

Minutes of the Tuesday, March 14, 2006 Meeting of the Public Health Council Committee on Emergency Preparedness

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-Up Action
Introductions	Bevan Baker introduced himself as the new Chair of this Committee. The Committee extended appreciation to Kurt Reed MD for his leadership. Kurt has taken on further responsibilities that prevent him from continuing to serve as the Chair.	
Review of Minutes of 12/13/2005	Minutes were approved as written.	
PHC Up-Date	Bevan Baker up-dated the Committee on the work of the PHC.	By March 24, 2006 Dennis will send the PHC Annual Report to the Committee members.
Recommendation on Immunization	The Committee had a lengthy discussion on the Policy Statement on Vaccines. Dan Hopfensperger briefed the Committee on the history and policies on vaccine distribution. The Committee reached consensus on the Policy Statement (attached to the minutes)	By March 24, 2006 Dennis will present the draft of the Policy Statement to the Committee members for review. By April 14, 2006 Bevan Baker will present the Policy Statement to the Public Health Council.
Strategic Issues	<p>The Committee began the discussion of the 3 prioritized strategic issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures of Preparedness • Pandemic Influenza and other infectious disease outbreaks • Special Populations <p>The Committee agreed that its work is to be focused on policy and strategy and not on operations. The policies need to answer the question, “As a state, are we prepared?” Any indicators of preparedness need to be measurable</p> <p>The Committee reached consensus on the first draft of the Policy Statement and Action Directives (attached to the minutes), which will be discussed and further refined at the next meeting.</p>	

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Pandemic Influenza	<p>The Committee has been asked to serve as the state advisory group, required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the State and DHHS. The following is the paragraph from the MOU, stating the responsibilities of this Committee:</p> <p>d) Continuing to work with the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Governor's appointed Public Health Council to assist the State in articulating strategic priorities and overseeing the development and execution of the jurisdiction's operational pandemic plan.</p>	<p>By March 31, 2006 Dennis will provide to the Committee for their review and study key documents regarding state planning for Pandemic Influenza.</p>
FY 2006 HRSA Hospital Preparedness	<p>The FY 2006 HRSA Hospital Disaster Preparedness Cooperative Agreement comes out with little time for allowing for widespread feedback in preparation for the writing of the application. Dennis Tomczyk distributed the Critical Benchmarks for this year's grant, which are not anticipated to change significantly.</p>	<p>By May 1, 2006 the Committee Members will send to Dennis Tomczyk any suggestions for the writing of the FY 2006 HRSA Cooperative Agreement, with an emphasis on identifying any gaps or new initiatives that need to be considered.</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"> • June 13 • September 19 (note change of date) • December 12 	

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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 Stephanie Harrison Maureen Kartheiser	Terri Kramolis Loren Leshan Doug Mormann Marianne Peck Lawrence Reed Glen Safford/ Carol Wright Ernest Stremski JoAnn Weidmann Robert Wilcox Dan Williams Jeff Wilson Thai Vue
Resource Staff	Thomas Anderson David Pluymers	Carolyn Strubel Dennis Tomczyk
Guests	Paul Wittkamp Dan Hopfensberger	
Handouts at the Meeting	Pre-Booking and Distribution	