for public health emergencies when necessary. They also work with DEQ and have a direct line to INL. They have access to seven Critical Incident Stress Management teams to assist with behavioral health issues with EMS calls. StateComm is the primary state warning point for the National Alert Warning System. They have two phones in their center; one direct to FEMA and the other is a state phone. The system was created in the 1960's to alert states to nuclear threats. StateComm is also the activation point for the Emergency Alert System and is used for Amber Alerts and Civil Emergencies, e.g. floods. They can also mobilize EMS during mass casualty incidents and work with the national Weather Service in case of severe weather warnings. StateComm has many resources available to assist within the state.
August 21, 2017	Larry mentioned that we will have a total solar eclipse on August 21, 2017 and covered the various ways to view the eclipse with special glasses and filters. Twin Falls will not be in the path of totality in our area but various areas north of us, including Ketchum and eastern Idaho will be. Those areas are preparing for a surge of people traveling from all over the world to view the eclipse. Trish mentioned that we will see a lot of traffic in our area as people pass through our area on their way to one of the better viewing areas. Some concerns are cell phone usage with towers being potentially overwhelmed and the possibility of traffic taking as long as ten

	<p>hours to evacuate the Idaho Falls area. They are expecting maybe 35,000 people in Stanley with only a small clinic and QRU available for minor injuries or emergencies. St. Luke's may have a quick care clinic open in the Ketchum area with the influx of visitors. St. Luke's Wood River will have limited weekend hours and St. Luke's Magic Valley and St. Luke's Wood River are preparing to disseminate information about precautions to take during the eclipse to locals and their staff regarding eye care and proper hydration.</p>
Review/Update Bylaws	<p>Larry briefed the group that he had updated the Bylaws and previously sent them to everyone for review ahead of the coalition meeting. There was no additional discussion needed and the Bylaws were approved and accepted as changed.</p>
Election of Chair Elect	<p>Larry advised the group that beginning 1 July 2017 our current chair elect, Jackie Frey, will move up to the Chair position for the next two years. We entertained nominations for a new chair elect. Kim Vega and Deb Drake were nominated and Deb Drake was overwhelmingly elected as the new chair elect. It has been brought to my attention that Deb Drake will be moving back to the Boise area and we will need to vote again for a new chair elect. Please be thinking about this ahead of our August coalition meeting. This is a two-year position and the chair elect will then move up to the chair position beginning 1 July 2019.</p>
New PHPR Program Manager	<p>Larry told the group that our new program manager at IDHW in Boise is Matt Dudley. He was the previous PHP Program Manager at District 2 in Lewiston. He is over both planning and the Hospital Preparedness Program at the state level.</p>
Three Instances of Lessons Learned from Exercises	<p>Kim mentioned during our recent flooding that people were having their wells tested for contamination but were not required to divulge the results of those tests unless they wanted to. At this time there does not seem to be a remedy for this situation. Deb mentioned that St. Luke's Jerome staff learned to anticipate potential incidents rather than react after an issue, e.g. this year's flooding. Better to be proactive in making decisions ahead of an incident. Another issue was during our recent Ebola exercise with the hospitals. Hospital incident command was set up without contacting the emergency manager/ED Director. Decisions were being made without speaking to anyone. Reinforcement of HICS and Unified Command and contacting the right personnel is absolutely necessary. St. Luke's Magic Valley's Ebola exercise required more reorganization of supplies and support items. Communication was a problem as additional radios are needed. This year's snowstorms caused St. Luke's Magic Valley to start a Rides and Rooms program within their hospital. They had many employees that could not get to work and needed rides and some hospital staff opened their homes to employees who could not get home due to the storms. The Ebola exercise at Minidoka Memorial Hospital showed that their patient flow needed modification. The infection control manager was helped by decon staff to get hot, warm, and cold zones set up. Trish mentioned that the St. Luke's system is being standardized so every hospital can expect the same set up with supplies and equipment.</p>
Allotment XVI	<p>Larry told the group that we will have \$18,000 for training and exercises</p>

	<p>again for the next allotment year. He mentioned that two communications drills will be required which can be part of a larger exercise and one communication technology that does not rely on the Internet must be utilized. Trish said they have a request for training and certification for burn patients. Larry also mentioned that we are required to have one medical surge exercise to test regional evacuation plans. Larry spoke about training on the Social Vulnerability Index and whether or not we need a Subject Matter Expert to provide training. It appears we may be able to provide that training but the website for that information was not working. We will have to explore this area more moving forward. It was mentioned that we already have emPOWER to provide this information and we shouldn't need another website to provide the same information. This will require additional review to see what differences, if any, there may be between the two. At the last Time Sensitive Emergency meeting Larry and Josh spoke with Dr. Kraal about putting together an exercise to test their capabilities. Discussion followed and it was decided that St. Luke's and Magic Valley Paramedics would put together an exercise and Public Health could be involved. We will work with Brenda from Magic Valley Paramedics to see how we may be involved or how their exercise could be a part of our exercise. There is concern about attempting to include all six hospitals in one exercise due to the rural nature of our location with hospitals being spread out over a 90 mile radius. It makes for a difficult exercise with resources being spread too thin and unrealistic expectations in many cases. Emergency managers want to narrow the playing field to just a couple of hospitals with very specific capabilities tested during an exercise for more realistic outcomes. We will do what we can to accommodate this request.</p>
Mountain States Pediatric Disaster Coalition	<p>Larry asked members if any were part of the Mountain States Pediatric Disaster Coalition. Apparently no one had heard of this coalition. Larry will gather information to provide to members for review. Information emailed to coalition members May 25, 2017.</p>
Web Page	<p>Larry advised the group that our Public Health Graphics Design Specialist created a page on the Public Health website for the coalition which will include agendas, Minutes from meetings, and other relevant information.</p>
What's Going On?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lori mentioned that Twin Falls County is hosting FEMA in their review of request for flooding earlier this year. The county is also having a follow-up exercise August 2nd for the HAZMAT exercise conducted in 2016. - Tammi said they are hard at work reviewing the new CMS rules for home health and plan to exercise with St. Luke's Magic Valley. - Trish mentioned that they are keeping an eye on flooding at St. Luke's Wood River with all of the snow we had this past winter. - Dan mentioned that we will host a workshop/tabletop exercise regarding the upcoming solar eclipse on August 21st.
Adjourn	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.</p>
	<p>All Advisory Board meetings are scheduled (9:00 – 10:30) prior to the coalition meetings listed below</p>

**Meeting
Dates
(please
add to
your
calendar)**

**All Healthcare Preparedness Coalition meetings are scheduled
on the fourth Wednesday from 10:30 to 3:00 p.m.
unless otherwise noted**

Locations subject to change

South Central Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (SCHPC)

- **August 23, 2017**
 - To be held at St. Luke's Jerome, Lower Level
- **November 15, 2017**
 - To be held at Cassia Regional Hospital
- **February 28, 2018**
 - To be held at Minidoka Memorial Hospital
- **May 23, 2018**
 - To be held at St. Luke's Magic Valley
 - Oak Rooms 5 & 6, Lower Level