

Sierra County Health Coordinating Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday January 27, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:15 at the USFS Carl Scholberg meeting Room in Sierraville, California. The grand jury had been using the meeting room and ran a little late exiting. Meeting minutes from the September meeting were approved without changes. Introductions were made. Those present are listed on the attached roster. Daryl White of the American Red Cross was not present yet, so the agenda moved forward in hopes he would arrive shortly.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Programs Updates

CodedRED Emergency Notification System outreach and education ideas were discussed.

- Set-up with a laptop at locations like the food distribution locations on food days and Senior Centers during lunch.
- Instructional flyers inserted in the local newspapers.
- To date the system has not been utilized for Boil Water Messaging, however it is being discussed by Public Works as a possibility in the future in Sierra Brooks.
- Ensure Social Services Staff have the instructions to share with clients.

Community CPR/First Aid/AED Training dates, locations and promotional ideas were discussed.

- Would a bilingual instructor be helpful? John Pang suggested contacting the Fire Chief at Truckee
- Reaching out to contacts with 4-H, FFA, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and Little league
- Possible “in-service” for teachers in Downieville and Loyalton

Other Up-dates by Agency/Program-

Sierra County Office Emergency Services

OES Coordinator, Lee Brown, spoke about a big training/exercise coming up March 29 and 30 in Rocklin hosted by Placer County Public Health Lab “Working together for all hazards”. It will be a school scenario with infectious disease outbreak involving many disciplines; law, fire, ems, public health, labs etc. They only do this training every few years. Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) activities are still on-going. Homeland Security Grants are closed out for 2014 and working on spending down 2015 still.

Downieville Volunteer Fire/Ambulance

Lee also reported as the Fire Chief for Downieville Volunteer Fire, the long awaited new ambulance is being outfitted. I should arrive around the first of March. It will be outfitted with a hydraulic patent lift. Mary Write asked Lee about local fire chiefs meetings as a venue for Grand Jury Members to learn more about local fire protection activities. Lee has been attending the fire chiefs meetings in Plumas County. There hasn't been a Sierra County Chiefs meeting for a while. This Spring/Summer there will be a Wildland Fire Training/Exercise coordinated with USFS. More details to come.

Sierra County Tobacco Use Reduction Program

Public Health Educator, Anne Reugebrink discussed challenges with statistical data being based on such small numbers in Sierra County it's not reported on by the state due to being “not statistically significant”. FNL Kids are working on the Road Map Project. A new nicotine use trend is to sniff tobacco (snuff) up your nose. Encouraging smoke free work place policies throughout Sierra County is one of Anne's projects this year.

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Public Health Educator, Bre' Whitely reported the dental Fairs will be scheduled at the schools in April. These events are done in collaboration with First 5. They assist with providing a hygienist and fluoride treatments. There was some discussion about the scarceness of Denti-Cal providers in the local area. There was some discussion about the possibilities of getting a dental van to come to the area on a regular schedule to provide services for kids. Darden Bynum brought up the WSMC Van which travels to Camptonville monthly.

Loyalton Volunteer Fire

Retired Fire Chief and Loyalton Volunteer Fire Member, John Pang discussed AHA Satellite station for public education.

Sierra County Child Care Council

Mary Wright advised programs for young children are now being provided in Downieville on a regular schedule. Paul Douville is doing a music program and Shelly is doing Roll into Reading, a tumbling program. Tots and twos programs are also being held in Downieville. The need for childcare for first responders in Sierra City was also discussed.

American Red Cross Update

American Red Cross (ARC) District Program Manager, Daryl White explained how the Red Cross has responded to recent emergencies in Northern California. House fires are usually up during the winter months.

Daryl explained the difference between an "evacuation center" and a "shelter." An "evacuation center" is set up if it is determined that the event length will not require people to be sheltered overnight. An evacuation center provides snacks, coffee and information away from the disaster site. If there is a need for people to be sheltered overnight to sleep, that is when a shelter is set up and it requires a different amount of building space per person.

The ARC is dependent on donors' contributions and last year, the Woodland, Stockton, Auburn and Sonora offices were closed. The Gold Country region covers Sacramento to Modesto and the Sierra Delta Region covers the lower half of the state. Volunteerism is down generally, however, in the counties that experienced disasters volunteer numbers are up. On-line training site americanredcross.org has been greatly expanded.

Daryl explained the responsibility Emergency Function 6 (EF6) in the State of California lies with the local Social Services Department. ARC can formally or in-formally agree to meet those requirements on behalf of the local government. Once invited in, the ARC takes over financially.

Next meeting April 12, 2016 at the Masonic Hall in Downieville
Meeting adjourned at 12:40