



**REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY
PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
September 15, 2011
SUMMARY**

Those Present (According to sign-in sheet):

Rhonda Charboneau-Cooper, Jackson County Health Department
Bridgette Casey, Independence Public Health
Tammy Clough, Clinton County Health Department
Kevin Cluskey, Wyandotte County Public Health
Ellen Dorshow-Gordon, Jackson County Health Department
Larry Franken, Wyandotte County Public Health
Patrick Franklin, MO DHSS
Tim Gridley, Kansas City Missouri Health
Gay Hall, Wyandotte County Public Health
Jeff Hershberger, Kansas City MO Health
Lisa Hubbert, Kansas City Missouri Health

Jim Kelly, Jackson County Health Department
Tiffany Klassen, Cass County Health Department
Kevin Kovach, Johnson County Health Department
Bonnie Martin, Kansas City Health Department
Patrick Morgester, Kansas City Health
Beth Neland, Platte County Health
Alisha Nelson, Independence Health Department
Nancy Tausz, Johnson County Health Department, Co-Chair
Liz Ticer, Johnson County Public Health
Caitlin Walls, Cass County Health Department
Gary Zaborac, Clay County

Others Present

Dan Luebbert, Platte County Health Department

MARC Staff: Dan Manley and Tanya Kraatz

1. Welcome, Introductions

Co-Chair Nancy Tausz called the meeting to order and self-introductions were made.

2. Mass Prophylaxis Solution – KCMO

Tim Gridley with Kansas City Health Department discussed the process which Kansas City Public Health Department has contracted with a programmer to enhance patient data management capability with the MEDS/POD Software. The programmer is working in the MEDS/POD Software to create an overlay to the current programming. Mr. Gridley advised that Kansas City Health Department purchased a copy of source code that allows them to develop, design and program the wrap around application to they are working on.

Mr. Gridley reviewed the project that Kansas City Health Department has working on and advised that the system will allow for entities to upload employee information, inventory and has on line capabilities. Mr. Gridley advised that once the overlay programming is completed facilities will be able to purchase the MEDS Pod software from NexGenisys for a onetime

purchase per server and Kansas City will be able to provide the overlay programming. Each Agency will need to negotiate a support agreement with NexGenisys.

Liz Ticer reviewed Dispense Assist which was developed by Johnson County Public Health. Ms. Ticer discussed the goal set to make the system as simple as possible. Dispenses Assist is accessible on the internet and will be tested with the public during the upcoming flu clinics.

Dan Manley reviewed the funding available for mass prophylaxis. Mr. Manley discussed the development of an RFP to develop a custom code that would help bring Dispenses Assist to a level that it would fit more facilities needs. This proposal was presented at the August meeting. The cost is \$56,919 for performing the scope of work and a 90 free warranty days. There is also included an additional term of MARC agreeing to go for additional warranty at \$1000 per month beyond the 90 day warranty period.

The Public Health Preparedness Sub Committee is recommending to the Public Health Directors that MARC execute a contract with Estibew Technology Group Inc. in the amount of \$56,919 with Estibew Technology to complete the scope of work for the project that was developed by public health representatives, the vendor, and MARC Staff.

The vendor (Estibew Technologies) was selected based on response to a formal request for proposal (RFP). The contract would be paid out of the 2009 Urban Area Security Initiative line item budget for mass prophylaxis. That budget has an available balance of \$234,743.98. Public Health Preparedness has an additional \$170,000 available for Mass Prophylaxis in 2010 UASI of \$170,000, for a total amount \$404,743.98. With that information the committee has recommended that future projects that are being designed be considered for funding as project costs are identified.

3. Task Force Reports

- **SNS**

Trailers- Thermal Camera- the manufacture is not offering any training but there is a training disc. If you would like training on the equipment please let Tim Gridley know.

Communications- There is an amateur radio exercise planned for October 1, 2011 if you are interested, please contact Liz Ticer.

Generators- Kansas City's is ready for installation and Jackson County installation is waiting on EPA approval.

- **Risk Communications**

Jeff Hershberger discussed the two regional messages that have been released. There is an Advanced CERT training being offered, additional information will follow.

- **Plans, Training and Exercise**

Bonnie Martin discussed the training calendar. Ms. Martin reported that they are working on the improvement plan for the last exercise.

The planning for Amber Waves continues, they will be setting up the equipment and this will be combined with a table top.

Region 7 will be conducting a Lab exercise on October 13-21st with Kansas City Water and the Environmental Group.

Environmental Health- They will be participating in the Lab Exercise. The Resource Guide is going to print. They have submitted the project to be presented at the NACHO Preparedness conference, both Poster and Interaction presentations.

- **ESIQ**

It was reported that no progress has been made interfacing Kansas and Missouri.

4. **Committee Reports**

- **Hospital** – They will be conducting a decontamination exercise on October 11, 2011. The HazMat training has been scheduled for September 25-27 at Shawnee Mission Hospital, the course is full.

5. **CRI**

- **Kansas** – Reported that they are in the process of hiring a new coordinator.
- **Missouri** – Patrick Morgester reported that the CRI KC Summit went well. They gave recommendations for improvement to the SNS Plan.
 - Chem Pack information sharing- offered to have a presentation
 - Medical Standing order is being worked on.
 - Media tool Kit
 - SNS Guidance 10.02 is coming out.
 - Closed POD Webinar from St. Louis, if you are interested let Mr. Morgester know and he will provide the link.

6. **Other Business**

The regional mass facility planning with the MEMC is ongoing they are working to get promulgation of a Regional Mass Fatality Plan by each county. Jackson County Medical Examiner's office has received supplies and equipment to operate a Mobile Morgue. The inventory will be stored in a 53' refrigerated trailer that is scheduled to be delivered in October. This unit has 10 full stations and will be housed at the Jackson County Sheriff's office.

Adjournment 10:50 a.m.