

SWC Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Coalition (HPAC) Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health / West Conference Room

Present at meeting: Crystalynn Kuntz, Kalen Ost, Valerie Vinchattle, Janessa Vogel, Becky Ternes, Rochelle Schaffer, Anna Odenbach, Kendra Roeder, Darren Repnow, Kathy Speidel, Vanessa Raile, Amber Torgerson, Scott Osadchuck, Jackie Freeman, Jolene Lunde, Dara Scott, Bruce Kallis, April Bishop, Shannon Lonnie
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AGENDA

➤ **CMS-Emergency Preparedness Rule**

- Power Point Presentation – provided from the CMS website (see attachment)
- Questions and Answers – provided from the CMS website
 - During an emergency situation can a variance be allowed for a life safety code (individual heaters in patient’s rooms). The answer is no.
 - Make sure you are having an annual review of the plan, perform annual exercises, and be sure to continue development, maintenance and evaluation of plans.
 - The SCG Website: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/index.html>
- Roundtable Discussion: What are you doing to meet the rules?
 - How do you communicate with families in an emergency?
Kalen can provide a mass communication plan – Everbridge (previously Regroup) that is part of the State alert system. Can push out an alert to phone, text, email. Can be set up for staff only and/or family contacts, but not for residents of facilities. In the event of an emergency someone from the facility would contact state radio and push out a message (that has been pre-scripted) to the assigned list. The list is tested 3-4 times per year. Testing quarterly is great way to make sure all numbers are current and correct.

➤ **Exercise Planning for 2019**

- Topic/Scenario: Tabletop exercise at BBPH and perform a full scale at your facility. Discussion of scenarios: evacuation; loss of power/excessive heat; loss of communication; loss of supplies; chemical spill/shelter in place. The vote was for loss of communication. Note the long term care conference will include an evacuation exercise.
- Dates: March 20 next meeting, May 15 Tabletop at BBPH, July 17 no meeting but Full-scale exercise held at your facility, September 18 After Action Report at BBPH, November 20 would be final meeting for the year.

COMMUNICALBE DISEASE

➤ Current Updates

- **2018-2019 Weekly Influenza Update Week Ending 01/05/2019:** www.ndflu.com
 - 122 cases reported for the week, **883** cumulative cases for the season, **Regional** Activity level. Last year at this time there were 447 cases for the week and 1924 total cases. Activity continues to increase in North Dakota and nationally. It has unlikely to have peaked and is expected to continue for many weeks. Nationwide most activity is due to H1N1 but it is still too soon to tell if this strain will predominate for the entire season.
 - Over 40% of cases have been age <10; over 50% have been age <19; 10% have been age >60.
 - 3 outbreaks in Long Term Care, Basic Care, Assisted Living and 1 outbreak in a Child care setting
 - 50 hospitalizations this season, 172 deaths from pneumonia, and 3 reported deaths from influenza.
- **Ebola:** On August 2018 the Ministry of Health of the Democratic Republic of the Congo declared a new outbreak of Ebola. 649 total cases (600 confirmed) and 396 deaths (347 confirmed). Medical provider from DRC was brought back through Nebraska, unsure of his diagnosis.

➤ In the News

➤ Trends

ROUNDTABLE SHARING

- ND Infection Prevention Conference: March 20-21 Radisson Hotel, Bismarck
<http://www1.und.edu/academics/extended-learning/conference-services/infection-prevention/>
 - NDES Website Training: <https://www.nd.gov/des/training/>
 - G290 Basic Public Information Officer: April 16-17, 2019 in Bismarck
 - CMS Training April 24
 - ND Long term care conference: May 7-10 will include an evacuation exercise.
<http://ndltca.org/education/events/42nd-annual-convention-and-trade-show/>
- **Next Meeting:** March 20th, 2019
2019 dates for HPAC meeting 9am at BBPH 500 E Front Ave remains on the third Wednesday of the month.
May 15: Table top exercise at BBPH
July 17: Full scale exercise at your facility (will not meet at BBPH)
September 18: After Action Report at BBPH
November 20