



Health Care Coalition of Orange County

General Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 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 10:35 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attendance information obtained from Zoom participant report.
- Kevin Chao has officially retired.
- Chad Cossey / HPP Coordinator (Interim Manager). If you have questions, feel free to reach out to me.
- Steven Phillips / OCIAAC has resigned.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The July 27, 2023, minutes were approved.

IV. EMS/HEM REPORT

- Dr. Grewal reports out – On the EMS side, our ambulance traffic and pressure on the hospitals are fairly high.
- There is a concern as we enter the winter months when we expect to see viral surges.
- COVID-19 numbers are decreasing steadily.
- We are generally concerned about RSV and Influenza; those numbers are minimal in California, with increases in these cases in the Southeast US.
- CDPH still offers test kits, but the procedure will change. The over the counter and professional use kits will no longer be sent directly to facilities; all test kit distribution will move to the local health jurisdictions.
- LTCs/SNFs on the call, the process we will be using for the over the counter kits will be shifting to Public Health, and they will be your main point of contact to get the kits. The effective date is December 1.
- We are updating some of our plans. Some of the HPP requirements involve coalition surge plans, so we will formulate plans regarding medical surges for different scenarios and ask for input regarding responsibility and capability from different coalition sectors.
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- Upcoming meetings: National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, November 28-30, Las Vegas
- Chad Cossey reports out – Our fleet services are servicing our decon trailers at the hospitals. With the upcoming Statewide Exercise, I encourage the group to look at your disaster supplies, what is expired or damaged, and what you can still use.
- On November 7, we will conduct an internal training for Sim Cell.
- ReddiNet will be one of the main conduits for communication. Make sure to log into your ReddiNet account and update your information.
- The Statewide Exercise on November 16, the County will exercise from 8:00 am to noon.
- Qualtrics will be sent to the coalition to determine the After-Action Report (AAR) date. Please bring your three ups and downs. We will have all sectors represented.

- Hospital Disaster Management Training (HDMT) is still in progress.
- We have a great report that will be timely for this particular drill. FEMA and DHS have put out a report called Patient Decontamination in a Mass Chemical Exposure Incident (you can find in online).

V. NEW BUSINESS

- PowerPoint Presentation – Alex Munoz / Industrial Hygiene Program Manager / Intrinsic Environment Health & Safety; <https://intrinsic-ehs.com/what-we-do/snfservices/>; email: amunoz@intrinsic-ehs.com. Request for Services: <https://form.jotform.com/231307235828152>
- Presentation – Greg Tooley / Battalion Chief OC Fire, Nick Freeman / Division Chief OC Fire, and Ray McQueen / HazMat Program Manager OC Fire, on incident on October 3 in Buena Park, there was an ammonia release at a refrigeration facility.
- Committee Reports
 - *Hospital – Nathan Tabita* – we continue planning for November exercise and pediatric surge. We are taking lessons learned, brushing up on our plans, and ensuring that all the appropriate flex waivers are submitted to CDPH if we need to look for alternate care spaces. Also, our decontamination response plans and capabilities are our biggest focus items for the hospitals.
 - *EMS – Julia Afrasiabi* – we are waiting for the November 16 drill to see how that might influence some things we need help improving from the EMS perspective.
 - *SNF/LTC – Paula Panganiban* – at our last meeting, one area of focus was increasing participation. Nursing home folks, contact your sister facilities and encourage their participation in the General and SNF/LTC coalition meetings. Upcoming training: CAHF Incident Command on November 16 virtually; Registration link: <https://www.cahf.org/Education-Events/Event-Info/sessionaltcd/DPPEM11162>. Feel free to contact me at paulap@lapalmanc.net if you need help or want resources or training on ReddiNet. I do have the links for that. If you want to invite other people to the meeting, email me or Irma at ichavando@ochca.com.
 - *Home Health Hospice – Mary Brackett* – Not present to report out.
 - *Outpatient, Dialysis – Danny Concepcion* – the supply chain issue has been resolved; *we see no problems now.*
 - *Outpatient, Clinic/Urgent Care/Surgery – Adriana Nieto-Sayegh* – I look forward to the November 16 Statewide Exercise. We continue to attempt to increase participation. Laguna Beach Community Clinic, we will work on communication and get more training with ReddiNet.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

o Roundtable

- Paula Panganiban – I received an email from CDPH regarding test kits. They offered COVID and flu test kits for facilities with a CLIA waiver. Is it appropriate to share the link on how to apply?
- Dr. Grewal – the people receiving those kits are limited to SNFs/LTCs. Feel free to share the link.
- Covid and flu test kits CDPH test kits: <https://forms.office.com/g/ZQrPz18LH0>
- Chad – we are working on a Chem Surge plan. Some of you may receive phone calls to ensure we represent all the sectors.

VII. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, January 25th 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- 11:45 a.m.