

Gallatin Unified Health Command
May 12, 2011
8-9am
Sapphire Room
Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

Present: Sean Grabbe, Vickie Groeneweg, Stephanie Murphy, Betty Kalakay, Angela Jennings, Sid Williamson, Ita Killeen, Leslie Teachout, Mark Winton, Patrick Lonergan, Buck Taylor, Pam Shrauger

- **Review Prior Minutes-** January 13, 2011
- **Community Health Assessment- Stephanie Murphy**

The GCCHD is conducting a Community Health Assessment (CHA) in collaboration with BDH and CHP. The assessment began with several focus groups addressing parent's attitudes on childhood immunization. Continuation of the assessment will involve a telephone survey of 700 participants in Gallatin, Madison and Park counties. The survey is extensive, containing over 100 questions. The data will be collected and compared to State and National data. The assessment is similar to one produced by Riverstone Health in Billings. The data collected will be used to present to community members and stakeholders and involve conversations and utilizing input to formulate the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHA is scheduled to be final in mid-summer and a draft CHIP is due by the end of September.

- **Surge Capacity Coordination Plan- Pam Shrauger**

This committee met 1 time this month and twice since the last UHC meeting. The intent of this plan is not to replace other agencies plans but to bring them all together in the case of an overwhelming event. The draft is currently done and includes roles and responsibilities, mutual aid and use of volunteers, and how best to utilize the volunteers. It also addresses Federal resources and their use when local aid is not adequate. It states that a call center will be under the responsibility of the Health Department for public information, surveillance and triage. Alternate care sites are addressed for this plan and discovered that they would also likely be overwhelmed. There is no local medical cache for a mobile hospital, so are looking into other treatment facilities, i.e. urgent cares, rest homes and other health care facilities. A survey of private practices in the area was done to determine interest, which ones have lab and X-ray capabilities. The expanded tx centers would be within the BDH hospital group. This plan will be presented in one month to the broader group.

- **MRC Exercise- Betty Kalakay**

Testing of the MRC took place in January. 190 members were contacted and asked if they would be able to respond and participate in the event of an earthquake. 94 licensed professionals responded, 63 on the first day. The vast majority would be able to help if needed. Twelve responded NO. 11 responded they would already be involved in their day to day jobs. Some from the hospital responded they did not know if they would be available. Other response was from the surgery center that they would have rooms available if needed.

- **PPL Hebgen Lake Catastrophic Dam Failure Exercise- Betty Kalakay and Patrick Lonergan**

This two day exercise in West Yellowstone consisted of Day 1, a tabletop and Day 2 a Functional Drill on Dam Failure at Hebgen Lake. Participants included GCCHD,EMS, FWP, MHP, representatives from Madison and Gallatin County, Sheriff's Office, Local PD, PPL, utilities, Forest Service and Fire Service. If the dam failed the result would be overflow of Quake Lake, flooding of Ennis, failure of the Ennis Lake Dam and evacuation and complete flooding of Three Forks and on into Canyon Ferry Lake. In order for the CF Reservoir to take on the water, draining into the Missouri River would have to occur, with resulting flooding all the way to Great Falls. It would take 18 hours to reach 3 Forks. This exercise was very informative as to the processes of other entities involved, the teaching that would have to occur during the evacuation process. Information on mapping and plans are available at ReadyGallatin.com, go to maps and plans at the bottom for inundation maps.

- **Pneumonia Cluster Update- Mark Winton, MD**

In January, Dr Winton saw 6 cases of pneumonia, with 5 exhibiting ARDS and needing to be ventilated with one death. There have been no new cases since. All serology sent resulted in negative for pathogens. The BDH lab has a new "machine" that can specify DNA and has resulted some results of seasonal H3 influenza and positive RSV when standard testing was negative. Leading diagnoses for these patients is H1N1 and a metapneumovirus. There was one woman in Helena with similar illness that died, but had underlying medical issues. Similar clusters were reported in Colorado and Miami around the same time frame.

Agency Updates

- **Bozeman Deaconess Hospital- Angela** stated they have used grant dollars to purchase a working white board, vests, and have their DEI plan (Declared Emergency Incident). They have finished their mass fatality and evacuation plans. They need to conduct an internal drill prior to the Joint Commission visit within 3 months. Their IC room is done. They are developing a policy for volunteer licensed personnel. They plan on utilizing the Health Dept. as a call in source with our radios. The expansion of the ED is ongoing with just less than \$8million raised for the project
- **CHP-** The West Yellowstone office is now with double staff for the tourist season and will be open for service 7 days per week starting Memorial Day weekend. They will also be open until 8 pm 3-4 days/wk. One flaw is the lack of lab courier service on the weekend
- **DES-** An exercise was conducted in January simulating an earthquake during the APEC conference presently taking place in Big Sky. The purpose was to test the components of the Emergency Plan, command post, and sim cell. This exercise just reinforced the importance of drilling and the importance of all persons involved participating in the entire process of the exercise.

- **MSU**- Currently on break with a decrease in service due to Graduation. Will reopen on Monday