NORTHERN UTAH HEALTH CARE COALITION MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, January 6, 2011

11:30 AM to 1 PM

Bear River Health Department, south building, Brigham City

Conference Rooms B and C

Attendees:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Eric Collins, Chair	Logan Regional Hospital
Steve Kimber, Vice Chair	Davis Hospital
Susan Thompson, Exec Committee member	Brigham City Community Hospital
David Lucas, Exec Committee member	McKay Dee Hospital
Tami Timothy	Lakeview Hospital
Dorene Schulze	Bear River Valley Hospital
Karlene Marshall	Ogden Regional Hospital
Niki Walker	Cache Valley Specialty Hospital
Lloyd Berentzen	Bear River Health Department
Lewis Garrett	Davis County Health Department
Dr. Edward Redd	Bear River Health Department
Keith Larsen	Bear River Health Department
Ivy Melton Sales	Davis County Health Department
Brian Hatch	Davis County Health Department
Kim Cannon	Davis County Health Department
George Chino	Weber Morgan Health Department
Carlos Ledezma	Midtown Community Health Center
Ericka (intern from Des Moines University with Carlos)	Midtown Community Health Center
Cameron McBride	Ogden Clinics
Bryce Neilson	Rich County Emergency Management
Rick Williams	Cache County Emergency Management
Lance Peterson	Weber County Emergency Management
Terry Turner	Morgan County Emergency Management
Ellis Bruch	Davis County Emergency Management
Brady Hansen	Cache County EMS
Deb Burcombe	Utah Health Care Association
Sara V. Sinclair	Regional Medical Surge Director

Eric Collins called the meeting to order, introduced our new member, Ellis Bruch, the new Davis County Emergency Manager, Dr. Edward Redd, the deputy director of the Bear River Health Department, and Erika, the intern with Carlos Ledezma at the Midtown Community Health Center. He also welcomed everyone to the New Year.

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THIS MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the minutes from the November 4, 2010 meeting after a motion by Steve Kimber and a second from Lance Peterson.
2. Unanimous approval of the Northern Utah Regional Medical Surge Plan after a motion by Karlene Marshall, and a second by Deb Burcombe.
3. The following ideas for additions to the new Northern Utah Health Care Coalition web page will be followed up by Sara Sinclair and Jill Parker (PIO at Bear River Health Department): an Archive Section, a monthly profile which features a member of our coalition, and inclusion of the most recent issue of *The Communicator,* the coalition's newsletter.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Sara Sinclair announced that the Radio Exercise Planning Group is preparing a region-wide exercise re: the effective use of 800 MHz radios and the ability of the hospitals and local public health departments to communicate with each other during a disaster on Tuesday, March 3, 2011 at 1:30 PM. The exercise will last one hour and then an After Action Review Meeting will be conducted by phone conference.
2. Eric Collins reported that hospital radios will be re-programmed so that they have their EOC channels, and each other's channels, plus the local health department and EMS channels on their 800 MHz radios. This will be accomplished by the March 1 exercise noted above.
3. Eric Collins updated everyone on the status of the equipment ordered using collaborative funds from this year's grant. The equipment will be delivered to the Logan office of Bear River Health Department and will be delivered to its recipients from there. All of the equipment is expected by January 21, and if it all arrives, will be delivered the week of January 24, 2011. The cost of the equipment was $38,094, leaving $1906 in collaborative funds which has not been spent. The invoice re: the equipment ordered has been shared with members.
4. The new web page for our coalition (it is a page on the Bear River Health Department's website) was introduced and instruction sheets handed out. Input was welcomed as to ideas for additions to the website (see #3 in Action Items). Sara Sinclair thanked Jill Parker, the PIO at the Bear river Health Department, for doing the website for the coalition. Positive comments were received about it.
5. Steve Kimber noted the 4th Thursday at 11:30 AM is a very difficult time for him to meet, and asked if others would consider a different day, such as the third Thursday, or 2nd or 3rd Tuesday. There was no consensus reached on whether or not to change the meeting, as there was no day that was good for everyone. Sara Sinclair will follow up on this via a Zoomerang survey.
6. There will also be a short Zoomerang survey re: the needs of the hospitals and other members re: Haz Mat issues, such as decontamination, and other training needs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM, and the next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 3, 11:30 AM in the second floor auditorium at the Weber Morgan Health Department.

TRAINING BY KEITH LARSEN, EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATOR, BEAR RIVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"Public Health Emergency Preparation and You; Fitting It All Together"

The three Emergency Response Coordinators employed by the three member local health departments, Keith Larsen, Ivy Melton Sales (Davis), and George Chino (Weber Morgan)met and prepared the general content of the 30 minute power point presentation which Keith Larsen prepared and delivered.

The presentation reviewed the various contributions a local health department can make in an emergency situation (a medical surge event, for example).

Mr. Larsen emphasized that public health thinks of the community as the patient, rather than an individual as a patient. He shared the 11 essential public health services, the 11th being "reduction of the impact of emergencies and disasters on health." During the presentation he reviewed the involvement of the following arms of local health departments in relation to emergency/disaster management: *Environmental Health* (food and water sanitation/safety, air quality, Haz mat), *Nursing* (vaccinations, disease control and management), *Women, Infants and Children* (interviewing skills; special needs populations), *Health Promotion* (community education, organizing, public speakers), *Substance Abuse* (excellent counselors; psychological first aid), *Emergency Response Coordinators* (planners, identifying resources). He went on to discuss the pivotal coordination role of the local public health departments in *fatality management (vital record keeping), the Strategic National Stockpile* (the local health department is the place to call if the SNS is needed), *Chempack,* and the *Medical Reserve Corps.*

Handouts on the SNS, the 11 essential public health services, and the Medical Reserve Corps were distributed to those present.

(Note: at the March 3, 2011 meeting, a presentation on DMAT by Tami Goodin from the Bureau of EMS/P is being arranged, and at the May, 2011 meeting, there will be a presentation by Lance Peterson, the Weber County Emergency Manager and Utah DMORT team leader on the general principles of mass fatality management.)

Respectfully submitted,

Sara V. Sinclair

Regional Medical Surge Director