

Sierra County Health Coordinating Committee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday July 26, 2016

Meeting called to order by LeTina at 10:10 at the USFS Carl Scholberg meeting Room in Sierraville, California. No additional agenda items were added. Prior meeting minutes approved. Introductions were made. Those present are listed on the attached roster.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Programs Updates

LeTina introduced the new Community Outreach Coordinator for Public Health Kayla Russell. She will be assisting with a variety of Public Health Programs. A few of her emergency preparedness related duties will include; Disaster Healthcare Volunteers Registry activities, California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) activities, Sierra County Medically At-risk Registry, up-dates and distribution of the Sierra County Resource Guide and CodeRED promotion.

Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC) Matrix and 24/7 Contacts sheet was passed out for review. LeTina gave a brief description of the MHOAC Program as it relates to the State of California's Health and Medical emergency response system. Jacie asked several relevant questions regarding at what point should Public Health/MHOAC be notified and what could they do to help. Response by LeTina - Notify the MHOAC whenever local EMS or Clinic resources have the potential to become overwhelmed or are already overwhelmed. The MHOAC program contacts can expedite health & medical resource assistance at the County, State and Federal level starting with the Regional Disaster Medical Health System (RDMHS) Program.

The overview of 2016-17 budget and work plans hand-out was reviewed. There were questions about training classes, locations, and dates. Ideally the CPR classes could be scheduled at fairly regular intervals throughout the year. LeTina explained often the timeframe required for the budget approval process creates an obstacle to advanced scheduling.

John asked if Sierra County has a designated Public Information Officer (PIO) and/or PIO Team. The newest term being used at the State level is the JIC; Joint Information Center. LeTina responded she did not believe there was any designation or anybody who had been recently trained in those functions. She deferred to Sergeant Michelle for clarification or correction if needed. Michelle indicated she often by default she is put in the role while also performing her other duties. She agreed it is an important role and would be better performed as a team.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training and supply needs based on Sierra County's top 3 hazards:

1. Wildfire
2. Weather related events; storms, floods, extreme heat and cold
3. Communicable disease outbreak

The items discussed were masks, gloves, goggles and hand sanitizer. LeTina advised all entities to get the particulars (numbers, brand, size, type preferences) of what is need for their agency to her via email as soon as possible.

Other Up-dates by Agency/Program-

Sierra County Office Emergency Services

Nobody from the OES Office was able to attend today. LeTina reported she attended the last Operational Area Emergency Council (OAEC) meeting held at the Old Sierraville School May 25th and it had the best attendance numbers she'd seen in 5 years.

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Sierra County Public Health

Woman Infant and Children (WIC) Coordinator, Bre' Whitley reported her case load has been holding steady. Michelle shared she had the opportunity to utilize WIC in the past when her son was young. She felt the program was extremely helpful and would encourage spreading the word to those who could use the assistance and education the program offers. Bre' reminded everybody appointments can be made in both the Loyalton and Downieville offices.

Public Health Nurse, Shanna Anseth reported flu mist will not be available this flu season. This could add additional challenges to getting younger children vaccinated. Shanna shared information regarding an increase in overdoses with Synthetic Cannabis and the latest statistics on Zika Virus in California. There is now a national registry for all pregnant women with possible exposure to the virus.

Downieville Volunteer Fire/Ambulance

Jacie reported 11 people had graduated from the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class taught by Frank Lang in Downieville. Some of those graduates have helped out on a few ambulance runs. Frank will be doing an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Course in Downieville November through January. Frank has worked out a relationship with Sierra Collage these classes are basically free to participants. Jacie is hopeful the standard 3- 4 of the same people who always respond to the Downieville area calls, will increase and expand as a result of these courses. [The Digidop](#) provided through the grants last year has been very useful as a training tool and in the field. Possible more will be requested this year.

Today Downieville Fire will be receiving a plaque from the Fire Fighters Association for their successful fundraising on behalf of burn victims.

Loyalton Volunteer Fire

Retired Fire Chief and Loyalton Volunteer Fire Member, John Pang reported they responded to a double motorcycle crash up Stampede where both victims were flown out.

Sierra County Sheriff's Office

Michelle reported she was able to work with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in order to have three locations for "Pill Take Back" to occur in Sierra County year around, as opposed to the one day for a few hours which had been done in the past. This service is offered free of charge to encourage people to properly dispose of prescription medications. She will share further details when the boxes have arrived and been placed. There will be a box at the Sheriff's Office in Downieville, the Sheriff's Office Substation in Loyalton and at Health and Human Services Mental Health building in Loyalton. They are able to take liquids but no sharps.

Sierra County Tobacco Use Reduction Program

Public Health Educator, Anne Reugebrink discussed [Tobacco 21](#) and the new regulations which went into effect June 9, 2016 for retailers of tobacco, e-cigs and other nicotine delivery devices and products. Also discussed was the FDA's extending its authority to all tobacco products. Some discussion occurred around recent high numbers of overdoses of nicotine in children who have accidentally accessed refill tanks. It was explained that according to CDPH, child resistant packaging will soon be required for electronic smoking device cartridges and e-juice meeting federal poison prevention standards.

Mental Health

Anne distributed a survey on youth alcohol and drug use in Sierra County for Barbara Weaver, Community

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Outreach Coordinator for Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD). Most attendees completed a survey and returned it to Anne for Barbara.

Sierra County First 5

Allison Smith, the new director of First 5 in Sierra County, introduced herself. She was hired to replace retired longtime director Mike Filippini. She is looking forward to meeting everybody and learning about all the collaborations between entities in Sierra County.

Sierra County Child Care Council

Mary Wright advised she was looking forward to working with LeTina and Kayla using the template for Child Care Providers Emergency Planning with the child care providers this year.

Sierra-Plumas Joint Unified School District

Merrill Grant needed to leave early. He had LeTina remind everybody the first day of school is August 29th. He will be back to future meetings in order to provide up-dates on enrollment numbers and activities.

Sierra County Environmental Health

Elizabeth Morgan introduced Anna Insy who is working for her in Environmental Health Department as an intern this summer. Anna has been assisting with the [Certified Unified Program Agency \(CUPA\)](#) audit. Elizabeth is currently providing access, to the electronic records for the 36 sites in Sierra County, to all fire and county agencies that may need the information on what hazards are present at a particular location. Farm tanks are currently exempt under certain conditions.

Calpine Fire

Calpine Fire Chief, Angela Haick joined the meeting and introduced herself. The group was excited to hear Angela has back ground in Crisis Response.

Exercises, Trainings, and Conferences

Several meeting attendees were able to participate in the "Bridges Out of Poverty Training" held in Loyalton July 12th. All feedback was positive. Another ICS 300 Course will be scheduled locally in Sierra County probably this winter funded through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant. LeTina and Shanna shared the Sheriff's Office Dispatch and the Health Department handled the annual after hours no-notice Epidemiology Scenario drill successfully again this year.

CA Statewide Health & Medical Exercise Scenario

LeTina advised all to be thinking about what aspects they would like to test November 17th or on earlier days. Plumas County will be going with the scenario on the hand-out and website. LeTina will share their progress and the possibility of integrating some activities with their exercise. LeTina will send out additional details and have discussed with a smaller sub group of participants for future exercise planning.

Future Speakers Discussion

It was suggested the annual in person up-date from American Red Cross would be welcomed. Perhaps a Shelter Operations Training involving community members in addition to County staff. There is some interest from the local fire departments in a short and sweet hands-on decontamination training (if there is such a thing).

Next meeting is October 25, 2016 likely at the Masonic Hall in Downieville. Meeting adjourned at 12:20