

Region 8 Hospital Preparedness Program

EMS Advisory Group

October 28, 2009 - 6 p.m. Eastern

Meeting Minutes

(Attendance by distant-site roll call during introductions; sites had difficulties in logging on.)

All sites are always welcome to attend the meetings at the main location or at other sites as equipment/space is available.

*Note: Those counties represented were; Alger, Baraga, Dickinson (via phone), Delta, EUP, Gogebic-Ontonagon, Houghton-Keweenaw, Iron, Marquette, and Schoolcraft (via phone). Luce and Menominee MCAs were not present at the meeting.

Agenda Items	Description	Responsible/Action
I. Welcome & Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Curt Lesage chaired this meeting in Lyn Nelson's absence. All sites provided introductions of those present.	None
II. Review & Approval of Minutes from 8/26/09	Motion by LeSage; Second by Wolf to approve the meeting minutes of 8/26/08 as presented. Motion passed.	None
III. Acceptance of Agenda of Oct 28	Motion by LeSage; Second by Wolf to approve the meeting minutes of 8/26/08 as presented. Motion passed.	None
IV. Old Business	<p>a. Swine Flu</p> <p>Dr. Noren, MGHS CMO, spoke about the H1N1 pandemic as seen by MGHS and in regards to H1N1 in general as seen across the UP. Was able to confirm the concerns of hospitals and EMS across the Region and to assure that those difficulties that are being seen; are universal throughout the regional partners.</p> <p>During discussions of National shortage of vaccinations and injections vs nasal spray, each location was given the opportunity to report on number of EMS that has been provided a vaccination. Over all; the Region is at about 60%.</p>	None
V. New Business	<p>a. H1N1 Preparedness Funds</p> <p>BTC made agencies aware of the upcoming H1N1 preparedness funds that would be allocated to each MCA. Those funds are not available and BTC stressed that those funds were to be used for preparedness funds and not response. Recommendations were to work with local hospitals and in regards to combined preparedness effort.</p> <p>b. Albuterol Nebs and Atrovent</p> <p>This topic was brought up by Alger EMS. Amber Denman was present to relay the concerns currently occurring with patients with respiratory distress and foreseeing the potential for increased patient load. This was not seen as a Regional efforts and suggestions were provided to Alger county by EUP and MQT.</p> <p>c. MyClyns</p>	None Alger and Mqt MCA to get together to assist in this effort. None

	<p>MyClyns was brought for further researching this product as a possible purchase by the grant. This product was researched earlier in the previous grant and will be looked at for its use against H1N1 airborne particles. The purpose of the years cooperative agreement was again stressed that this year the grant would not be purchasing items outright. That trainings and exercises that were previously identified with an approximate cost. If a purchase such as MyClyns is to be bought, individual locations may want to look into incorporating a purchase into their trainings.</p> <p>d. CEUs</p> <p>It was brought up by EMS Chair and MqtMCA that the EMS Advisory Committee meeting be used as an opportunity to provide training CEUs. Each meeting for the rest of the year will include a class during the first hour with the standard EMS meeting to follow. Lyn Nelson to work with Dennis Karuzas, School of EMT and the Instructor/Coordinator core group.</p> <p>e. EZ-IO Needles</p> <p>BTC shared that there have been concerns in regards to the purchase of more needles. The grant will not be purchasing any more needles for the EMS agencies but is still willing and able to be your liaison to the sales representatives, there are different representatives depending on your location in the Region.</p>	<p>Lyn Nelson to develop training and bring to group via email prior to next EMS meeting</p> <p>None</p>
<p>VI. Purchase Updates</p>	<p>a. Bag Phones</p> <p>BTC updated the committee that the phones previously requested through this group is no longer being sold and supported by Motorola (M800). The new phone suggested to be purchased is the Motorola M930. The Regional office still has those numbers previously requested and will prepare a funding request to go forward to the Planning Board next week.</p>	<p>BTC to take to HPP Meeting Wed, Nov 4</p>
<p>VII. Training & Education</p>	<p>a. U of M Survival Flight</p> <p>Joe Schneller and BTC responded that the University of Michigan's Survival Flight trauma conference was a success. There were both lecture and practical application. Course topics included intubation, EZ-IO, water rescue and many others. BTC is working on bringing the Survival Flight crew back to the Region (hopefully Marquette and SSM) to increase the course participation.</p> <p>b. Advanced Wilderness</p> <p>Ed Unger, Schoolcraft, spoke briefly on the Advanced Wilderness Life Support course. The course itself was a success; they had over enrolled their registrants and the course was well received by the students.</p>	<p>BTC to work with Conference Planners to incorporate additional training opportunities.</p> <p>BTC to work with trainers to acquire additional training.</p>
<p>VIII. Information and Discussion</p>	<p>Curt Lesage brought up the new guidance sent out Oct 23 via State coordination. Link is on MDCH website</p>	<p>BTC to post website on reg8.org website</p>

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IX. Agency Announcements	PALS courses held in Manistique; Provider Course Nov 12-13 and Instructor Course Dec 4-6	
X. Adjournment	With nothing more to discuss this meeting was adjourned.	

All attendees were invited to the full Regional Planning Board meeting on Nov 4, 2008 at Ramada in Marquette at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Subject to committee correction and approval.