

Minutes

EMS Technical Advisory Committee

Friday, May 29, 2009

8:30 AM

MEDIC EMS

Lower Level Conference Room

1204 E High Street

Davenport

Meeting called by:

Decker Ploehn, Chairman

Type of meeting:

Regular Monthly Meeting-Exercise Group will meet after TAC

Agenda topics

Call to Order-Introductions

Minutes of the April 24 Meeting

H1N1 Activities Report

Homeland Security/EMA Report

SECC Report

Exercise Update

Hospital Planning Report

Public Health Planning Report

SCEMSA Report

Scott County Fire Chiefs Report

Education Report

Law Enforcement Report-Competency Refusals

SIP, LEPC, and Other Partner Agency Reports

Special Populations Initiative

Other Items of Interest-TAC Me Out to the Ball Game

Next Meeting June 26-Adjourn

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Attendees:

Paul Andorf, Larry Barker, Shawn Belk, Ross Bergen, Bill Boom, Nick Border, Mary Briones, Dee Bruemmer, Frank Claudy, Jonathan Clinton, Dennis Conard, Dennis Coon, Jeremiah Cowgill, Dan Darland, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Linda Frederiksen, Kevin Greenley, Dave Helfrich, Brian Hitchcock, Gloria Isham, Brian Jacobsen, Dave Kelly, Nita Ludwig, Jeannine McCullough, Trent Mull, Linda Nielsen, Orville Randolph, Scott Roenfeldt, Jerry Shirk, Kevin Takacs, Richard Vermeer, Gerry Voelliger, Daniel Vosatka

Call to Order

Everyone introduced themselves.

Agenda Topics

Minutes of the April 24th Meeting

Mary Briones made a correction to the Education Report. Basic classes begin August 17th. The word paramedic should be eliminated. Amended minutes approved.

H1N1 Activities Report

Discussion: Denny Coon/Larry Barker/Nita Ludwig/Kevin Greenley/Nick Border

An open discussion was held on the recent H1N1 activities. Denny reported that the scheduled ICS-400 class on April 29th was a training class put into motion. An active JIC was initiated, and MOUs were utilized. June 3rd will be the conclusion of the ICS-400 class, and an after action evaluation will be done for the H1N1 virus. Lastly, there will be after action evaluation meetings scheduled with both the hospitals and EMA. Some areas of discussion are notification and communicating with community partners. Larry commented that one of the biggest challenges is how each of our state health departments operates differently. With each state doing things in a different way it can be problematic as we are one Quad-City area. Particularly as we are trying to get messages out to the public but not be in conflict on those particular messages. Nita reported that the Rock Island Health Department's EOC was partially activated. They put out a daily report of activities to their partners. Contact was made with their Medical Core Volunteers to put them on standby. Rock Island County did receive one pallet of SNS materials which is in a locked secured facility. Currently they have two confirmed cases. Kevin Greenley reported they implemented a Triage Protocol. Their computerized dispatching company sent out a notification to use a SRI Card that has questions to identify and match what the CDC said. It allows the dispatchers to prescreen the calls and pre-warn the first responder's if they need to wear protective equipment. One of the main concerns they had was having a shortage of PPE equipment. Nick reported they are working with the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds to make it a surge hospital.

Homeland Security/EMA

Discussion: Ross Bergen

Ross commented on the importance of having a permanent JIC area and an EOC that will have wireless internet. They have been doing radiological training to prepare to meet the federal requirements. The Bettendorf Police Department personnel came out to familiarize themselves with the new Mobile Command Unit. An immobilization exercise is going to be planned for the Shelter Trailer. There is Reception Center Training for the nuclear power plant on June 9th at North Scott High School. EOC Training will be held at 1:00p.m. on June 17th.

SECC Report

Discussion: Brian Hitchcock

Groundbreaking for the new SECC building is scheduled for September. They are working with RACOM to finalize the rollout radio schedule. Gloria Fitzpatrick has been working on the fleet mapping. The grant application to the riverboats for the radio holding devices fell thru this grant period. The applications for the RFP for the CAD/RMS System are in. The committee will narrow the candidates down to 2 or 3, and then they will begin making site visits to agencies that have their equipment. Gloria Isham has been working with the Fire and Police SOP groups.

Exercise Update

Discussion: Jerry Shirk

Jerry stated the tabletop exercise is scheduled for July 13th at Illini Hospital. The full scale exercise is

scheduled for August 13th. If anyone wants to participate in that exercise and has not been contacted, please let them know. Jeremiah added that they are looking at a pandemic influenza tabletop in the September/October time-frame. Denny added that the EMS Association has \$7500, and is looking at doing a functional exercise in July.

Hospital Planning

Discussion: Trent Mull/Nick Border/Dave Kelly/Dan

Trent reported that Trinity is putting in an 800 MHz radio system which should be completed by fall. Nick reported that approaching a situation such as H1N1 as a bi-state hospital system is challenging because of the different ways that each state operates. There are a lot of issues to be reviewed in the next couple of months. Dan added that they are looking for feedback to be better prepared for this fall. A survey will be sent out.

Public Health Planning Report

Discussion: Denny Coon/Nita Ludwig

Denny reported that the quarterly grant report has been turned in. It looks as if the FY10 Public Health Preparedness Grant will be slightly smaller than last year. The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th. Nita reported that they had a Pandemic Flu tabletop regional exercise that was focused on communication. Six counties were involved. It was the final one for a CDC Grant. The Rock Island County Health Department received video conferencing equipment out of the grant. Amy Cannady was an evaluator for the exercise. Over the last several months they have been reviewing and updating their Local Assessment Review Tool. It is a CDC review which is very involved in their planning for SNS.

SCEMSA Report

Discussion: Brian Jacobsen

A strategic planning session is planned for January. A survey will be sent out to their partners whether they want a long day or a couple of evenings. A Highway Management Safety class is being planned with the Iowa State Patrol. The EMS Association contributed \$500 towards CPR Saturday with matching funds from the Fire Chief's Association.

Education Report

Discussion: Mary Briones

A CPR Instructor course will be held at the Urban Center on June 1st; PALS & ACLS Instructor Course June 4th at the Urban Center; National Registry EMT Basic Practical June 6th at the Urban Center; CPR Saturday June 6th at Modern Woodmen Ballpark; National Registry Advanced Practical Test July 18th; Paramedic Specialist Courses begin August 10th with day classes on Monday and Thursday's from 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and evening classes Monday and Wednesday's from 4:30p.m. to 10:00p.m. If you have any questions, please call the college's Continuing Education Department.

Law Enforcement Report – Competency Refusals

Discussion: Denny Coon/Sheriff Conard

Denny spoke with the Assistant County Attorney on competency refusals. He has agreed to work with them on the protocol. Sheriff Conard stated that the revision of the Law Enforcement Agreement for Rock Island, Rock Island Arsenal and Scott County law enforcement agencies has gone out to the local governments for review and signature.

SIP, LEPC and Other Agency Reports

Discussion: Denny Coon/Jeremiah Cowgill/Dr. Vermeer

Safeguard Iowa Partners put out updated H1N1 information to their partner agencies and has a website established with links to get information.

Jeremiah reported that Rock Island County has a LEPC meeting June 18th.

Dr. Vermeer reported that they will be reviewing the Out of Hospital Trauma Triage Criteria regarding rollover crashes. Some of the research is from pre-seatbelt usage days.

Special Populations Initiative

Discussion: Denny Coon

Ross and Denny meant with Stephanie Macuga. She has the HAZUS Software and is going to use Ross's population from the Nuclear Power Plant as a trial.

Other Items of Interest – TAC Me Out to the Ballgame

Discussion: Decker Ploehn/Denny Coon

August 20th at 7:00p.m. has been selected with more information to follow.

Next Meeting – June 26, 2009