

North Central Healthcare Coalition (NCHC)

February 11, 2014

Attendees: Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager
Richard Broncheau, Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Management
Katy Quinn, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Management
Sandy Rollins, Latah County Disaster Services
Debi Ruppe, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Dick Tucker, Grangeville EMTs
Jamie Johnson, Lewis County PIO
Dave Hasz, Lewis County Emergency Management
Travis Myklebust, Lewiston Fire Department
Les Eaves, Clearwater County Ambulance
Bill Spencer, Syringa Hospital and Ambulance
Alan Martinson, Latah County Disaster Services
Heidi Otto, American Heart/Stroke Association
Jesse Shepherd, Clearwater Valley Hospital
Deaon Vincent, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Patty Barnett, Nezperce Ambulance
Richard Frank, St. Mary's Hospital
Mike Neelon, Latah County
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

Katy Quinn, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

- Katy welcomed everyone.
- Roundtable introductions.

Updates:

Advisory Committee Update

- Training and Exercise Plan:
 - Casey will compile a list of trainings and exercises from the hospitals within the region and store it on the WebEOC for visibility
 - Help create awareness of the trainings and exercises to prevent overlap

EMS Taskforce

- Trailer has been purchased and it will store the ASPR grant funded supplies purchased by Syringa Hospital Ambulance for regional use
- The Taskforce has begun working on writing an MOU and “Policies and Procedures” for checkout
- The region has received some state training equipment that will also be added to the trailer for regional use
- GEMS Train the Trainer has been scheduled for March 29/30 at the Lewiston Police Training Center. The plan is to bring the new trailer to the training to demonstrate its capabilities

Regional JIC/JIS Exercise Overview - Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager

- The exercise was a flood scenario with participants from all five counties, the Tribe, some schools and hospitals

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- Inputs from all participants helped drive the scenario
- Objectives included the ability to exercise to activate a JIS, assess the adequacy of our local plans, and assess our internal process for coordination and approval for disaster declarations and messages to the media
- Not all agencies were on the same communications and plans were delayed
- Plans on how to identify the lead PIO need to be addressed
- A lack of staffing was identified as an issue during this event

Available Mobile Medical Assets (WebEOC) – Matt Dudley, Public Health Preparedness Program Manager

- The WebEOC provides a listing of all mobile medical assets in the region that have been purchased with ASPR grant funds
- ASPR grant recipients are encouraged to update the list with their new items
- The group reviewed the list to identify items of need for our region and the location of mass casualty trailers
- The region was encouraged to monitor and maintain the trailers to keep them ready for incidents in our region

Priority Telecommunication Services (Interoperable Communications) – Matt Dudley, Public Health Preparedness Program Manager

- The goal is to organize a team to support the hospitals and help evaluate their outside communication capabilities
- The team will help the hospitals prioritize their capabilities rather than rely on vendors input

Critical Infrastructure Protection – Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Management

- Don discussed how to protect our Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) in our region
- Addressed the difference between national and regional critical infrastructure and how to connect the two for funding from the government to protect these resources
- Reviewed the sixteen Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource sectors that are the focus of the government for funding and how they relate to our region
- Critical Infrastructure funding in Idaho can be accessed through a number of ways, including ASPR grant or Homeland Security grant funding
- A Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) can be used to determine the hazards in your facility/region and be a tool for future funding requests

Regional Updates

- Latah County: 2nd annual Latah County Health & Wellness Fair on Thursday, February 13th from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The 3rd annual LDS Family Preparedness Fair is on March 22nd from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the LDS church behind Walmart. Sandy will be retiring after this year.
- Idaho: Grangeville EMTs Association's 29th annual "Spring Fling" is on March 1st at Grangeville HS.
- Lewis: Lewis and Idaho Counties are putting on a Fire Exercise on Saturday, February 15th in Kamiah, Idaho. Over 80 participants will be involved in the exercise.

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- Clearwater: The Clearwater Fire Chief Association 9th annual Fire Academy will take place from March 14-16 in Orofino.
- Nez Perce Tribe: Richard Broncheau has been appointed by the National Congress of American Indians to represent them on a Safe Comm committee and on the First Net Public Safety Advisory Board. The Tribe is also installing generators at the tribal community centers in Lapwai, Orofino, and Kamiah.
- Lewiston Fire Department: The Regional Response team is in the planning stages for a large scale mass decontamination exercise in mid-May.

American Heart/Stroke Association – Heidi Otto, American Heart/Stroke Regional Director

- It was identified that rural areas weren't receiving the same attention as higher populated areas
- Heart disease is the number one killer of Americans
- The American Heart/Stroke Association has made Public Health Education their #1 priority
- "Get with the Guidelines" is their quality improvement tool that focuses on heart failure, stroke, resuscitation, and AFIB
- They can provide local trainings and free resources, which can provide recognition for your agency throughout the community
- The American Heart/Stroke Association is providing an EMS Pre-hospital Stroke & Cardiac Training Workshop on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 8:00am-4:45pm at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane
 - Contact Heidi Otto at Heidi.otto@heart.org to register (space is limited)

Time Sensitive Emergency – Bill Spencer, Syringa Hospital and Ambulance

- Time Sensitive Emergencies (TSE) include trauma, stroke and heart attack; three of the top five causes of deaths in Idaho in 2011
- Idaho is only 1 of 4 states that does not even have a trauma system in place
- A Time Sensitive Emergency Taskforce was developed to work on a trauma system to help standardize our treatments and field care from EMS through the trauma center
- The Taskforce is also working on decreasing the amount of time from the incident occurring to definitive care
- Stakeholders include emergency medical service providers, hospitals, healthcare providers, public health, health insurers, rehabilitation, legislatures, community members and others
- This new system takes all hospitals in the state (regardless of size) into consideration when planning
- The TSE will bring education, quality improvement, coordination, and technical assistance to the region

Immediate Bed Availability – Casey Schooley, Public Health Training and Exercising Coordinator

- Casey conducted a workshop with the hospital representatives on how to achieve Immediate Bed Availability (IBA)
- IBA is the ability to provide an appropriate level of care to non-disaster and disaster-related patients during declared disasters with public health implications, by availing 20% of staffed hospital beds to higher acuity patients within four

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hours of a disaster and identifying and providing the appropriate care for lower acuity patients

- Each hospital discussed their med surge capabilities, transportation plans, and coordination with lower acuity agencies to push patients to them

Closing Items – Ryan Bender, Public Health Preparedness Healthcare Liaison

- The Advisory Group has decided to push the next meeting back a month from April to May. The date has tentatively been set for Thursday, May 8th.
- Another request for regional MOUs to be submitted to Ryan was made in an effort to compile all MOUs for the region.
- In a follow-up from the December NCHC meeting, the Medical Reserve and American Red Cross conducted their first co-located medical shelter on December 17th. Seven MRC volunteers set up 20 medical cots in the LCSC auxiliary gymnasium in less than 30 minutes. The MRC and ARC will continue working on improving their capabilities in this area.
- A listing of ASPR funded items granted to the region was provided to the group.

Meeting Adjourned

**NEXT MEETING OF THE
North Central Healthcare Coalition
Thursday May 8th ~ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**