



**REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY
PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
January 21, 2010
SUMMARY**

Those Present (According to sign-in sheet):

Rhonda Charboneau Cooper, Jackson County Health Department
Bridgette Casey, Independence Health Department
Tammy Clough, Clinton County Health Department
Kevin Cluskey, UG Wyandotte County Health Department
Ellen Dorshow Gordon, Jackson County Health Department
Tim Gridley, Kansas City Missouri Health Department
Ron Griffin, Kansas City Missouri Health Department
Jeff Hershberger, Kansas City Missouri Health Department
Larry Jones, Independence Health Department
Tiffany Klassen, Cass County Health Department
Lougene Marsh, Johnson County Health Department
Bonnie Martin, Kansas City MO
Pat Morgester, Kansas City Health Department
Beth Neland, Platte County Health Department
Amanda Prough, Cass County Health Department
Joe Reed, Clay County Public Health
Dr. Ximena Somoza, Clay County Public Health Department
Nancy Tausz, Johnson County Health Department
Liz Ticer, Johnson County Public Health
Caitlin Walls, Cass County Health Department
Tynisha Gantt, Kansas City Health Department
Donna Martin, Kansas City Health/MARC
Alisha Griswold, Johnson County Public Health
Jill Shugart, ASPER/HRP R7
Art McCathy, Clinton County Health Department
Jeanette Crane, Johnson County Health Department

MARC Staff: Marlene Nagel, Dan Manley, Barbara Hensley, and Tanya Kraatz

1. Welcome, Introductions

Co-Chair Larry Jones called the meeting to order and self-introductions were made.

2. H1N1 Preparedness - updates

All public health agencies reported a decline in activity.

Johnson County Health Department – reported that their planned clinics over the next 3 weeks are smaller in nature. Additionally they are going to continue to offer the vaccine at the health department.

Platte County Public Health – reported offering vaccine during their walk in clinics at the county. They have reached out to the seniors in Platte County.

Kansas City Health Department - reported they are reaching out to larger employers in Kansas City offering to hold vaccine clinics at their facilities. They still offer the vaccine everyday at the health department.

Jackson County Public Health – They are holding public clinics every day at the Health Department.

Wyandotte County Health- reported that they have reached all the schools in Wyandotte County. Additionally they continue to offer vaccinations every day 8:00am to 5:00 pm.

Clinton County Public Health - reported that they are offering vaccine everyday at the health department.

Cass County Public Health – reported they are holding schools clinic for ½ day and are looking at reaching out to Head Start and long term facilities for any interest.

Independence Health Department - reported they offer the vaccine on Wednesday 9a.m. to 4p.m. The health department is following up with calls to residents of Independence reminding them about second doses for children.

Clay County Health Department - reported that community partners are no longer taking vaccine. They are offering vaccine by appointment or walk-in at the health department.

H1N1 Medical Campaign

Barbara Hensley reviewed the media campaign that will be undertaken in an effort to promote H1N1 awareness and vaccination. Ms. Hensley reported on the news papers that will be used, including non-English papers. The television ads will be up and running in a few weeks. Also there will be a survey conducted to determine which ads and where they were placed worked the best in reaching the public.

3. Task Force Reports

- **ESIQ**

The regional disease surveillance system is in the final stages of testing although it is not quite ready to go live. Passwords have been received. Marlene Nagel advised that some challenges are coming up and being worked through with the two states.

- **SNS**

Tim Gridley advised that the supplies are in and he will be coming out to local public health departments for trailer restocking and inventory work.

Generators – The quotes and contracts are in place; Dan Manley has contacted each of the health departments that are receiving the equipment. Mr. Manley discussed the environmental Impact review, which is a new requirement that has occurred in the last 6 months. This will add an additional 60 days to the project.

- **Risk Communication**

Reported that the main focus is the H1N1 outreach and any input would be appreciated.

- **Plans, Training and Exercise**

Target Capabilities- the Capability Assessment report is in draft form and the committee is waiting on comments back from the co-chairs.

Training and Exercise – The after action report is in draft form from the September flu clinic exercise, and it was submitted to the state. Each health department will need to tailor the after action report recommendations for their specific jurisdiction.

4. Committee Reports

- **Training and Exercise**

Bonnie Martin discussed the MCI exercise that is scheduled for April 7, 2010 for EMS, EM, and Hospitals. Ms. Martin advised that the scenario is a tornado which begins in Johnson County Kansas and ends in Platte County Missouri.

- **RHSCC**

The 2010 UASI application process is underway; the time line has been established. It was reported the Kansas City region will be receiving \$7.5 million; however, all the projects will need to be submitted for approval. Dan Manley reviewed the progress of the UASI 07 – UASI 09 line item budgets for the program.

- **Interoperable Communications**

Report that they met and discussed where the backup PSAPs (9-1-1 call centers) are going to be located. They are looking at the emergency response plans to accommodate the extra dispatchers that would need to locate in a backup center in the event a dispatch center should “go down”.

- **Hospitals**

The hospitals are in the process of reviewing their target capabilities. They discussed what their participation will be during the April 7, 2010 exercise. Dan Manley advised that they will be putting 2 UASI projects forward for approval. Additionally they have 2 Multi-UASI projects with the St. Louis region: Burn Care Cache and Mass Fatality

- **MARCER**

Working on time critical diagnosis (STEMI/Stroke) protocols for the region and with the state.

- **MEMC**

Lisa Elsas reviewed Safety City plans, which will be held during the Home and Remodeling show in February. Ms. Elsas advised that in past years, Wyandotte County brought their public health trailer but it will not be available for this year's event. The MEMC has offer booth space to public health and volunteers will be needed if public health is interested. This is an opportunity to reach the public with what public health's mission is. There will be hand sanitizers and stress balls that could be given out. There is no cost to park or enter the Home Show, approximately 16 -24 volunteers are needed to man the booth over the weekend.

- **CRI**

Both Missouri and Kansas are preparing for the TAR assessments, which will occur approximately at the same time as last year.

5. Other Business

There will not be a meeting in February due to the Public Health Summit.

Next meeting- March 18, 2010.

Adjournment 10:10 a.m.