

Meeting Attendees:

Kevin Henson, WVFRA
Rick Sherman, Marion County Health Department
Rod Calkins, Marion County Health Department
**Janette Cotton, Marion County Health Department
**Recorder

Shawn Bains, Woodburn
Scott Shepherd, Jefferson RFD
Sherry Bensema, Stayton Fire Department
Toni Grimes, Woodburn Ambulance

9:05 Call to Order, Shawn Bains

- Need a vice chair for present group
- Need a new person to take over for the HPP Board
 - Have to attend Quarterly meetings – they are long
 - Do not have to attend all monthly meetings
 - Kevin Henson said he would be willing to start attending meetings
 - Shawn and Rod will send a letter to Ann Steeves stating that Kevin will be the new person attending

9:30 H1N1 Update, Rod Calkins

- Started public clinics about 3 weeks ago – state wants us to reach 30% vaccination rate for priority groups given by the Health Dept.
- Now they are wanting us to push more vaccine back to the providers rather than doing so many public clinics
- As of clinics scheduled we are at about 24% for the priority groups
- Sheriff's office has been slow in getting it out since law enforcement was added later to the priority groups
- Less emphasis is now going to well people but starting to shift toward people with health concerns
 - Young adults and older children
 - They have the highest mortality rate at this time
 - Highest deaths are occurring in older children and young adults with chronic conditions and people with disabilities
 - Rod can reprioritize only through the CDC guidelines already in place
- Media Messages – sticking with priority groups cut covering those groups with highest mortality

Kevin

- Deemphasize on 1st responders, EMS, and health care workers
- Is this shift to health concerns a precursor to going to long-term care facilities? Rod says No
 - To date long term care has only ordered about 14 doses

Rod

- Some large clinics are already in place but the new vaccine coming in could take a new turn for who is eligible
- School Clinics have started or are done at the following:
 - Stayton
 - Silverton
 - Jefferson
- Salem Keizer Schools will be starting soon
- H1N1 and Seasonal flu rollout is totally different
 - New orders for H1N1 just went out recently
- Seasonal flu will probably be a bigger issue about Januaryish
- 82 or 84 people have been hospitalized and we are about 18 weeks from traditional flu peak
- Flu normally in 3 waves
 - One more wave to come in the spring?

- Distribution has been good just not enough vaccine to go around
- EMS is willing to help if needed
 - Go to houses of high risk clients that cannot get to a clinic
- Health Dept called around clinics in Woodburn and got 4-5 more clinics that want vaccine but had not ordered yet
- State has contracted with Mass Vaccinator
 - They will help with public clinics
- Look for new guidelines that restructure within the already stated guidelines
- Jackson/Josephine county got hit hard a couple of weeks ago
- Must have a vent and someone to run it to list it
- MAC H1N1 in 3 days is anyone going?
 - Last spring it was in Polk county
 - Ann is going to county commissioners to try and sell them on MAC

10:00AM Shawn

- H1N1 not declared a Stafford Act Emergency yet so there is no Federal money yet
 - EMS is not eligible for direct reimbursement but can get reimbursed if an entity applies on their behalf
 - Shawn sent a proposal in for an MOU saying Marion County would work with the private sector
 - Rick will follow-up on MOU with Emergency Management and Private Ambulance providers
 - Not just for flu but in general
 - This is not for county money, but to be put on the list for when federal money comes down

Rod

- DOC is open
 - Logistics
 - Very minimal
 - Opened with the state so it wouldn't be a problem later

Rick

- Hospitals have masks so go to them first if you need more
 - N-95 Masks and Surgical masks
 - Call Rick and he can request them for you
 - Just let him know how many and what kind
 - Cannot charge for them
 - Gowns are not ordered yet but some are available if needed
 - Not low on money but Distributors are low on supply

Toni, Shawn, Sherry

- EMS call volume
 - Regular runs are down
 - H1N1 – getting a few but not higher than normal
- Problem is overtime for people out sick or taking care of sick children
- Active Declination Statement for EMS
 - A few transfers but not too many yet
- Unclear how to find out where there are critical beds available
 - Hoscap is in real time but only 8% reporting
 - Small hospitals don't always do it
- Ask Ann to send out all emails to all employees not just to one person in a department
 - If you aren't getting a response from Ann send and email to Mandy

Upcoming Legislative Issues

- Beginning in December or January the state will be going through a rule making process to modify some ORS for EMS
 - 6 months or so of hearings then adoption phase
- Sit Rep Report changing to adjust reciprocity to make it easier to hire people from out of state
- Changing 1st responder level of certification
- Intermediate level
 - National Registry
 - Defining an agency
 - Licensing
- Need physician advisor – Paramedics

HPP Grant

- Haven't heard from Mike

Federal 1135 Waiver

- Transport to alternate care site
 - How to bill Medicare/Medicad
 - State will apply for a blanket waiver
 - Oregon Health Care and an ASA Signature for
 - Salem
 - MCFD
 - Keizer
 - Jefferson
 - Many calls are being denied reimbursements saying client should have going to primary care physician or client called too soon
- Salem Fire Department has a test case
 - Once denied it can only go through circuit court
 - Want to know how long it takes to see if its worth it
- MIVIPA is the problem
 - Chris Kirk – chair of MIVIPA
 - Goldberg was asked to rewrite the guidelines for emergency medical services
 - Really made no new impact
- Right now most agencies are only appealing cases that they know they should win
 - They have even got signatures from clients before saying that Medicare/Medicad won't pay, but MIVIPA says that the waiver is not a legal document
- Has anyone talked to MIVIPA?
 - Asking why reimbursements are going down when documentation is better and the patients are staying the same
- MIVIPA wants to get signatures from patients prior to treatment but Medicare says you cannot get signatures in an emergency.
 - Nebraska pays medicad no matter what in an Emergency
- Quality initiative not acted on by congress
 - EMS does not have to do electronic data (charting) yet
 - Waiting for Federal money to do it

Detroit Idana

- Mark Ader, Adam Mauer will send a letter to Rod regarding IDFD
- Other agencies are covering a lot of calls in Detroit/Idana
- Rod is going to collect data and see what is going on
 - See if there is any evidence that the ASA contract is not being fulfilled
 - Deschutes county and Sweet Home are also bordering agencies that are suppose to help

Next Meeting
February 11, 2010
Santiam Hospital

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