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**Sierra County Health Coordinating Committee (SCHCC)**  
April 12, 2016

LeTina Vanetti called the meeting to order at 10am at the Masonic Hall, Downieville, California. Introductions were made around the table (see attached sign-up sheet for attendees). No additional agenda items were added. Previous meeting minutes were approved. Due to technical difficulties with the overhead projector being compatible with Dr. Rudnick's laptop, the meeting advanced to Agenda Item 6 "Up-dates by Agency including Exercises & Training" while those issues were addressed.

**Public Health**

Sierra County's Health Officer, Dr. Celia Sutton-Pado provided an up-date on Zika and West Nile Virus'. LeTina reported she is still waiting for the contract from the State FY15-16 and will be up against a short timeline for expending funds by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The CDPH-EPO work plan and budget templates for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and Pandemic Influenza (Pan Flu) have been released FY16-17. She encouraged Committee Members and HPP partners to please keep those training, equipment and supplies needs coming.

**Clinics**

Frank Lang NP is seeing patients in Oregon House/Camptonville/North San Juan a few days a week. He is also instructing an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class in Downieville with 12 participants.

**EMS/Fire**

Sierra City Fire Chief, Bryan Davey reported on the Sacred Fire which started in Sierra City April 5<sup>th</sup> on private ground moving towards Tahoe National Forest property. The cause was the wind kicking up an old burn pile. It burned 60 acres in mostly manzanita and oak fortunately up hill and away from structures. Local Fire Departments and US Forest Service responded. USFS assumed Incident Command (IC) and were able to utilize one of Public Health's satellite phones at the Command Post.

Downieville Fire EMT Supervisor, Jacie Epperson reported she really is going to retire from the Downieville Fire and Ambulance. They will need to find a person, or a couple people, to cover her duties; maintaining run paperwork, tracking certifications, conducting trainings, and responding on the ambulance. An ideal candidate would be a paramedic who wanted to live in the area. The new ambulance is finally on its way.

**OES**

Kathy Whitlow reported OES is still working on expending their two grants over the last couple grant cycles; Homeland Security and Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG). There will be an EMCC meeting notice sent out soon, a key topic on the agenda will be to finalize some of those expenditures with input from local emergency response entities. Recently they were able to apply for and receive a separate grant for a generator.

**Guest Speaker** – Nor-Cal EMS Medical Director Dr. Eric Rudnick provided a training overview on the Regional Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan and CHEMPACK Program including question and answer session (2 CE's) The full presentation slide decks are available on the Nor-CAL EMS Training website: <http://www.norcalems.org/continuing-education.shtml>

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**Schools**

Superintendent Dr. Merrill Grant mentioned 180 days of the year the schools are the County's most densely populated locations. He has a desire to expand on the schools emergency planning and practicing. He also shared success in applying for and receiving a grant for after school tutoring including bus transportation. The schools have recently acquired radios.

**Mental Health**

Laurie Marsh distributed the latest Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Annual Up-date FY 2015-16 for comments.

**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.

**Next Meeting Date** *-July 26, 2016 - Sierraville Ranger Station*  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30pm