

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 13, 2005 Meeting of the Public Health Council Committee on Emergency Preparedness

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up Action
Introductions		
Review of Minutes of 6/14/05	Minutes were approved as written.	
Up-Date on PHC	Members of the PHC up-dated the Committee on the work of the PHC. There was discussion about flu vaccine distribution with consensus that a formal recommendation be presented to the PHC.	<p>Kurt Reed and members of the PHC will present the following recommendation to the PHC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There needs to be a policy regarding distribution of vaccines so that organizations that care for priority groups and vulnerable populations have both priority access and receive sufficient supplies. 2. This policy is especially important in emergency situations. 3. Federal and state support is needed to accomplish this policy. 4. Another year has passed without a resolution to this important issue. <p>The Annual Report of the PHC will be sent to the Committee members.</p>
Strategic Issues	The Committee heard reports about each of the 14 strategic issues. See “Strategic Issues Summary” for documentation of the issues discussed.	
Prioritization of Strategic Issues	<p>The Committee then prioritized the issues that they will address in CY 2006 along with making two recommendations to the PHC.</p> <p>The 3 priority areas are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainability of Preparedness (this will necessarily involve the identification of the measures of preparedness) 2. Pandemic Flu and response to other catastrophic incidents 3. Special Populations 	<p>Kurt Reed will present the following recommendations to the PHC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was recommended that workforce issues be addressed by the PHC Committee on the State Health Plan (since this is already a part of their work). Workforce issues should include public health workforce, acute care workforce and first responder workforce needs. 2. It is recommended that any workgroups formed by the PHC include representation from EMS.

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	<p>The focus of this Committee will be on “policy and strategic” issues in these priority areas with the end result being policy recommendations in each of these 3 priority areas. These recommendations will be presented to the PHC for inclusion in the next Annual Report to the Governor (July 2006).</p>	<p>Dennis Tomczyk will send worksheets to the members of the Committee to begin the identification of policy and strategic issues for each of the 3 priorities. There will be 2 rounds in this identification process that will be completed in time for the March 2006 Committee meeting.</p>
WEM Planning	<p>Larry Reed updated the Committee on planning efforts that are being initiated by WEM that may have an impact on the emergency planning efforts of all emergency responders. First, regional planning is being done using the WEM regions. Secondly, WEM is tasked with catastrophic planning, based on 4 time-frames: first 72 hours; extended response (up to 60 days after inception); Short term recovery (up to one year after inception); Long term recovery (one year and beyond).</p>	
Legislation	<p>Lloyd Clark updated the Committee on proposed legislation that will affect emergency preparedness.</p>	<p>Lloyd Clark will provide an electronic copy of the legislation (once it is presented to the Legislature) so that Dennis Tomczyk can forward the information to the Committee.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Once again, the State Preparedness Conference falls on the same date as the September Committee meeting. Other meetings for 2006 are scheduled for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 14 • June 13 • December 12 	<p>It was agreed that the Committee will hold its 3rd quarter meeting on Tuesday, September 19 instead of September 12.</p>

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Committee Members In Attendance (BOLD)	Bevan Baker John Bartkowski Bill Bazan Jayne Bielecki Lloyd Clark Christopher Fischer Gregg Gibbons Oren Hammes Aaron Harris Maureen Kartheiser Terri Kramolis Loren Leshan	Sarah Lewis Doug Mormann Marianne Peck Kurt Reed Lawrence Reed Glen Safford/ Carol Wright Ernest Stremski JoAnn Weidmann Robert Wilcox Dan Williams Jeff Wilson Thai Vue
Resource Staff	Thomas Anderson Steve Marshall	Carolyn Strubel Dennis Tomczyk
Guests	Stephanie Harrison Paul Wittkamp	
Handouts at the Meeting	Up-Date on Strategic Issues	