

Butte-Glenn Emergency Preparedness Healthcare Coalition (HCC)

Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2021, 2:00PM-3:30PM

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Purpose: *To plan for a coordinated and effective medical response to a mass medical disaster in Butte and Glenn Counties*

1) Welcome/Introductions

2) HPP Updates

- a. Updating disaster contact lists: Butte County Public Health has been required to call a number of facilities to check bed availability for possible relocation of patients/residents from neighboring counties. Several facilities still have not updated their emergency contact lists. We will be send out the list soon so please make sure your facility is up to date.
 - i. SitRep/Resource Requests
- b. Anything out of the ordinary needs to be communicated to MHOAC via SitRep
- c. CHEMPACK drill
 - i. Spring 2022 Date: April 14th, 2022
 - ii. Training TBD: this training is for First responders & hospitals. It holds two classes in one day, the preferred days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and the times will likely be 9-11am and 1-3pm. Your relevant personnel will need to train in one of the classes. Please let us know your preferred dates and we'll be send out a survey to find what works best for the majority.
- d. Surge buildout
 - i. Extended through November 30th. This is a 30 bed build out located at Shasta regional medical center. This is a state run program and has been running fairly high. There is talk of the possibility of this being extended to other facilities and we should know more in the near future.
- e. Bed leveling order\ED surge assistance through MHOAC
 - i. Form located at <https://www.ssvems.com/region-iii-mhoac-hospital-patient-transfer-assistance-form/>
 - ii. **The ED should still call the MHOAC first to let them know of the needed transfer. Make sure patient\family are willing to accept transfer outside of the OA;**

- iii. The ED must fill out the form on the S-SV website which includes filling in the MHOAC name, email and phone number. Please make sure they have this current information. Matt Washburn for Butte county and Mary Thomas for Glenn county.
- iv. When the ED submits the form, The MHOAC and the RDMHS will receive an email and a copy of the form; once received Jennifer or Patti will work with other RDMHS in other regions to try to locate a placement.
- v. Once the MHOAC receives the form, please call to verify the information with the ED;
- vi. **The RDMHS will not do anything with the form until notified via phone call from the MHOAC**

3) COVID-19 Updates

1. Vaccination clinics - Alicia Rodman: we have expanded days and hours in both Oroville and Chico clinics.
 - I. Chico Clinic: Monday & Tuesday for Moderna only, Wednesday for Pfizer and J&J only, Thursdays just Pfizer for children 5-11.
 - II. Oroville Clinic: Every Thursday all 3 vaccine brands for adults and children over the age of 12. Friday Pfizer for children 5-11.
2. Vaccination Rates: Now that children 5+ are eligible we are seeing a change in our numbers, we are now at 50.2% fully vaccinated. County wide all ages we are at 47.5% fully vaccinated.
3. BinaxNOW\CareStart availability
 - I. As of December of 2020 CLIA is allowing for expired testing supplies to now be used if it is the only product you have available. [CMS Guidance for the Use of Expired SARS-CoV-2 Tests](#)
 - II. The last box of BinaxNOW at Butte county PH has been issued as of 11.17.21
 - III. Additional CareStart allocation now available, CareStart is rapid testing very similar to BinaxNOW with slightly different testing applicators. If your facilities are interesting in receiving CareStart we do have to ask that you sign an agreement with us (like the Binax agreement) it does state that you will get another CLIA waiver specific to CareStart and also has references for the trainings available for you. Please let us know if you are interesting in signing an agreement and we'll send one to you, **please note we will need the wet signed copy to be able to issue the tests.**
4. Staffing requests:

- I. One facility has had to request staff and the state was kind enough to approve the request, they also approved an extension of that staffing. If you have a facility that is in need of staff please make sure that you have tried and failed to receive staff through other agencies as you will need to list your attempts to receive staffing from other agencies before we are able to move forward. You are unable to be scheduling optional/Elective surgery to be able to receive aid. Finally you must be very specific on requests as to what type of RN's you are requesting such as ED RN's, we need to know shift they would be asked to work and when their start date would be.
5. Vaccine booster :
- I. We are seeing a high demand for the Moderna booster in Chico, leading to additional days being added. People seen per day is 100-150 for it.
6. mAB distribution
- I. mAB ordering: We are notified by the region and are told the allotment per county; we then reach out to the hospitals as they are the ones receiving it.
 - II. If you have a SNF or ALF that have patients needing mAB therapy please reach out to Enloe Hospital; Chris Marking who is the director of pharmacy has been working diligently to make sure that patients needing the mAB therapies have been able to receive them.
 - III. We are having a conversation on a weekly bases to see which therapies are being requested; we are seeing 100% requests for Regeneron at the time. Lastly we work out quantities that can be safely taken and stored by the facilities and finally Jennifer places the order.

4) Healthcare Partner Roundtable - All in attendance

Day to day operations/Current planning activities & best practices/Lessons learned/challenges encountered

- a. Enloe: Doing well, COVID numbers holding steady in the last few weeks. 27 COVID patients in the hospital as of 11.17.21; Numbers have stayed between 27-32 patients in the last few weeks. The overall census is high in general; tele beds are on high demand and a few patients are being held in ED until beds open up. mAB treatments are still being done at this time, staffing coming in to help in the emergency department is greatly appreciated.
- b. Orchard: currently only has 2 COVID patients as of 11.17.21. Monoclonal therapies are being done 3-4 days of the week depending on patients.

- c. Staff burnout is high; they are trying focus on resiliency, working on the support they need to offer to lower turnover rates.
- d. Main conversation point is the difficulty of transfers as EMS is unable to transport high outflow patients due to not having the oxygen capability. Having to make clinical decisions on whether a patient can handle a lower outflow or needing to intubate them for transfer is very difficult and neither being an option they'd like to use. Hoping to work through these difficulties as resources are developed.

5) Training Resources

1. **Butte County:** Tentatively planning for ICS-300 and ICS-400 trainings. We will update with dates and times when scheduled.
2. **Glenn County:** TEEX Pediatric Disaster Response training is scheduled for February 1st and 2nd of 2022 at Enloe Hospital. ICS-300 training will be held in early spring of 2022.
3. **CDP (Center for Domestic Preparedness):** Located in Alabama it is held at a FEMA training ground, usually the classes are 3-4 days. This facility is very impressive, it houses a top of the line incident command center and many more fantastic training sites. If you are interested in attending please let us know and we'll send you more information.
 - i. [Framework for Emergency Healthcare Management \(FRAME\)](#)
 - ii. [Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualty Events](#)

6) Next Meeting – January 19th, Microsoft Teams 2:00PM - 3:30PM