



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND TRAUMA CARE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 28th, 2008
TIME: 12 Noon
LOCATION: West Covina City Hall

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1. Call to Order

Chair George Hunter called meeting to order at 12:10 PM

1.2. Self Introductions

Present

La Puente	Dan Holloway, Rene Salas
Pasadena	Sid Tyler
Pomona	George Hunter
West Covina	Jim Rudroff
LA County OEM	Keith Harrison
Area D	Brenda Honemiller
LA County Public Health	Adam Morrow
LA Co Dept. Health Svcs	John Telmos

Staff

N. Conway, Executive Director
P. Conway, Staff

2.0 Public Communications

There were no public communications

3.0 Consent Items

3.1. Minutes of April 23rd, 2008 Meeting

April 23, 2007 minutes, motion by Tyler; second by Holloway, approved unanimously

3.2. Correspondence

No Correspondence

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1. Update on Air Transport Services for East San Gabriel Valley Trauma Patients

J. Telmos, LA County Health Services and Emergency Medical Services Agency, provided an overview of the requested analysis regarding the Air Transport Services for East San Gabriel Valley Trauma Patients. He referred members to Figures 1 through 4, which provided a comparison of patient transport time in the East San Gabriel Valley for individuals using the County Air transport services. The analysis indicated the overall patient transport time has declined from 29 minutes in 2003 to 23 minutes in 2007.

He noted the County's Fire Helicopter continues to provide the majority of air transport service in the East San Gabriel Valley. However, since the additional copter was added last year, the Sherriff's department is now increasing the number of transports as well.

County USC is the designated facility for trauma care patients in the east San Gabriel Valley while Huntington Hospital in Pasadena only accepts Trauma care patients from Pasadena, LaCanada Flintridge, South Pasadena and Alhambra and surrounding unincorporated communities of Altadena and Chapman Woods.

Discussion followed and it was agreed the Mr. Telmos will provide an update of these performance statistics for this service on a quarterly basis. Additional breakdown of time intervals for response was requested by Mr. Hunter and will be included in the next quarter update.

4.2. Emergency Room Capacity in the San Gabriel Valley

N. Conway distributed a map of the Valley indicating the location of the Hospitals that provide emergency room services. He indicated this information had been requested by a COG Board member along with attention paid to the availability of these services in the SGV. Mr. Conway indicated staff would be updating this map for the next meetings discussion showing the number of beds in the respective emergency rooms and the population in the surrounding service areas.

4.3. Model Disaster Plan Checklist

B. Hunmiller presented an overview of the OES Check list used in evaluating a jurisdiction's Emergency Operations Plan. She noted the criterion includes elements from California's Standardize Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This information is available to other COG member agencies and will be distributed where appropriate.

4.4. San Gabriel Valley Cities' Participation in Southern California Earthquake Center's (SCEC) Great California Shakeout

B. Hunmiller noted there were two upcoming meetings that would serve as preparation for the Great California Shakeout exercise in November. She urged member agencies participation in the event tomorrow at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello and the event in June.

G. Hunter inquired about the availability and usability of cities Disaster plan. Hunmiller indicated many of the city's plans are old and in need have updated if not revision. This requires staffing resources which many member agencies do not have. Thus, the goal of having an update plan is often not achieved.

4.5. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) Points of Dispensing (POD) Study

A. Morrow distributed an update to the Points of Dispensary listing for the San Gabriel Valley. He indicated he has made some progress in getting agreements with cities for the designation and operation of several sites. However there were still many cities that had not responded to this request. G. Hunter asked that this matter be brought back to the GOG Board for discussion at the June Board meeting. A. Morrow will update the records and make a presentation on the status of this program in the Valley at that time.

5.0 Items for Future Meetings

B. Hunmiller asked that the issue of Disaster Councils in the COG member agencies be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. In addition she announced that there was a Disaster Preparedness Conference being planned in October 2007 at the Palm Spring Hilton Hotel. She urged that it be publicized here in the Valley and people plan to attend the event.

6.0 Set next meeting date

The next meeting was set for Wednesday June 25 at 12:00 noon.

7.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.