

North Central Healthcare Coalition (NCHC)

August 6, 2013

Attendees: Patty Barnett, Lewis County Nez Perce Ambulance
Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager
Circe Munson, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Charles Craig, Gritman Medical Center
Brianna Bender, Lewis & Clark Orthopaedic Institute
Richard Broncheau, Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Management
David Reynolds, Moscow Fire Department
Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Management
Sandy Rollins, Latah County Disaster Services
Alan Martinson, Latah County Disaster Services
Molly Terhaar, Idaho County Deputy Clerk of Programs
Jerry Zumalt, Idaho County Disaster Management
Debi Ruppe, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
Jamie Johnson, Lewis County Assistant PIO
Dave Hasz, Lewis County Emergency Management
Deb Snyder, American Red Cross
Matt Dudley, Public Health - Idaho North Central District
Casey Schooley, Public Health - Idaho North Central District
Ryan Bender, Public Health - Idaho North Central District

Circe Munson, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

- Circe welcomed everyone.
- New members were introduced to the group.

Updates:

Advisory Committee Update

- Dave Reynolds talked about the last meeting and discussions regarding the grant review.
- Circe Munson informed the group about the Meet & Greet social at St. Joe's on September 26th from 6:30-8:30. She encouraged the group to send a list of invitees to help push membership within the NCHC.

EMS Taskforce

- Dave talked about the list of items that the taskforce was applying for in the ASPR grant funds.
- They are still working out the details on where to store the trailer. Lewiston is currently not an option.

NCIN

- Jamie Johnson informed the group that a mission statement along with goals has been created. The NCIN is also now accessible on WebEOC for information sharing.

Craigmont Fire – David Hasz, Lewis County Emergency Management, and Jamie Johnson, Lewis County Assistant PIO

- Craigmont fire started at 2:30 PM on Sunday, May 15th 2013 in a grain storage bin.
- The incident exceeded water storage capacity. The town has enough water to handle watering lawns and house fires. Winchester currently does not know if they can meet the town's needs.

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- The fire impacted cell phones, internet, water resources, daily life, county radio communication, and EMS/Fire/Law Enforcement resources.
- Evacuations were made to the North and East two to three blocks and those evacuated were taken to the nearest school.
- Traffic was an issue as vehicles on Highway 95 stopped to watch. Pedestrians began walking through the town to get a better view of the fire.
- The city of Craigmont declared disaster, asking for additional resources. They received aid from the police, Fish & Game, Idaho Transportation, Department of Land, Red Cross, Primeland, Kuther Air, and local farmers.
- An AAR was completed and there were a number of strengths. Most importantly was there were no deaths, only minor injuries. There was an incredible response time which kept the fire contained to five buildings. The local leaders were quick to respond. There was also great cooperation and collaboration between agencies.
- The incident helped identify room for improvement. There was an inability to communicate with incident command and between agencies. They identified a need for the use of designated channels during an incident. Visible identification is needed to help with the incident command. All first responders and elected officials should have basic knowledge of NIMS & ICS. There also needs to be pre-disaster planning and exercising by individual jurisdictions as well as multi-jurisdictions.

Moscow Volunteer Ambulance Mass Casualty Exercise – David Reynolds, Moscow Fire Department

- Moscow planned and trained for the Zombie Apocalypse Mass Casualty Exercise.
- 40 patients were transported to Gritman Medical Center. The Fire Department worked with five local EMS agencies, the Sheriff's office, city police, and the Red Cross.
- Patients were scattered throughout the high school and press was allowed to walk through and observe.
- Moscow Volunteer Ambulance identified the need to have resources on hand for minor treatment on scene.
- After the mass casualty exercise, they also conducted a rope rescue with six patients, a Sheriff's Mounted Posse Haul Team, and a lost hiker scenario.
- The weekend ended with a medstar and lifeflight simulation with patients.
- Discussion about how to determine where to transport patients in a mass casualty event took place. The discussion included whether EMS in the field should make determination or whether local hospital should assist in determination. There was also a discussion about the use of IRTS. The group decided further discussion is needed.

ASPR Grant Timeline – Ryan Bender, Public Health ASPR Coordinator

- Ryan went over the ASPR grant and important dates. All applications must be submitted by August 14th to PH-INCD. The grant scoring subcommittee will return their scores to Ryan by August 19th. On Wednesday, August 21st, the subcommittee will meet to allocate the grant funds to meet the region's needs.

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- The grant scoring subcommittee is made up of 16 members from the region. It is represented by six emergency managers, five hospital representatives, and five emergency medical service representatives.
- A list of healthcare entities that the NCHC is planning on inviting to the NCHC social was displayed. Ryan asked members of the coalition to contact him with other any others that should be invited (rbender@phd2.idaho.gov).

A Year in Review – Matt Dudley, Public Health Preparedness Program Manager

- New plans on the Joint Information Center (JIC) / Joint Information System (JIS) have been put into place. The gas explosion in Lewiston helped initiate this due to a lack of information.
- Public Health purchased a mass fatality trailer with refrigeration and ability to hold 20 remains.
- A medical sheltering plan has been started and Public Health continues to work with BHS and ARC to complete it.
- A large focus on volunteer management has been done in an effort to focus on volunteer gaps within hospitals.
- A number of subcommittees have been created within the last year to help strengthen the region. These include the EMS Taskforce, Advisory Committee, North Central Information Network (NCIN), and the Allocation Subcommittee.
- Some of the major purchases with ASPR grant funds from the last year include a generator at Syringa General Hospital, isolate power system at St. Mary's Hospital, and a number of other purchases that upgraded infrastructure and improved preparedness throughout the region.

Hazmat Survey – Circe Munson, SJRMC Regional Services Manager

- Hazmat survey conducted with 19 agencies throughout the region. Results showed that 559 personnel from these agencies have hazmat awareness.
- Training has been minimal. 70% of those surveyed have never used decontamination equipment before.
- There is very little hazmat or decontamination equipment available to loan to the region.
- Only 27% of the hazmat equipment at the sites surveyed was purchased with ASPR funds.
- FEMA provides trainings for both introductory hazmat and hazmat prevention.
- There is a need to identify equipment in the region and training deficiencies.

Orofino Fire – Don Gardner, Clearwater County Emergency Manager

- Fire started at 11:30 AM on July 20th.
- First on the scene were five firefighters and one cadet. All volunteer firefighters were at work when it began. 11 aircraft aided in the attempt to slow the fire. By 5:00 PM there were 150 on the scene.
- 12 houses were evacuated.
- WebEOC was useless at the start of the fire because everyone who knew how to work it was on scene. Statecom was contacted to relay information on the fire.
- Only one firefighter was injured during the incident due to falling from the steep terrain.

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**NEXT MEETING OF THE
North Central Healthcare Coalition
Thursday October 3rd ~ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**