

# SWC Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Coalition (HPAC) Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

## Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health / West Conference Room

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### AGENDA

#### ➤ **Exercise Planning for 2018: Tabletop and Full Scale**

- Tabletop Summer Storm Exercise Objectives May 16<sup>th</sup> at BBPH office 1.5-2 hours. Group decision to separate into different groups to work on the 3 objectives. Crys will provide AAR for everyone.
- Full Scale Exercise July 18<sup>th</sup>. Group decision to pick up packet with inserts from BBPH, and run scenario within your own facilities on that date. You will then need to complete an AAR for your facility. Will try to have packets ready a week prior to exercise.
- Both exercises will be held during normal coalition times on those dates at 9:00 a.m.

#### ➤ **Communicable Disease and Preparedness Updates Including all News Worthy Issues**

- **NDES Vulnerable Population Registration** – Contract has been terminated due to lack of funding.
- **Legionella** – Recorded webinar archived on the following link from the NDDOH: [Legionella Waterborne Pathogen Prevention Webinar 1.17.18](#) . There will be a Legionella exercise at the NDLTCA conference in May.
- **INFLUENZA** – First time ever that the continental US reported widespread activity at the same time. **NDDoH Influenza Update:** <http://www.ndflu.com/>  
Cases reported for the week ending 3/10/2018 were 217; cumulative cases for the season were 7,295 with regional activity level (no longer widespread). Reported cases continue to decline. The season most likely peaked the week ending January 27<sup>th</sup>. Influenza B continues to surpass with nearly 60% of reported cases, which is typical for this part of the season. Number of deaths for the season for Influenza is 20, and Pneumonia is 308. There have been 257 hospitalizations. There have been 32 reported outbreaks in long term, assisted, basic care, or group home settings (23 caused by influenza A, 1 caused by influenza A H3N2, 2 unknown, 1 by both A and B, 1 by both A and RSV, and 4 by influenza B). There were also 7 reports of outbreaks in schools and 4 in child care settings. Majority of influenza A have been H3N2 for the state, which matches the current national trend of a H3N2 predominate season.

A variety of changes over the past few years with reporting and transition to new influenza testing protocol that affects who is tested and when testing occurs need to be considered when reviewing data over time. At the moment changes may be suppressing the true magnitude of the season when compared to previous seasons.

- **Infections in the Homeless** – Seattle-King County Public Health (Washington) investigating outbreaks of Group A Streptococcus, Shigella, and potentially Hepatitis A. There is also a rare outbreak of Bartonella Quintana, an infection known as “trench fever” when it spread among WWI soldiers. It is transmitted by body lice. Hepatitis A outbreaks are also affecting Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Utah, and California.
- **Opioid Crisis** – The District of Columbia reported March 15<sup>th</sup> that over a dozen employees at the city’s jail complex fell ill after a package that likely contained the opioid fentanyl was opened.

- **SHINGRIX Vaccine** – indicated for prevention of herpes zoster (shingles) in adults aged 50 years and older. It is administered as a 2-dose series. (Second dose given anytime between 2 and 6 months after first dose). SHINGRIX is not indicated for the prevention of primary varicella infection (chickenpox).
  - **FluMist**- CDC vaccine panel will include FluMist for the 2018-19 season. At this time, it is only available as private pay.
  - **Salmonella Due to Kratom** – 1 case of Salmonellosis related to the consumption of kratom in ND. FDA has warned not to use kratom, a plant which naturally grows in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and New Guinea. There is a concern that it affects the same opioid brain receptors as morphine and expose users to risks of addiction, abuse and dependence.
- **Med-Sled Demonstration** – Crys gave a presentation on how to use the Med-Sled. This is a HAN asset that can be used by your facility in the event of emergency evacuation. Link to training video for the ParaSlyde™ : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTFU0JtIBqk&feature=youtu.be>
- **Current Topics from Attending Agencies**
- ND Long Term Care Association (NDLTA) Convention May 2-4. See Link for registration and more information. <http://www.ndltca.org/education/events/ndltca-annual-convention-4/>
    - Tabletop Scenario-Pandemic Outbreak: Wednesday May 2, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
    - Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) AAR/IP training: Thursday May 3, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
    - Life Safety Code 2012 and Emergency Preparedness Planning: Thursday May 3, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
    - Legionella and Water Safety: Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
    - Emergency Operations Planning for Assisted Living and Basic Care: Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **Upcoming Exercises and Trainings:**
- NDLTCA annual convention being held in Bismarck at the Ramkota Hotel May 2 – 4.
  - NDES Training and Events Calendar: <https://www.nd.gov/des/events/Default.asp>
  - NDDoH Medical Facility Table Top and Full Scale Exercises: <https://www.health.nd.gov/epr/public-health-preparedness/fseinfo/>
  - Healthcare Environmental Services Conference – March 27-28 at the Ramada Hotel in Bismarck. There is no registration fee to attend. Click on link for more information: <https://www.qualityhealthnd.org/es2018/>
- **Next Meeting:** May 16<sup>th</sup> – Tabletop exercise \*\*may take 1.5 – 2 hours  
2018 dates for HPAC Meeting 9am at BBPH 500 E Front Ave on the third Wednesday of the month.  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> – Full Scale Exercise \*\*may take 1.5-2 hours  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> – AAR/IP Review  
 November 21<sup>st</sup> – TBA
- **Past Exercises and Trainings**
- Crys, Kalen, and Valerie attended a 3-day training course for Level C Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Fit Testing and Mass Fatality with the NDDoH.  
 Level C PPE protection is required when the concentration and type of airborne substances is known and the criteria for using air purifying respirators is met.  
 A fit test tests the seal of a respirators face piece makes on your face. This test takes 15-20 minutes and should be performed annually. We only provide quantitative fit testing at this time using a PortaCount machine.  
 Agencies need to have a Respiratory Plan in place and have all staff complete the Medical Evaluation (reviewed by PA level or higher) before they can complete fit testing.  
 More Information can be found on the BBPH Emergency Preparedness Website: <http://www.bismarcknd.gov/1829/PPE-Training>