

**Eastern Madera County
Emergency Preparedness Committee
Meeting Summary
November 12, 2009
Sierra Ambulance Training Headquarters-Oakhurst, CA**

Meeting Attendees: Charles Banks, Barry Beyer, Sandy Brinley, Tom Burdette, Chris Drago, PJ Grant, Christi Hansard, Ed Guzman, Jere Miller, Dick Rekart, Rachel Rivera, Joseph Shreve, Janet Stanovich, Jerry Thompson, Tom Wheeler, Dave Wolin

Meeting called to order: 0735

Committee Introductions:

Old Business

New Business

The Health Department offered committee members an opportunity to sign up for alerts from California Health Alert Network (CAHAN). Participants have the ability to receive alerts through email, cell phones, faxes, etc. Messages must be confirmed otherwise the alert will be ongoing.

Bernie Smith gave a power point presentation on H1N1. Madera County has had 35 confirmed cases with two deaths. The most affected are pregnant women and children. The Health Department is following ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Guidelines). Currently there are no clinics for the general population. However, vaccines are being provided to OB/GYN providers, pediatricians, and school districts. These vaccines are based on a percentage of the population and the Health Department has no control of delivery dates. School children will be vaccinated with parental consent and parents must be present up to Jr. High level. This will be followed by vaccines to high schoolers and possibly adult clinics using the mass vaccination model. Parents with children with compromised medical conditions should seek the advice of their pediatrician. The Health Department recommends hand-washing, covering the mouth when coughing/sneezing, and staying at home if sick.

Discussion/Roundtable

Ed Guzman states that there has been an increase in patients with flu like symptoms; along with an increase in staff absenteeism.

Kathy McCorry reports that the Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce has a new software program that will email emergency notices to cell phones. This can be utilized as another way of reaching out to the public via text messaging.

Dave Wolin will be volunteering with Bernie Smith this weekend at the H1N1 vaccine clinic at Oakhurst Elementary School.

Tom Burdette states that they now have a map for the SPCA shelter site, which is approximately 5.5 acres. The next step will be meeting with the environmental group, archaeologists, and soil engineers. He is looking at using recyclable material for the building structures. He reports that the Animal Faire was a successful fundraiser and the SPCA also received \$5,000 in donations from memorial funds.

Jere Miller informed the group that the deeds have been transferred and that they are moving in the right direction for the new fire station.

Chris Dragoo states that CMC-Oakhurst has seen many patients with flu-like symptoms.

Barry Beyer states Kaiser held H1N1 vaccine clinics in Fresno for their members. He also noted that the Oakhurst Kaiser is short one doctor.

PJ Grant is working to keep their staff healthy. Homeowners are questioned before staff venture into homes to ensure residents are not sick; giving them an opportunity to reschedule. Staff are very diligent with their hand sanitizers.

Christi Hansard reports that there was a steady flow at their flu shot clinic recently.

Janet Stanovich is working on daily planning of OES. The planning committee meets next week with the draft to be completed by June, 2010. By August/September the plan should be going to the board for approval and then hopefully be awarded grant money. She is also working on the draft of the program for warming centers which should be completed by Monday.

Dick Rekart has nothing to report at this time.

Charles Banks has nothing to report at this time.

Jerry Thompson is on standby mode.

Tom Wheeler gave a power point presentation at a recent dinner meeting showcasing the various projects that have been completed in Madera County. Several newspapers were invited, but only the Madera Tribune attended. He noted the Sheriff's Office in

Oakhurst should be completed in April of next year. He is trying to keep the Bass Lake substation open.

Joseph Shreve had nothing to report at this time.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2010

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05am

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hayes