



Health Care Coalition of Orange County

General Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022 – 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 July 28, 2022 minutes were approved

IV. EMS/HEM REPORT

- COVID 19 case rates are down: 5 cases per 100,000
- Positivity rate and hospitalizations are also down; we are about 100 hospitalizations where we peaked about 350
- The main variant is still the BA.5 but there are a lot of other variants out there
- Monkey Pox is declining worldwide. There are about 76,000 cases worldwide, 28,000 cases in the U.S., and 5,400 in California
- The number of cases has declined in Orange County and at least 7,000 people have been partially or fully vaccinated
- The pediatric population has been hit hard by rhinovirus, RSV, enterovirus, and influenza. There has been and uptake in admissions in children's hospitals. We may need to activate a more robust pediatric surge plan throughout the county.
- Influenza is starting to creep up. More in Southern California than in Northern California. There's a concern that there's going to be a multiple viral surge in the next month or so.
- Ebola has not been an issue in Orange County so far. Please dust off your plans and understand what all the precautions are. We don't have any threats in Orange County, and nobody is under quarantine. This is a theoretical concern and will monitor it closely.
- The AOC is still activated but is winding down. They are still doing vaccination PODs and plan to continue that throughout the duration of the health emergency, which will expire at the end of February. They are vaccinating against COVID, influenza and Monkey Pox.
- The warehouse does have some excess PPE supplies that are available; mainly gowns and face shields.
- There are still plenty of test kits available
 - i. professional use BinaxNOW kits that we can procure from the state
 - ii. over the counter test kits for the uninsured and underinsured population
- Kevin Chao mentioned the Radiological Dispersal Devices trainings and the Field Medical Shelter Trainings Health Emergency Management held this past week and this week.
- We just received the approved HPP budget from CDPH. Kevin will review that and will report out at the next meeting.
- The National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference is November 29 - December 1st in Anaheim

- Chad Cossey mentioned there is one more class available for the RDD training on Tuesday, November 1st. Please reach out to him if you would like to attend.
- We have an exercise on November 17th on Radiological Dispersal Device
- Please return the HVAs back to us as soon as possible

V. OLD BUSINESS

- No old business

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Committee Reports
 - *Hospital – Chris Riccardi* – We just had our meeting this morning and had a good discussion regarding pediatric surge. Training and exercises were discussed as well.
 - *EMS – Teresa Polinski* – Not present. No report out, however Dr. Grewal reported at the last meeting there was a presentation on Burn Surge that given by Dr. James Jeng from UCI.
 - *SNF/LTC – Paula Panganiban* – Their last meeting was rescheduled. Paula reached out to other SNFs on the call to connect with her for more participation with the subcommittee.
 - *Home Health Hospice – Mary Brackett* – No report given.
 - *Outpatient, Dialysis – Jeanette Yocono/Ed Cvelich* – Not present. No report given.
 - *Outpatient, Clinic/Urgent Care/Surgery – Adriana Nieto-Sayegh* – Not present. No report given.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Roundtable
 - Chris Riccardi would like to attend one of the Dialysis group's meetings to see what their disaster preparedness looks like, because if the expectation is that the hospitals will cover during an event, he just wants to make sure that they are planning appropriately.
 - Chad Cossey suggested having some presentations on continuity of care to tie in the different sectors
 - Chad asked Coalition members to please contact us when there are staff changes so we can update our distribution lists
 - Paula Panganiban mentioned that the OCHHealth website is not accurate with COVID data. She checks weekly to see the positivity rate, but it shows we have been low for the last few months. Dr. Grewal stated they only release the data once a week now and he doesn't have any more information than that at this moment.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, January 26th, 2023

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 11:12 a.m.