



# North Central Healthcare Coalition

**Day/Time of Meeting: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 (9:00am-3:00pm) General Meeting 10:00am-2:00pm**

**Location: Public Health – Idaho North Central District Office at 215 10<sup>th</sup> St. in Lewiston, Idaho**

**Attendees: Sign-in Sheet attached**

| Topic   | Outcomes  |
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| <b>PPE Mutual Supply</b>  | <i>*meeting minutes distributed to discussion participants</i>  |
| <b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community EMS - Bill Spencer</li> <li>• Points of Interest from NHCC Conference – Janine Wilson, AHEPP Conference - Kim Monson</li> <li>• Proposed Coalition adjustments from state - Dean</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill explained the community health EMS program as something to consider with EMS agencies in our area. Moscow has been using a similar model with an assisted living facility in their area. The goal is to decrease hospital readmissions and repetitive non-emergent requests. Basic paramedics can complete the training and then be able to provide a variety of chronic health –related services to individuals in their homes. This may be something to help with the EMS shortage. It may become a reimbursable service through Medicare soon.</li> <li>• Janine shared highlights from the 2018 NHCC Conference, including the ASPR vision for addressing 21<sup>st</sup> Century threats and large-scale catastrophic events and increasing the variety of membership in the healthcare coalitions.</li> <li>• Kim shared highlights from the AHEPP conference, including a presentation she is hoping to bring to our coalition about a fire chief’s perspective of a nursing home fire response in 2017.</li> <li>• Dean explained NCHC’s current status as meeting the federal guidelines for a healthcare coalition. The state leads who oversee coalition funding issued an initiative to decrease the 7 coalitions in Idaho down to 3. PH-INCD is working towards keeping our coalition boundaries as established, maturing the coalition as described in the 2017-2022 capabilities guidelines, and supporting a tiered response system with the state and region. The Advisory Committee will continue to be updated, and talking points will be distributed to coalition members to address any concerns. No concerns were expressed at the meeting.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Exercise Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazmat Exercise</li> <li>• LTC Evacuation Exercise</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Joseph, Lewiston Fire, and Syringa shared takeaways from the Railcar leak hazmat training &amp; exercise in September. The decontamination lanes training was helpful hands-on practice. The exercise was routine for the 101<sup>st</sup> CST and Lewiston Fire, but was complicated by real-time events for St. Joseph. They did get to practice a new location by the hospital for the decon tent and re-assessed their PPE needs for that scale of an event.</li> <li>• Lewiston Transitional Care and Clearwater Health &amp; Rehab shared takeaways from the multi-facility evacuation full-scale exercise in September. LTC, as an evacuator, focused on appropriate transportation needs and prioritizing what items to send with mock residents. CH&amp;R, as a receiver, addressed staff interest to play. They also recognized the need to plan comfort things for evacuees and a plan for accepting what was sent with the residents from the evacuating facility.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Real Events Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gritman Medical Center</li> <li>• Palouse Dialysis</li> <li>• <i>Partner sharing opportunity: what active shooter trainings and exercises have partners been doing recently?</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Craig recounted Gritman’s response to their hostile event threats. No one was injured. He shared lessons learned, including: making sure inter-facility communications are clear and accurate, the importance of preparing staff to better understand and anticipate predetermined roles, and to seriously review your plan and policies to be sure you can do what you wrote.</li> <li>• Terry Whybark, Palouse Dialysis, shared her experience with securing their clinic when they found out about the lockdown across the street at Gritman.</li> <li>• John Wheaton, Nez Perce Tribe, shared the active shooter resources available through FEMA. They recently completed an active shooter training and exercise at the casino using this reference.</li> <li>• Jerry Helbling, Lewiston Transitional Care, recounted their hostile event last year, which emphasized the reality of this threat in our area.</li> </ul>   |

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| <p><b>Coalition Response Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review HVA</li> <li>• Review EmPOWER data</li> <li>• Response plan components</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HVA review included discussing any threats experienced in the area in the past year and updating the potential risks. Cyber threat, active shooter, and communication failure were discussed.</li> <li>• The focus for NCHC planning this year is on the Response Plan. It will be combined with the Preparedness Plan for simpler access for coalition members. PH-INCD will be reaching out to Coalition members to verify their self-identified roles in a large-scale healthcare disaster response.</li> <li>• The current map of EmPOWER data was shared. This data shows current statistics of health-related services by Medicaid users per zip code, such as oxygen, dialysis, and ventilators, which may be useful in planning for the medically vulnerable population.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Critical Infrastructure partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avista: power grid preparedness</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steven Aubuchon with Avista gave a presentation about the power grid in our area with its multiple redundancies to try to maintain steady electricity. He also showed their workforce resources to address outages and gave examples of past outage restorations in our area.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Lunch – working lunch – partner networking</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Olson from PH-INCD gave an update on the present infectious disease status of the area. It is too early to determine the severity of the flu season, but she encouraged everyone to still get their immunization.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Workgroups</b></p>  | <p><i>*workgroup meeting minutes separate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS/Hospital</li> <li>• Access &amp; Functional Needs Planning</li> <li>• NCIN</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>NCHC WebEOC Resource Board</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean refreshed the group on the use of WebEOC as a platform for situational awareness sharing.</li> <li>• He also introduced the updated NCHC Resource Board as a means of sharing emergency preparedness and response resources within the coalition. The new board was created to facilitate quick searches and to redefine the types of items to list as shareable resources. A guide for adding resources to the Board will be sent out to coalition members.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>PH-INCD planned exercises</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPE Resource Board Drill</li> <li>• Frontline facilities Tabletop Exercise</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PH-INCD is potentially planning a WebEOC Resource Board drill in conjunction with the hospital EEI/ bridge call drill during the week before Christmas.</li> <li>• PH-INCD is preparing to do a TableTop Exercise about SARS with clinic-level frontline facilities for the Ebola Preparedness grant requirement.</li> <li>• PH-INCD is preparing for their full-scale Point of Distribution exercise in April.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <p><u><b>NCHC Board</b></u><br/> Bill Spencer, Chairman<br/> Mike Neelon, Vice-Chairman<br/> <u><b>Upcoming Meeting Dates</b></u><br/> Tuesday, Mar 5, 2019<br/> Tuesday, Jun 4, 2019</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LFD - promoted first responder situational awareness training in January. (Info on NCHC training calendar and flier included with meeting minutes attachments.)</li> <li>• Clearwater Ambulance – new director Darby Zick. Orofino partners are planning a multi-agency drill this Spring.</li> <li>• Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired – completed a training to increase blindness awareness. Will probably repeat the training sometime.</li> <li>• Idaho Assistive Technology Project – working to access national networks that could provide durable medical equipment in disasters, has regular lending library for people to try out equipment before they purchase it.</li> <li>• Lewiston Schools – Doing internal CRISIS Team training and exercise in the Spring.</li> <li>• Clearwater County – Fire Dept. going to have first ever paid full-time fire chief. Working on fiberoptics resiliency study</li> <li>• Nezperce Ambulance – new building complete- now fire and ambulance are under one roof! Their current training focus is on suicide prevention</li> <li>• Latah County – Multi-agency planning in progress for a full-scale search and rescue exercise in the Spring</li> <li>• Syringa Hospital &amp; Ambulance – EMS Spring Fling will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. Also, TSE (Time Sensitive Emergencies) group would like to do Stop the Bleed training throughout the region – help spread the word!</li> </ul> |