

Date: February 19, 2008

To: Contra Costa County Hospital Disaster Forum (HDF)

From: Dan Guerra, CCHS Emergency Preparedness Manager

Subject: Meeting Summary of the January 24, 2008 Hospital Disaster Forum

**In Attendance:** Fred Lothrop (RACES Coordination), Mary Ann Codeglia and Janet Abernathy (SRRMC), Shama Anwar (Chevron Health & Medical Services), Michelle Heckle (Kaiser-Permanente East Bay Area), Amish Waland (Kaiser Antioch MC), Oscar Montemayor (Kaiser Walnut Creek), Craig Hartman (John Muir Health – Concord), Maeve Sullivan (Clinic Consortium of Contra Costa County), Chris Eberly (AMR), Chuck Whitmarsh (EBTEWG), Tom Bailey (CDPH Region II Project Officer), Caryn Thornburg (Valley Care Health System), Richard Brown (CCCo SUASI), Beth Amentano, (ICF International), Linda Tripoli (ReddiNet), Bill Bullard (Abaris Group), Barbara Center (Regional II Disaster Med/Health Specialist), Dan Guerra (Contra Costa EMS).

### **Construction Underway**

- Three of our Emergency Departments are either currently under construction or are scheduled. Extensive remodels or new construction at three medical centers (JMH-Walnut Creek, JMH-Concord, and SRRMC) will have impact on day-to-day functions.

### **East Bay Terrorism Early Warning Group**

- EBTEWG Duty Officer Chuck Whitmarsh provided an overview of the 4-hour training for Terrorism Liaison Officers (TLOs) for medical centers. The TLO course equips public service employees to send in suspicious activity information, and generates more point-of-contact liaisons in medical facilities. Target audience: Security managers, ED staff, EMTs, paramedics, supervisors, and those who are first-line contacts with patients.
- Mr. Whitmarsh is returning to full-time service with Oakland Fire; however, he will co-instruct the TLO training with Mike Petrie and Jim Morrissey at San Ramon Regional Medical Center on April 18, 2008. Please RSVP with Barb Center ([bcenter@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:bcenter@hsd.cccounty.us)).

### **AAR Corrective Action Report**

- The Final After Action Report (AAR) for the 2007 Contra Costa County Med/Health Exercise (78 page .pdf document: October 25 Sulfur Dioxide Community Release Exercise) was distributed to the Hospital Disaster Forum via email January 3, 2008.
- This document is utilized to direct our corrective action activities, and in the development of exercises in 2008.

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### **2007-08 (Year 6) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant**

- Please note the mandatory overarching requirements must be integrated with Level I and II capabilities: NIMS Compliance, Education and Preparedness Training, Exercises, Evaluations and Corrective Actions.
- Level I Capabilities: Interoperable Communication Systems, Bed Tracking System, ESAR-VHP, Fatality Management, and Hospital Evacuation.
- Level II Capabilities: Alternate Care Sites, Mobile Medical Assets, and Pharmaceutical Caches.
- Pandemic Influenza Supplemental Fund Requirements: Equipment and Supplies, Alternate Care Sites, Mortuary Services/Supplies, and Exercising healthcare surge and pandemic influenza.
- A Pandemic Flu tabletop exercise June 17, 2008 will satisfy mandatory requirement for exercising healthcare surge (alternate care sites, equipment and supplies, and mortuary services/supplies).
- Need for a Plan: To ensure integration with Contra Costa County, for discussion at the February HDF meeting, please bring (or send a copy to Dan Guerra ([dguerra@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:dguerra@hsd.cccounty.us))) a copy of your facility's evacuation plan.
- To Do: Identify those individuals within your organization needing NIMS/HICS training. Please post the numbers completed to the ALARMS web-portal: URL: <http://www.contracosta.ene.com>
- 440 MHz radios are being proposed to form a hospital (med/health) command center net.

### **2008 Training and Exercise Plan**

- For review at the February 28, 2008 HDF meeting, please see the attached spreadsheet.
- There is an on-line FRA training available that is recommended by a member.

### **East Bay Hospital Mutual Aid Agreement (MOU)**

- Draft reviewed for voluntary coordination of mutual aid services between hospitals in Alameda, Contra Cost and Solano Counties (copy available upon request).
- We will look for a date for meeting with our East Bay preparedness manager counterparts.

### **SUASI (Super Urban Area Security Initiative)**

- Richard Brown and Beth Amentano provided an overview of SUASI's CBRNE and Medical Surge Capability projects and surveys currently underway.
- The goal of the project is to provide the 10 Bay Area SUASI counties and (three) cities with a database that contains information important to the support of patient care during a catastrophic medical event. These surveys will help provide the justification for additional grant funding.

**2008 Hospital Disaster Forum Schedule** (fourth Thursday's from 1:30 to 3 PM): February 28, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23, and November 20 (a 3rd Thursday).

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