

Glenn County Emergency Medical Care Council

MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2017

10-11:30AM

WILLOWS FIRE HOUSE.

MEETING CALLED BY	Carolyn Ceccon
NOTE TAKER	Jenifer Norris
ATTENDEES	Jenifer Norris (GCHHSA-PH), Catherine Bailey (CSU Chico Nursing), Mary Lou Nelson (GCHHSA-PH), Marissa Indgjer (CSU Chico Nursing), Susi Norton (HHCM), Lori Finch (Westside Ambulance), John McDermott (Orland Fire), Dan James (HC Fire), Grinnell Norton (GCHHSA-PH), Eric Rudnick (Nor-Cal EMS), Dan Spiess (Nor-Cal EMS), Daryl White (Red Cross), Wayne Peabody (City of Willows), Scott Lawson (GMC), Kristen Pidcock (GCAPCD/CUPA), Michelle Wetmore (FNRC), Amy Travis (GCHHSA-PH), Carolyn Ceccon (GCHHSA-PH)

Agenda topics

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

DISCUSSION	Carolyn called the meeting to order.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy welcomed everyone. Introductions 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	Amy and Wayne reported on Ambulance Task Force.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last met in February. Moving forward to look into special district with 12-hour rig that would be provided by Enloe. Will need to ramp up public information and relations to educate voters on need and benefits. 	
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None		

AGENCY REPORTS

DISCUSSION	Agencies reports are as follows:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Westside Ambulance: New ambulance in service now. Nor-Cal EMS: Nor-Cal will have active shooter training on 5/15/17, Looking at a regional approach. Infectious Disease Transport Plan TTX will be held in Orland on 3/22/17. The Regional Air Ambulance Committee has been reinstated. Calling for Medical Committee members for reviewing P&P. Grant has been received to fully fund communication project. This will bring touch books and touch pads (mobile EMR devices) to EMS responders. This will allow for real time transmission of patient data. Removal of the skills and medication form, due to most using electronic forms. Up for consideration is policy using dual defibrulators pre-hospital. It has been found that there is a 50% survival rate for patients who cannot convert to normal rhythm under traditional methods. OES: The 5-year training and exercise plan is being put together. Please reach out to OES to discuss needs and ideas for exercises. Orland Fire: Have active shooter training on 4/17-18, to be taught by Sean Johnson from OPD. Asking for volunteers for victims. Orland ladder truck is being purchased. They have been invited to attend the national conference, with the new truck. New truck is a "Chicago Style." Fireman's ball is 3/18/17. First

responder training through EMR. This is online with didactic in person – this seems to accommodate the volunteers better, due to schedule conflicts.

- **Hamilton City Fire:** Fire at the repeater on Red Mountain has caused issues with pager services. They have about a 35% coverage on their pager system right now.
- **Willows Fire:** The loss of the repeater and tower at Red Mountain has been an issue. There are 2 portable repeaters that have been requested through OES. It is estimated that Red Mountain will be down for over a year. Due to this issue and security issues, a second location is being sought after. State Fire Marshall has taken over the investigation of the fire. The transition to EMR for first responders is being looked at. Consideration between EMR vs. Title 22 (chapter 1.5). Training hours are becoming a burden for staff and volunteers.
- **HHSA:** Emergency Preparedness is finishing up plans. Special Pathogens Infectious Disease Emergency Response (SPIDER) Plan is operational. AARs for exercises and real incident are in process. Discussion of shelter response, from HHSA perspective. Access and Functional Needs workshop is on 4/11/17. Have not had many respond back that they are attending. This workshop will be looking at resources and gaps in resources within the county for our AFN population. This will help with planning and response efforts. Public Health will no longer be holding immunization clinics as of July 1, 2017. Encouraging community members to seek out and establish a medical home.
- **Glenn Medical Center:** Had 22 patients from North Valley Behavioral Health evac to shelter at GMC. The hospital was able to clear clinic rooms, call maintenance and dietary to coordinate services that will be needed. GMC found that communication was difficult. Evacuees came without supplies, and it was understood that they would be coming with bedding and supplies. Ended up requesting through MHOAC, cots. Relocated family care clinic to another area of the building. Lesson learned, “we can do it.” The October drill, lessons had been learned and improvements were implemented during this response. Hosting Decon Training on 3/20-21. Waiting for signatures, so that ground can be broken on the new hospital.
- **Home and Health Care Management:** Contacted employees asking if they can come in, if they were evacuating, etc. Contacted patients to determine if they were going to evacuate and to where. Notations were made in the EMR of where patients were evacuating to, so that they could be tracked. Staff rescheduled visits, or saw clients at the place where they were staying (shelter, hotel, or family/friend). Over 300 clients were contacted the night of the evacuation. Those who chose to stay at home and shelter in place, HHCM kept in constant contact with and kept information for EMS. Those clients that evacuated without medications, staff were able to print current medication lists and coordinate medication deliveries for clients.
- **Caring Choices:** was not asked to activate their spontaneous volunteer center for the incident, but was ready to do if asked.
- **Far Northern Regional Center:** Had approximately 1000 consumers affected. As soon as there was a though that there might be an evacuation, the agency started making phone calls, checking in to make sure they had plans and a way to evacuate if necessary. Transportation and medication was an issue. It was found that the non-ambulatory consumers were the most difficult to evacuate. Calls were made to the Sherriff office to advise; however call back numbers were not requested and not given, so transport was showing up and had no way of contacting the person, if they were not home. One specific incident, they had a medically fragile client who was evacuated by car. Due to the evacuation, she had to be admitted to the hospital for treatment of wounds (no fault of her own or the caregiver that transported her). The agency has identified the need to have quarterly partner meetings to discuss and plan for future evacuations, coordinate services needed, based on lessons learned from this evac. The agency was able to deploy their emergency trailer to the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds as mutual aid for Red Cross.
- **CUPA / Air Pollution:** Latest Hazmat books are available for distribution. Will be starting a woodstove replacement program for county residents this spring. Want to notify fire departments, that spring rice burns will be happening – be aware of concerned calls. There are 3 full-time inspectors on staff, they cover Hazmat planning and air pollution.
- **American Red Cross:** There were 1650 people in beds at the Butte County Silver Dollar Fair shelter, with another 800-1000 estimated to be sleeping in their cars in the parking lot. They were short-staffed, not able to assist at all shelters that were opened. To get ARC volunteers from out of the area, it was about 72-hours, when they were able to help other shelters, by this time shelters were closing.
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Joint PIO with GMC to establish medical home, IZ clinic closing – not use ER as clinic/medical home	GMC / GCHHSA-PH	June 2017

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UPCMING TRAININGS AND EVENTS

DISCUSSION	The following trainings and events are available:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/20-21 Decontamination training will be hosted by Glenn Medical Center. Patti Carter from Nevada County will be teaching the class, through CSTI. • 3/22/17 Infectious Disease Regional Transport Plan TTX in Orland • 3/27-30 ICS 300/400 – ICS 300 is currently full and has waitlist. There is still room in ICS 400. • 4/11 Access and Functional Needs workshop. If you have not RSVP'd, please do. Not very many responses yet. This workshop is to bring together partners to collaborate and determine what assets the county has amongst its partners and where our gaps lie. • 4/22 NorCal EMS Conference at Winn River Casino • 5/15 Mass Casualty Training at Mercy 	
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Next Meeting June 14, 2017
Place: TBD