

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

June 2, 2011

**SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Wilson called the meeting to order at 1304.
No Quorum.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

ATTENDEES:

Members

- Charles Mosher, MD, Mariposa County Public Health Officer
- Doug Binnewies, Mariposa County Sheriff's Office
- Jim Wilson, Mariposa County Fire Department
- Suzanne Turpin, North Mariposa County Citizen Representative

Non-Members

- Pat Murphy, EMS Coordinator, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
- Richard Murdock, Executive Director, Mountain-Valley EMS Agency
- Catherine Hernandez, PHI
- Preston Smith, Mercy
- Jim Allen, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
- Steven Ward, Cal Fire ECC
- Dana Tafoya, Emergency Preparedness, Mariposa County Health Department
- Ellen Knapp, Regional Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross
- Katrina Poitras, Emergency Service Program Manager, American Red Cross

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

No Quorum – not able to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No Quorum – not able to approve minutes from 4/7/11 meeting.

REPORTS:

JCFHCD:

- Not present.

MCSO:

- Nothing to report.

CHP:

- Not present

MCHD:

- EMS Awards - Dr. Mosher stated that the EMS awards was very successful with plaques bestowed on recipients that were from First Responders, EMT's, Paramedics, Nurses, Physicians and Search and Rescue.
- Yosemite Medical Clinic – Dr. Mosher and Jesse Figueroa met with the physician, Dr. Ralph Groves, from Yosemite Medical Clinic last week. He stated that the hours of operation during tourist season are 9 - 7 daily and to 9 – 5 five days a week in the off season. He stated that they have a physician, physician assistant and a nurse that work at the clinic. Dr. Mosher stated that they were invited to the EMCC Meeting, but could not be present today.
- Measles - Dr. Mosher stated that there is a measles outbreak in Europe with over 7,500 cases in France. He stated that it has spread to the U.S. in isolated pockets. Dr. Mosher stated that it is highly contagious and is fatal to two out of every thousand children. Dr. Mosher stated that due to the tourism industry it makes it a high risk in Mariposa County. Dr. Mosher stated that the Health Department has a plan and is providing surveillance. Dr. Mosher emphasized that anyone with fever, rash and recent travel to Europe is a high risk patient. Dr. Mosher stated that the first line of defense is immunity and emergency responders and hospital personnel need to check and make sure their antibody level is sufficient.

CAL FIRE:

- Steven Ward introduced himself as the interim Chief of the ECC and that they have a new unit chief, Nancy Koerperich.

COUNTY FIRE:

- Nothing to report.

MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT:

- Nothing to report.

MVEMSA:

- Triage Tag Training: Pat Murphy stated that the next planned triage tag training week is starting June 6th. He stated that participation has been

running around 50% and could be better, but other counties are looking at Mariposa and considering going to a triage tag week, instead of day.

- Pat Murphy reported on an article on the disaster in Joplin, Mo. from the tornado that he got on line where the maintenance man from Freeman Hospital made notes of his experience with the damage to the town's infrastructure, phone system, effect on supplies, and other experiences. He passed out the article to those interested in reading it.
- Rich Murdock announced that the QI Coordinator for Mountain-Valley has resigned to accept a position with Kaiser. He also announced that Mountain-Valley has a new web site, mvemsa.org, which is more professional and will have free CE hour opportunities available. Richard Murdock announced that he was picked out of eight candidates as two that will go to an interview for Executive Director for the agency in front of the board in July or August. He stated that there will several other positions that will be filled soon for Deputy Director, Liaison and QI. Rich stated that the office went through a recent remodeling to offer more classes and opportunities, plus professionalize the office more.

Public Health Service Medical Clinic:

- Not Present.

Yosemite National Parks:

- Not Present.

Physician Representative:

- Not Present.

North County Citizen Representative:

- Nothing to report.

South County Citizen Representative:

- Not present. Larry Laity invited two guests, Ellen Knapp and Katrina Poitras from American Red Cross. Ellen stated that Larry had been deployed to Montana for disaster relief and will be gone for three weeks. Ellen reported that Red Cross had been going through a regionalization process since 2006. Ellen, that has been with Red Cross for seven years, stated that they have been streamlining operations, regionalizing disaster services and teams, plus making training a priority. Ellen stated that they have been partnering with RN programs and there would be a statewide training in September or October for Nurse functions in shelter operations. Ellen explained how donations are distributed and how that has also gone through a regionalization process. Ellen stated that Katrina has written a letter with the new phone number to call if there is a disaster dispatch needed for an area. Katrina stated that the new toll free number, 855-891-7325, goes to a regional hub for the entire U.S. Ellen stated that the DAT (Disaster Action Team) was ready for fire season with a goal of response of not more than two hours. Dr. Mosher asked about nurse requirements for shelter operations.

Ellen stated that they require nurse coverage 24 – 7 for shelters and normally cover for the first 72 hours then seek cooperation with a partner agency, such as the health department. She stated they are having a training this month on the 11th for nurses in Oakhurst for nurses. Ellen and Katrina talked about Red Cross services for the military.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

QI COMMITTEE: Didn't meet.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday August 4, 2011 at 1300 hrs

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Jim Wilson adjourned the meeting at 1349 Hrs.

Respectively Submitted 6/2/11.

Patrick Murphy