

# North Central Healthcare Coalition (NCHC)

April 02, 2013

**Attendees:** Mel Johnson, Nez Perce County Emergency Manager  
Circe Munson, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center  
Shelley Ponozzo, Lewis County PIO  
Travis Myklebust, Lewiston Fire Dept.  
Cheri Holthaus, St Mary's Hospital Community Relations Coordinator  
David Reynolds, Moscow Fire Department  
Alan Martinson, Latah County Disaster Services  
Debi Ruppe, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security  
Dave Hasz, Lewis County Emergency Management  
Charles Craig, Gritman Medical Center  
Bill Spencer, Syringa Hospital and Ambulance  
Holly Williamson, Idaho State Veterans Home  
Jesse Shepherd, Clearwater Valley Hospital  
Jerry Zumalt, Idaho County Disaster Services  
Garry DeJong, Lewiston Fire Department  
Molly Terhaar, Idaho County Disaster Services  
Karen Marquardt, Good Samaritan Society Moscow  
Randy Hill, Good Samaritan Society Moscow  
Sandy Rollins, Latah County Disaster Services  
Mike Tatko, Avista Utilities  
Ed Marugg, Public Health – Idaho North Central District  
Casey Schooley, Public Health – Idaho North Central District  
Kayla Moehrle, Public Health - Idaho North Central District  
Rachelle Burrup, Public Health - Idaho North Central District

## ***Circe Munson, St Joseph Regional Medical Center***

- Circe welcomed everyone.
- Roundtable introductions were done.

## ***Rachelle Burrup, Public Health-Idaho North Central District: Mobile Medical Assets***

- Rachelle gave a brief overview of ASPR funding and the application process.
- This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the ASPR grant. Since 2003 our region has received a total of \$1.8 million.
- Funds are requested for projects and equipment that fall under the following categories: critical infrastructure protection, medical evacuation/shelter-in-place, alternate care sites, needs of at-risk populations, mobile medical assets, etc.
- A list of mobile medical assets was displayed. These assets can also be viewed on WebEOC.
- Applications for funds are distributed to applicants in July. In September applicants prioritize funds and decide which projects should be funded. Applications are submitted to the state for final approval in November. Funds are released at the end of December. Funds must be spent and invoices submitted to Public Health by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ***Dave Reynolds, Moscow Ambulance: Advisory Committee Minutes***

- Dave reported that the Advisory Committee met in March and developed a draft grant scoring criteria.

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- The grant scoring criteria is based upon ASPR guidelines and is a tool that will be used by the committee to rank requests. Scoring requests based upon this criterion is an evolutionary process; changes will need to be made.
- The coalition discussed the criteria.
  - Criterion #4 “Request is a regional asset.” –This criterion is intended to be a yes or no question to encourage projects/purchases that will benefit the region.
  - Criterion #7 “Percent of served population benefiting from funding request.” – This criterion is referring to the percent of population served by the entity not the percent of the total population.
- Active participation in the coalition was addressed. The consensus was to not add a criteria addressing attendance. It was felt that attendance is already measured subjectively and adding criteria for attendance may skew more important criteria.
- Holly moved to keep scoring criteria as is and use group participation as a subjective tie-breaker. Motion passed.

### ***Circe Munson, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center: Hazard Vulnerability Analysis***

- Circe presented on Hazard Vulnerability Analysis’ (HVA) and the results from St. Joe’s recent review of their HVA.
- Performing an HVA is a Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) requirement.
- HVA’s address three areas: probability of hazard occurring, risk (threat to life or health), and preparedness (i.e. plans in place, training, insurance).
- Drills are performed based upon what hazard received the highest score in their HVA. In St. Joe’s HVA, hazmat exposure received a score of nine.

### ***Karen Marquardt & Randy Hill, Good Samaritan’s Society Moscow: Plans***

- Karen and Randy gave an overview of their facility and its plans.
- Good Sam’s Moscow is a 20 acre complex and includes assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and independent living apartments.
- Good Sam’s has room to surge for 24 additional patients or people needing shelter.
- Good Sam’s has evacuation agreements with two local schools.
- Karen showed the coalition their emergency boxes that are equipped with power strips, cords, flashlights, headlamps, and instructions of what to do in case of a power outage.

### ***Open Discussion***

- Decontamination Survey – The survey has been drafted and will be sent out soon. The purpose of the survey is to identify gaps in decontamination resources and training.
- County Updates:
  - Nez Perce County – There will be a weather spotter class on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the Brammer Building. It will be taught by the National Weather Service from Spokane.
  - Latah County – The Palouse Community Preparedness Fair was a success. 25 people participated in the weather spotter class. At the April 11<sup>th</sup> LEPC Mel will discuss catastrophic events. Sandy is working on

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updating the Emergency Operations Plan and working on the Continuity of Operations Plan.

- Lewis County – Recently held an exercise for wild land fire. Dave would like to have an annual regional wild land fire exercise or training. Due to funding sequestration, the state of Idaho is changing how it does personal property taxes which could have a major effect on counties. Lewis County is voting on rural fire districts so 95-98% of their population is protected for fires.
- Idaho County – The lack of snow is creating potential drought and fire season issues. Jerry is working on a Continuity of Operations Plan for their water supply and treatment facilities.
- Moscow Volunteer Ambulance's Mass Casualty Exercise is April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The exercise will entail a rope/ATV rescue as well as the Sheriff's mounted posse.
- Circe shared a video of what to do if there were an active shooter. The recommendation is to Run->Hide->Fight.

### ***Mike Tatko, Avista Utilities: Restoring Your Power Quickly and Safely***

- Mike gave a presentation on how Avista works to restore power quickly and safely.
- Avista focuses on three areas: reliable power, minimum service interruptions, and improving their track record.
- In preparation for a storm Avista monitors, anticipates, and analyzes the storm. Information is exchanged between crews and coordination is maintained with local response agencies.
- To report power outages go to [avisatilities.com](http://avisatilities.com) or call 1-800-227-9187. Outages can also be reported on Avista's facebook page, blog account, or on twitter.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE  
North Central Healthcare Coalition  
Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 ~ 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**