



Health Care Coalition of Orange County General Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 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
- Kristen Karpow – HPP is under my section, and we welcome Chad into Systems and Standards, which I think fits very well. We have Genise / Facility Coordinator and Ruth / Trauma Coordinator, and much of what they do crosses over and touches the HPP.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The October 26, 2023, minutes approved

IV. EMS/HDP REPORT

- **Dr. Grewal – Report out:** Epidemiology side based on CDC and CDPH data, COVID, Influenza, and RSV are on the downtrend. Influenza, as many of you know, has a double hump because it is initially Flu A and later Flu B or vice versa.
- There is quite a bit of pressure at the hospitals. CDPH has been visiting hospitals, and they have been denying use of alternate care spaces that don't have waivers (e.g., hallway beds). Limiting emergency department beds puts more pressure on the system.
- Diversion and ambulance patient offload times are up.
- **Regarding the COVID test kits, the CDPH program is ending for over-the-counter kits next week (end of Jan. 2024), and the professional use program is ending in mid-June (tentatively). Please find the link on our website.**
 - i. **Public Health handles test distribution. If you need test kits, get those orders in; expiration dates are on the website.**
- **CDPH will conduct a CHEMPACK Training on May 21 at our Environmental Health Building, mainly for hospitals, fire agencies, and first responders. The flyer will be out soon.**
- **Chad Cossey – Report out:** On behalf of Orange County with LA County (RDMH Program), cohost CHEMPACK Training. We are going to share attendee's information so we can get CEs for the training.
- Thank you for the HVAs received for the SNF/LTCs; 18 out of 25 HVAs for the Hospitals. Please help us reach out benchmark and send them in.
- April 10, we have the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM) Virtual Tabletop Exercise for Healthcare Coalition Pediatric Surge and a Chem Response from 12 pm to 3 pm. We will meet both Statewide and Tabletop requirements. Let me know if there is a conflict attending.

- I will send the Chem Surge plan to the sector chairs, who will develop the verbiage for their sector's participation.
- **Discussion on National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). The National Guard and Military resources help with an evacuation. Getting an MOU puts you into the system, the information acquired from ReddiNet. The Federal Coordinating Center (FCC) helps find people to accept these patients and assist with the evacuation.**
- **Upcoming Training:**
 - Infrastructure Liaison Officer (ILO) is a free class we can host here. It builds a public-private partnership involving law enforcement, security, and the FBI, that allows for information sharing
 - Connex box: our focus group volunteers will examine the disaster cache. We will meet next week to review a 2.0 version of what disaster and equipment staging might look like.
 - I am in the process of scheduling HAM Radio and HICS classes. If you have other ideas, please let me know. The courses can be hosted at your facility.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation by Danilo B. Concepcion / Providence St. Joseph Hospital on the Exceeding Service Capability Pediatrics Event (ESCAPE) Plan
- Presentation by Kelley Coleman and Tiffany Cannon / CDPH Center for Preparedness and Response, discuss their experience with the Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
- Committee Reports
 - *Hospital – Chris Riccardi* – Today, during our hospital advisory committee meeting, we obtained information about folks who were cited or visited by CDPH. We discussed beds in hallways. I was asked about waivers and will have to advise you to go through the regulatory compliance folks in your facility who have experience. We conducted our Statewide Exercise in November successfully. I presented 15 till 50 Mass Casualty Incident Response Plans with the OCEMS Facility Advisory Committee and received great feedback and response.
 - *EMS – Julia Afrasiabi* – The December meeting was canceled. Our next meeting is March 13th. We perused the After Action Report for the Statewide drill and looked at what we could work towards improving in the future.
 - *SNF/LTC – Paula Panganiban* – The drill was very successful. I saw a lot of collaboration among the SNFs. In our last meeting, we discussed having more involvement in our environmental team and ICP in these meetings.
 - *Home Health Hospice – Mary Brackett* – Not present to report out.
 - *Outpatient, Dialysis – Laura Velez* – Not present to report out.
 - *Outpatient, Clinic/Urgent Care/Surgery – Adriana Nieto-Sayegh* – We had an excellent opportunity to participate in the Statewide Exercise in November. It was good to familiarize myself with ReddiNet and have access to the corresponding report. We look forward to engaging more clinics. Thanks, Chad, for presenting at the Coalition of Community Health Clinics.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- Chad - Caroline Coraggio shared that they would be doing some decon team meetings. Please reach out if you have training or a tabletop for your facility. We want to participate.
- Kristen – Take advantage of CDPH flex waivers and complete the online application.
- Chad – Mary Massey / CHA 2024 Disaster Planning Conference, September 10 & 11, Pasadena, CA

VII. NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, April 25, 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- 11:58 a.m.