

# SWC Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Coalition (HPAC) Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

## Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health / West Conference Room

**Present at meeting:** Crystalynn Kuntz, Kalen Ost, Angie Strand, April Fugleberg, Kendra Roeder, Annette Stael, Clairissa Arlt, Roxanne Eggers, Dara Pazdernik, Darren Repnow, Jeff Strange, Nelson DeLa Vergne, Janessa Vogel, Rochelle Schaffer, Marlys Harrison, Theresa Schmidt.

**Via Lifesize:** Vanesa Raile, Jean Bon, Sharon Mormann, Lori Kettre, Cory Drevecky.

### AGENDA

#### ➤ Healthcare Standard/Mobile

##### Presentation

Angie Strand, an HPP Program Representative and the PHEVR/MRC Volunteer Coordinator with the North Dakota Department of Health, presented about HC Standard and demoed HC Mobile on tablets. If you would like to do training with the tablets, you can use the following credentials: Username – Train2. Password – Summer2019!. If the Train2 username is locked you may try any number from 1 to 8, however, please contact Angie to let her know to unlock the account. Slides from the presentation are attached to these minutes.

#### ➤ Upcoming Exercise Scenario

##### Scenario Selection

Meeting attendees provided suggestions for the upcoming exercise scenario. This exercise will consist of a flooding scenario in which patients/clients may need to be evacuated from, and to, the participating facilities. The flooding may also cause various water/sewer/utilities/building issues, and participating organizations may need to deal with a missing resident. The tabletop exercise will be conducted on March 18, followed by the full scale exercise in May. The after action report meeting will be held July 15.

#### ➤ Communicable Disease

##### Current Updates

**Novel Coronavirus** – On January 9, 2020, CDC put out a health advisory regarding an outbreak of pneumonia in Wuhan, China, preliminarily identified to be caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms of the illness include fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

**Influenza** – For the week ending January 7, 2020, there were 546 reported influenza cases. This is down from 648 reported cases for the week ending December 28, 2019. This flu season has been busy overall, and it is still too early to tell if flu numbers have peaked.

➤ **Roundtable Sharing**

- The National Terrorism Advisory System disseminated a bulletin on January 4, 2020, outlining a terrorism threat to the United States with regards to Iran. The bulletin will be attached to the minutes.
- Flood education handouts have been placed on a page within the BBPH EPR section of the City of Bismarck website. All HPAC organizations can have access to these handouts.
- An HPAC webpage within the BBPH EPR section of the City of Bismarck website was posed to the meeting attendees. Meeting attendees believed this would be a good hub for information and the webpage will be created.
- The state's spring Long Term Care Association meeting is scheduled for May 5-8 at the Bismarck Event Center in Bismarck. The tabletop exercise at the conference will focus on a chemical spill and plume that causes long term care facilities to shelter in place and evacuate residents.
- Elm Crest Manor inquired about purchasing a radio. Crystalynn Kuntz said she would contact the state to find out how best to proceed.

➤ **Next Meetings:**

- March 18, 2020, 9 a.m., Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health's West Conference Room. Tabletop Exercise.
- May 20, 2020, Time TBD. Full scale exercises at your facilities.
- July 15, 2020, 9 a.m., Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health's West Conference Room. After Action Report discussion.