

Gallatin County Unified Health Command

July 9, 2009
8:00 – 9:00 am
Sapphire Room

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

Introductions

Jim Feist, Angela Jennings, Betty Kalakay, Patrick Lonergan, Jim Mitchell, Steph Murphy, Jason Revisky, Tim Roark, Pam Shrauger, Buck Taylor, Leslie Teachout, Sid Williamson, Dr. Mark Winton

Agenda

• Update MPI Plan

Pam presented the draft MPI plan and the members discussed a few issues yet to be resolved. Get comments to Pam. Mutual aid and BDH have different tiers with options if reaches capacity in ER.

- Start thinking about authorities related to making this an official document, i.e., meeting minutes to reflect acceptance? Medical staff could accept the plan or an emergency committee – Sid will talk with Majxner to find out if the plan should be submitted to medical exec in order to accept.
- How dispatching occurs – fire and AMR?
- Pat commented on the categorizing by color or by immediate/delay. Discussed if there was any significant difference. Both are listed in the plan.
- Is the EOC open for longer term events? Angela thought the EOC was utilized sooner but Pat noted that in some cases, this is not practical. Also, there are no permanently assigned roles because of different jurisdictions, etc. What are longer term events – something that lasts at least 12 hours versus a 2-car, 10 person crash. Angela concerned about utilization of EOC for media release of names. With BDH levels, this could trigger point to beef logistical support for the incident.
- If the EOC is needed, how to go about filling positions? Pre-identified reps are not established. Depends on who is affected and available. Who to call first? Depends on what looking for.
- Another issue is the hospital plan question, since resource request comes from BDH, who would fill that role? Who would call for additional ambulances? The Incident Commander or Operations Chief. A Logistics person would be assigned and it would be reasonable to place this responsibility here (or with Operations). The hospital has an IC room identified for central location and locations where each chief is stationed. Who fills the Operations Chief role? Typically the house supervisor.
- Ambulance issues were also discussed (pg 41). Seems there are not enough ambulances to do what is listed in the plan. What would be a better way to distribute? Discussions about materials taken off of the ambulance and left to be used at the scene and utilizing the crew also at the scene. Difficult to determine this as it depends on the situation, so must be flexible. Pam noted several alternatives could be listed into the plan for use as needed.
- West Yellowstone looks at Idaho – to what extent are we in contact with those resources regarding a MPI plan so they are in the loop? We are in contact and the Idaho resources, but this plan has not been before them yet. ID is regional with mass

casualty caches. Pat is meeting with WY fire chief, Scott Waldon and will discuss this. The Idaho resource most valuable to us is the helicopter. The Park Service could also be kept in the loop – Tim Reed.

— The intent is to have a broad distribution of the plan to capture comments.

Next Steps –

1. Finalize the plan within 2-3 months, although it is a living document. Then exercise. Integrate the BDH during the airport drill?

What about the MPI plan as it relates to communicable disease? Will the MPI Plan incorporate the surge capacity plan and the coordination of mass care? The Broader community plan is not included in the MPI Plan, however, it will be a next step.

BDH is working on mass casualty and already has a flu plan. During flu, alternate care centers would be necessary and the MPI plan would go into effect. Coordination with emergency management.

- **H1N1 Update**

HAN sent out regarding the status of H1N1. 80 cases in MT in 18 counties. \$150 test cost to patient. Antiviral, isolation, quarantine. There are 4 cases in Gallatin County with 3 contracted out of county and one 12-year old.

- **Tamiflu Status**

GCCHD surveyed pharmacies and has no concerns with lack of Tamiflu. Dr. Winton confirms.

Tamiflu works on H1N1? H1N1 cases in SE Asia area are not affected by Tamiflu.

- **Agency Updates**

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Steph Nelson retires Sept 1st.

Gallatin Community Clinic

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Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2009