

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, August 29, 2008
8:30 AM
MEDIC EMS
Lower Level Conference Room
1204 E High Street
Davenport

Meeting called by: Larry Barker, Guest Chairman
Type of meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting
Note taker: Amy Cannady

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Attendees: Larry Barker, Amy Cannady, Jonathan Clinton, Dennis Conard, Denny Coon, Linda Frederiksen, Mark Frese, Chuck Gipson, Kathy Hall, Brian Hitchcock, Jane Imming, Brian Jacobsen, Dave Kelly, Steve Knorrek, Stephanie Latham, Nita Ludwig, Steffan Nass, Linda Nielsen, Travis Noyd, Phil Redington, Scott Roenfeldt, Ike Sederstrom, Jerry Shirk, Mark Slagle, Jamie Temple and Richard Vermeer

Agenda topics

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of the June 27 Meeting

Discussion:

Motion to approve the June 27 meeting minutes was seconded and approved unanimously.

Rock Island Arsenal Exercise 9-24-08

Jerry Shirk explained that the Arsenal is holding a mass casualty drill triggered by a bomb, and after all of the patients have been transported, there will be a secondary device that the Bomb Squad will be involved. The local hospitals and ambulance services will be involved, as well as 30-35 volunteers. The drill will begin around 8:30am, and Kathy Hall from Trinity will be in charge of the moulaging, and the incident will be as realistic as possible for the sake of the first responders. Observers are welcome, and individuals should contact Jerry directly for pre-credentialing purposes.

Homeland Security/EMA Report

Discussion: Larry Barker/Denny Coon/Dan Darland

Larry Barker explained that Ross Bergen was in Cordova for the evaluation of the Exelon Nuclear Power Plant drill. The drill was held on Wednesday, and the recovery and reentry process was practiced on the Iowa side. The drill seemed to go fairly well, and it provided for some scenarios where people had to eventually be evacuated from the Princeton area, as well as Clinton County and McCausland. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) was consulted from a radiation standpoint, and it was determined that the people in McCausland would not be able to reenter their homes. There were a lot of new people in new positions, and it proved to be a good learning opportunity. Dr. Vermeer asked what the nature of the drill was, and Larry Barker stated that it was an accident.

Denny Coon explained that the EMA trailers are coming in and being outfitted. Four out of the fourteen trailers purchased have been fully loaded with sheltering supplies and a generator. Dan Darland stated that there is enough equipment to bed 50 people, and each of the fourteen counties in Region 6 will receive a trailer. Scott County's trailer is the parking lot today for anyone to view after the meeting. Ross is currently working on a long-term storage plan, but in the meantime, the trailer will be stored up at the Tremont facility. All trailers will have a universal locking system and are keyed alike.

Communications/Consolidated Dispatch Report

Discussion: Brian Hitchcock

Brian explained that there are a number of teams coming together within the last month or two. One of the major projects that is being worked on is the building design for the 9-1-1 center, Emergency Operations Center, and record storage. Space requirements are continually and currently being reviewed by Gerry Voelliger, the Emergency Management Director, as well as four or five other groups of individuals. This project should be wrapped up within the next couple of months, and then an architect will be hired for the design work in the near future. Also working on the computer-aided dispatching and records management system, and an architect has been hired out of Woodland Hills, California. He has been able to attend a couple of meetings, and is now in the process of conducting a business needs

assessment and have done several site visits to assist in planning efforts. Brian explained that a radio study has just been completed regarding coverage areas and problematic areas within the county. This study has since been forwarded on to the consultant. A meeting will be held with Raycom, the consultant and Brian on September 5 to begin the negotiation process to ensure that all coverage needs are addressed. A fiber optic project through QCCIC for the entire Quad City area where a grant \$2.1 was obtained to link all of the safety dispatch centers together. A map has been made and will be reviewed during the first or second week of September. The hiring process for the Deputy Director continues, and ads have been placed nationwide. There have been 22 applicants, and four have been chosen to come in for interviews on September 3. Brian attended a conference in Kansas City to look at some new technology for 9-1-1 centers. He got some good ideas on video monitoring switches and reducing the footprint of workspaces or counsels. Lastly, Brian stated that an EOC grant for \$686K was applied for the EOC portion of the building, and will hear back by September 11. A PSAP grant for also applied for in the amount of \$6.1M for 1300 radios for all of the agencies to utilize under the SECC umbrella.

Larry Barker asked about the timeline for the SECC building to be up and completed. Brian said he believed that the building would be completed by June-July of 2010.

Hospital Planning Report

Discussion: Dave Kelly/Dr. Vermeer/Travis Noyd

Dave said that Genesis is looking forward to participating in the Arsenal drill on September 24.

Dr. Vermeer announced that the next trauma conference will be held on September 3 by Dr. Peter Frese, an ophthalmologist in town. He will be discussing mechanisms of vision loss and ocular trauma.

Travis explained that Trinity participated in their own nuclear drill the day prior to the Exelon Nuclear Power Plant drill and that it went well. A real event occurred on July 21, where Trinity was able to set-up their command center and work with the new NIMS command system. Trinity also participated in the Rock Island County Command Center during the real-life emergency. The HRSA Region 6 meeting was held last month, and grant money must be spent by the end of calendar year, instead of the grant year. Travis wanted to thank LeClaire MEDIC for having the tents set up during RAGBRAI. Trinity participated in the Arsenal airport drill, and moulaged about 65 patients that were sent to Illini, 7th Street and Trinity West campuses.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon /Nita Ludwig/Amy Cannady

Denny explained that he and Amy Cannady visited the Bettendorf V.A. Clinic to give a presentation on preparedness and pandemic flu planning efforts. Assistance was offered to help the clinic be more prepared, and a preparedness checklist was distributed for guidance purposes. Denny gave Stephanie Latham a weather radio from Ross, and stated that if anyone needs one they should contact him directly. Denny stated that the Health Department hopes to develop an MOU with the V.A. Clinic because they house a variety of clinical resources to assist in a county-wide mass vaccination or distribution scenarios. Larry Barker asked Stephanie how many individuals the clinic currently serves, and she stated that they

see about 40% (8500 patients) of the total population out of the Iowa City V.A. Clinic.

Denny stated that the flood after action reported that the Health Department has been approved by the state, so all deliverables for the grant year are currently complete. All claims have been submitted, and money will have been spent. The Iowa Disease Surveillance System (IDSS) has been brought back up by the state, so the Health Department will be explaining that further as the information is released. Denny explained that he almost contacted MEDIC regarding the Hepatitis A and Shigella cases the Health Department has been seeing, in regards to setting up dispatch parameters to see if we could track any of these numbers. Linda Frederiksen said to call MEDIC if in fact we did want to move forward with this tracking mechanism in the future.

Next month at the Region 6 meeting, public health will receive their grant roll out for the new fiscal year deliverables. The meeting will be held in the morning, and a conference call will instead be held in the afternoon at KTOS.

Denny stated that the Health Department was able to help out a little with Rock Island's real-life event on July 21 in regards to locating spare generators to lend to the nursing homes without power. In addition, several calls were made by Amy Cannady to Iowa side nursing homes and long-term care facilities about the possibility of patient transfers if generators were not obtained. All information was reported to the Rock Island County EOC. Enough generators were found, and few transfers were needed due to the cool climate.

Nita explained that VOAD, which stands for Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster, and United Way facilitates the organizational meetings. VOAD is a coalition of agencies that have or have access to volunteers. On the Illinois side, the Rock Island County Health Department is working with the EMA on how to manage volunteers if a disaster were to occur in regards to a staging and processing site for volunteers that are affiliated or spontaneous. The goal is to have VOAD be the clearing house for volunteer management, and that topic will be addressed at a meeting in the near future.

Amy Cannady explained that on the Iowa side, the Health Department has been utilized as a filter for calls coming into United Way for help from residents with flood or mold clean-up. The Health Department has been matching these residents with needed resources.

SCEMSA/QM Report

Discussion: Brian Jacobsen

Brian explained that the last meeting was held on August 21 in Durant. Further discussion took place on a spending plan for the Spring Riverboat Grant, and about bundling group purchases through vendors in an effort to save money. Brian stated that the MCIRV and getting it stocked with supplies and operational, as well as getting protocols and procedures in place on how it will be implemented. A friendly reminder went out to all EMS partners to make sure they are implementing the Incident Command System on all EMS calls. The HRSA grant reports are due today, and we are also finalizing a set of protocols that Chuck Gipson has been working on and they will be discussed further at next month's Quality Management meeting on September 18 at EICC. Those protocols will be presented at the next Physician's Advisory Board meeting in October. The Bureau of EMS inspections will soon be expecting EMS providers to have some form of driver's training in order to renew certification, as well as the system or the service. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the upcoming state hearing, so Brian encouraged any interested party to put their thoughts together for this very reason.

Scott County Fire Chief's Report

Discussion: Scott Roenfeldt

Scott Roenfeldt explained the fall grant is currently being worked on and that all requests are due by September 10, so that the roll out can begin around October 1. The next meeting will be held on September 25 in New Liberty.

Education Report

Discussion: Jamie Temple/Steve Wearth

Jamie stated that Paramedic and Basic Paramedic classes are currently being held at EICC, Clinton and in Muscatine. A simulation situational mannequin was ordered and arrived a couple of weeks ago, training is being set-up, and roll out will be in the near future. Jamie thanked everyone who participated in the CISM golf outing that was held on August 6. The outing raised around \$1500 for the CISM debriefing team, and about \$518 for the Juarez family.

Steve stated that a number of classes have been held at the training center. Search and water rescue classes have been held in the wave pool, marina and small boat firefighting in the lakes, and a burn structure is beginning to be built to allow area firefighters to do live fire training. Some other classes have been held off-site includes NIMS training for the county. There is no longer funding for NIMS training in Iowa for the remainder of the government fiscal year, but next year, there will be more funding available. If an agency does need this training, they should go through the college to set the class up for around \$1200 or less.

Mr. Barker asked how long the NIMS ICS-400 course was, and Steve replied that it is around 16 hours. Denny thanked Steve and Bart Howard for holding the NIMS ICS-300 class for the county.

Law Enforcement Report

Discussion: Dennis Conard

Sheriff Conard thanked Steve Wearth for coordinating Hawkeye coming down and offering a certification course for the reserve officers.

Partner Agency Reports

Discussion: Mark Frese/Nita Ludwig

Mark Frese explained that two months ago he was appointed to the Iowa State-Wide Interoperability Communications Board. The Board was enacted by legislation and oversees the build out of the state-wide radio system. The consultant's recommendation was a 700 MHz P25 system built out throughout the state of Iowa. The cost of that build out could be as much as 200 million dollars. In the three meetings that Mark attended, the Board had funded a full-time position to oversee the operation of the build out, and have hired a consulting agency out of Fairfax, VA to complete the implementation plan by September 2009. Denny asked about information sent out through an e-mail about Interoperability funds that might be available for services that want to upgrade their current radio systems. Mark stated that he believed that the intent of the information was if a radio was going to be replaced, this is where the state is going with their system, and that information should be taken into consideration when purchasing new equipment prior to the build out.

Nita Ludwig explained that the Illinois Department of Public Health's (IDPH) regional pandemic flu tabletop will be held in October at the Holiday Inn. The tabletop will focus on security in the hospitals and public health. In 2009, the IDPH will be holding a state-wide drill regarding the drop-sites for SNS. The Rock Island County Health Department (RICHD) will be working on thru-put at their POD sites since it is required for the upcoming grant year. The Health Department continues to build up the Medical Reserve Corp which will be used during an emergency to staff vaccination clinics or help with surge capacity. In September and October, the 96 volunteers that the RICHD has on the books will be trained in CPR and AED.

Dan Darland discussed upcoming exercise opportunities for the 2009 grant year. Two of the exercises will be held in the fall and next summer, and will be at the state level or higher. The first exercise is a biosurveillance mass vaccination program (keeping track of influenza vaccinations and inputting them into the state-wide system), and the state is looking for two counties to participate from each region. If you are interested, contact Dan directly. The other exercise will be held next summer and is titled "Operation Vigilant Guard". It is being spearheaded by the Iowa National Guard, and includes other states and NorthComm, and it will be a large foreign animal disease exercise. The state is looking for two counties to participate from each region, but in order for this exercise to really work, it has to be all agencies within the county that want to play. Interested counties need to contact Dan by December 1. More information regarding the exercises will be explained in the FY09 regional grant roll-out that will take place on September 11 for both hospitals and public health.

Linda Nielsen explained that RSVP, WIAAA, Scott County Sheriff's Department, MEDIC, Fire, and the Davenport County Waste Department is holding Operation Medicine Cabinet September 18-20. The operation will be held in Eldridge on September 18, at the Bettendorf Fire Department on Crow Creek on

September 19, at the Recycling Center on Tremont on September 20.

Denny announced that there is a casting call for EMS Providers for the “Children of the Corn” filming from September 3-30. Any interested parties should contact Nicole Pilcher. Denny explained that he sent out an e-mail in the morning with Nicole’s contact information, so everyone should have it currently in their inboxes.

Other Items of Interest

Denny explained that it was the largest crowd we ever had for “TAC Me Out To The Ballgame”.

Stephanie Latham formally wanted to formally thank Denny Coon and Amy Cannady for their public health preparedness and pandemic influenza educational in-service for the staff at the Bettendorf V.A. Clinic on August 28.

Next Meeting September 26, 2008