



# Health Care Coalition of Orange County

## General Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Minutes

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Calvin Fakkema at 10:30 a.m.

#### **II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Attendance information obtained from Zoom participant report

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- The April 27, 2023 minutes were approved

#### **IV. EMS/HEM REPORT**

- Dr. Grewal – on the HEM side, we are developing and modifying county internal and external plans. During this process, we will have some surveys on various topics we must update.
- PPE items are available, and we are still taking requests. The State still has COVID-19 test kits for professional use, BinaxNow test kits for CLIA-waived facilities, and over-the-counter kits for the uninsured, underinsured, and vulnerable populations.
- On the general EMS side, the system continues to be under pressure. Our Diversion and Ambulance offload times are stable but elevated compared to past years. There are some staffing issues on the hospital side, and the hope is the hospitals can work with the SNFs to accept patients in a timely manner to help patient throughput.
- COVID-19 is stubbornly hanging on; we did see a slight uptake in case rates.
- They will be releasing a newer COVID-19 vaccine this fall; it will be a monovalent covering the XBB.1.5 variant.
- The flu vaccine will be released in the fall (egg allergy is no longer a contraindication)
- Upcoming meetings –
  - California Hospital Association (CHA) Disaster Conference, October 3 – 4, 2023, Sacramento; virtual option
  - National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference – 2023, November 28-30, 2023, Las Vegas
- Chad Cossey – Burn Surge surveys: there was a delay on that piece; we are working on that plan.
- We met and discussed the Hospital Disaster Management Training (HDMT) and the first steps for training. We were looking at the PowerPoint and curriculum of that course.
- Statewide Medical Health Exercise –
  - September 12 – Final Planning Meeting, (10:00 am). You will see the documentation, MSEL, and we will post it on the EMS website once it is complete. Zoom link to follow.
  - November 16 – SWMHE (8:00 am – 12:00 pm): the County will be functioning as a Sim cell
  - The State of the Multiyear Integrated Preparedness Plan (MYIP) has asked that we test the same topic for April 2024, and we will have a Tabletop Exercise.
  - We will have the After-Action Report (AAR) in December, and I hope to see information to test and generate information.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- Presentation by Cullen Case / Southern California Radiation Treatment Network (RITN); Email: [ritn@nmdp.org](mailto:ritn@nmdp.org) or [ccase@nmdp.org](mailto:ccase@nmdp.org)
- Presentation by Michael Martinez / DDAR Coordinator - Disability Disaster Access & Resources (DDAR) 634 S. Spring Street – 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA. 90014 (213) 282-9021 – Voice / Text / Fax or Dial 711 – TTY / TRS Email: [Michael.DDAR@calif-ilc.org](mailto:Michael.DDAR@calif-ilc.org) or <https://disabilitydisasteraccess.org/>
- Presentation by Robert Denser / ILC Dover; <https://www.ilcdover.com/personal-protective-equipment/cbrn-paprs/>
- Chad Cossey - PowerPoint presentation on Public Safety Power Shutoff
- Gagandeep Grewal, OC EMS: <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/impact-of-planned-unplanned-california-power-outages-on-health-system-ppt.pdf>
- Committee Reports
  - *Hospital – Keith Bohn* – Nothing to report
  - *EMS – Julia Afrasiabi* – Nothing to report
  - *SNF/LTC – Paula Panganiban* – Nothing to report
  - *Home Health Hospice – Mary Brackett* – Not present to report out.
  - *Outpatient, Dialysis – Jeanette Yocono/Ed Cvelich* – Nothing to report
  - *Outpatient, Clinic/Urgent Care/Surgery – Adriana Nieto-Sayegh* – Nothing to report

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **o Roundtable**

- Nothing to report

## **VII. NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, January 25, 2024

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- 11:58 a.m.