

North Central Healthcare Coalition (NCHC)

August 5, 2014

Attendees: Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager
Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Management
Sandy Rollins, Latah County Disaster Services
Debi Ruppe, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Jerry Zumalt, Idaho County Emergency Management
Katy Quinn, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (teleconference)
Travis Myklebust, Lewiston Fire Department
Alan Martinson, Latah County Disaster Services
Jesse Shepherd, Clearwater Valley Hospital
Patty Barnett, Nezperce Ambulance
Charles Craig, Gritman Medical Center
Mike Neelon, Latah County Disaster Services
Cheri Holthaus, St. Mary's Hospital
Bill Spencer, Syringa Hospital and Ambulance
Susie Bunt, Lewis-Clark State College
Barbara Pierce, Lewis-Clark State College
Justin Wellman, Coleman Oil
Matt Dudley, Public Health - Idaho North Central District
Kayla Moehrle, Public Health – Idaho North Central District
Casey Schooley, Public Health - Idaho North Central District
Ryan Bender, Public Health - Idaho North Central District

Bill Spencer, Syringa Hospital and Ambulance

- Bill welcomed everyone.
- Roundtable introductions.

Updates:

Advisory Committee Update

- The committee looked over the Healthcare Preparedness Program capabilities to identify strengths and weaknesses that the coalition can target in the next 2-3 years

EMS Taskforce

- Discussed the April Med Surge exercise
- Reviewed the process for using StateComm during mass casualty incidents

North Central Information Network (NCIN)

- Reviewing the regional JIC/JIS exercise to look for areas of improvement
- Discussed the OSO mudslide and best practices from the event

Regional Response Team – Travis Myklebust, Lewiston Fire Department Interim Fire Chief

- The Regional Response Team (RTT) hosted a mass decontamination on June 4th to test their capabilities
- The team timed itself on a number of different areas to set a benchmark for future events
- There was a gap in the communication between the RTT and the decontaminated patients
- The RTT will begin utilizing volunteers to assist with the setup of the decon shelter to allow team members to suit up for a quicker transition

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- They will begin rotating teams inside the decon shelter every 20-30 minutes to avoid heat exhaustion
- Currently in negotiations with Pullman's RTT to combine and increase personnel and resources
- A member of the team will go through the trailer every month to make sure all equipment is functional
- Installing a mass notification system that will cut down on response time by 30 minutes

Hospitality Center Plan – Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager

- The Hospitality Center Plan was put in place for all five counties and the Nez Perce Tribe
- The plan originated from a region wide functional exercise where a gap was identified in basic services to the general public from the time the disaster onset to the time American Red Cross could activate a shelter (generally 4-6 hours)
- A Hospitality Center is not a shelter, but a safe and secure place where the public can go to receive information and contact friends and relatives
- A Hospitality Center could also be activated by elected officials during special events to practice the concept
- The goal is to have a Hospitality Center plan in each incorporated town, with the ability to set one up anywhere if needed

Planning During Emergencies – Justin Wellman, Coleman Oil

- Coleman Oil has been working hard on improving emergency preparedness plans with their customers
- They advise to review and strengthen your risk management plans
- Fuel will be limited during an emergency and Coleman is creating a priority list based off of customer's needs and emergency preparedness agreements
- Coleman Oil has the ability to draw fuel from Seattle, Moses Lake, Pasco and Spokane
- Update your contact information with suppliers in case of emergencies

O2 Conversion AAR – Katy Quinn, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Emergency Manager

- On Wednesday, July 16th, SJRMC began a full system medical gas shutoff
- Construction to the facility lead to the shutoff of the medical gas
- Objectives for the event were to prepare patients for supplemental oxygen, notify healthcare partners of divert status, and communicate with staff
- Strengths included preparation in house, patient care leadership, staff coordination, identifying key roles, and communication
- Areas of improvement included back-up equipment functionality, divert status notifications and definitions, the use of the Incident Command System, and communication with partners

County/Tribal/Regional Updates

- Lewis-Clark State College:
 - LCSC is open to hosting drills/exercises at the campus to help boost emergency preparedness
 - The nursing division is planning a disaster drill on October 6th as part of their community health nursing class

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- Clearwater County:
 - In July Don Gardner attended the kickoff meeting for FirstNet, which is a nationwide interoperable broadband network that will help communication for first responders
- Idaho County:
 - The county is ordering a team to assist with the High Range Fire in Getty Creek
- American Red Cross:
 - A local Volunteers Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD) meeting will take place on August 25th (Contact Sean for more info)
- Latah County:
 - CERT program assisted with Potlatch and Moscow's National Night out Against Crime
 - Latah conducted an active shooter TTX with the courthouse that involved the court clerks, Moscow Police, Latah County Sheriff's Office, Moscow Ambulance, and a new tactical medic program coming to the area
 - IDA-VOAD conference will take place in McCall September 21-23rd, 2014
- Nez Perce County:
 - The Big Cougar Fire south of Lewiston has forced many evacuations
- Medical Reserve Corps:
 - Training with the American Red Cross on disaster shelters and psychological first aid on Saturday, September 27th
 - MRC is working with the LCSC and Walla Walla nursing divisions to provide point of dispensing (POD) training
- Bureau of Homeland Security:
 - All of the county coordinators and sub-grantees are working on their 2014 grants
- Gritman Medical Center:
 - GMC will be conducting a COOP/med surge TTX on August 21st
 - GMC will follow up the TTX with a full-scale exercise in September
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center:
 - SJRMC will be conducting a med surge exercise on September 30th that will surge their ER with 18 patients
- Syringa Hospital and Ambulance:
 - Working towards adding a heliport to the hospital

2015 Full Scale Exercise – Casey Schooley, Public Health Training and Exercising Coordinator

- Scenario is a mass fatality bus crash in Kamiah, Idaho
- Focusing on pre-hospital coordination with EMS
- A list for the planning group was passed around
- There is a budget of \$17,500 for this exercise that the planning committee can decide on how to use

Time Sensitive Emergency – Bill Spencer, Syringa Hospital and Ambulance

- Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) has recently been brought into effect by legislation
- TSE deals with trauma, stroke, and stemi (heart attack)
- Regional councils will consist of representatives from area hospitals, EMS, air/medical, Public Health, and other interested organizations
- Regional councils will meet quarterly (coordinated with NCHC meetings)

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Closing Items

- Ryan will collect a listing of suppliers from our hospitals so he can contact their representatives for presentations on emergency preparedness and prioritization at NCHC meetings
- Hospitals that would like to incorporate the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) into next spring's exercise can work with them now to develop operational protocols for training, deployment, and demobilization
- There will be a 44 county Jurisdictional Assessment that Public Health will share when it is completed
- Next meeting is Tuesday, November 4th
- Public Health is planning a functional needs summit this spring that will include a mix of responders along with agencies that provide services to this population (First planning meeting is August 27th at Public Health @ 2:00 PM)

Meeting Adjourned

**NEXT MEETING OF THE
North Central Healthcare Coalition
Tuesday, November 4th ~ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**