

Columbia Emergency Planning Association

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Present:

Joe Errante	CERT/ARES and RACES
Diane Dillard	CRFR/Chamber/Sacagawea Health Center
Robbie Roberts	Oregon Emergency Management Assn. – President
Anne Parrott	Columbia County Public Health
Adrienne Donner	Cities Readiness Initiative
Jay Tappan	CRFR
Michael Kummerman	Northwest Natural Gas
Kristin Rasmussen	Office of Suzanne Bonamici
Doug Greisen	Private Citizen
Loren Klepper	ARES/RACES
Brandon Gimper	Global Partners/Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery
Craig Ashenfelter	Portland & Western Railroad
Brad Landers	Portland & Western Railroad
Brian Little	NW Innovation Works
Mike Greisen	Fire Chief - Scappoose
Dee Wooley	911 Board Member
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Mark Kreutzer	CRFR
Shaunee Ritz	Emergency Management – Columbia County
Craig Allison	Port of St. Helens
Monique Oliver	Columbia Pacific Food Bank
Brianne Mares	CCMH
Juli Knapp	CCMH
Kristi Ward	Georgia Pacific
Jackie Lomsdal	Dyno Nobel
Marge Murphy	Private citizen
Terry Wolfe	Oregon State Fire Marshal
Bryan Profyt	Portland Fire & Rescue
Greg Hinkelman	Clatskanie City Manager
Kris Hansen	State Public Health
Willie Bence	American Red Cross

Jay called the meeting to order at 10:03. Sign up for the LEPC forms. Thanks to Columbia City Police and Columbia City for treats and door prizes. LEPC folders distributed.

Guest Speakers – Adrienne Donner is a Regional partner with Public Health – she has been with Cities Readiness Initiative – for 9 years. She has brought a wealth of information from the CDC. She is making sure our public health agencies are ready to respond to a public health emergency.

CEPA – a coordinated response to a Public Health Emergency - - - Adrienne – this is a chance to work with all of you to make sure you know what Public Health will do in an emergency that affects public health.

Public Health Emergency – Response Tools

- PH Clinics and System Clinics
- Mobile capability for small localized events
- Surge capability for large events
 - Points of Dispensing (PODS)
 - Dispense Assist
 - Push Partners (can all be used for information sharing) – group of large industry, service providers – way for public health to get medications to people outside of our clinic system – we also use them for information sharing.

What Tools to Use

The type of event – flu, measles, anthrax, smallpox, pneumonic plague) will determine which dispensing model will be utilized

<u>Medical Model</u>	<u>Non-medical Model</u>
Dispense Vaccines	Dispense antibiotics
Surge Clinic capacity	200-400 people/hour/POD
% of population	24 hours/day for 1 day

10% of Columbia County population participates in Push Partner Registry – reduces burn on Public Health and PDS, helps to reach critical infrastructure

Strategic National Stockpile

Designed to arrive anywhere in the US within 12 hours

Ongoing response capabilities – additional specific medications 24 hours – and purchasing power exceeds local capability.

MCM distribution – We have regional warehouse, and a county warehouse that all comes from a State warehouse. Medications goes to Planned Responders, Push Partners and PODs.

Today’s Discussion:

Informal – scripted scenario and intended to familiarize players with roles, functions, plans and procedures. It will give us an opportunity to identify issues requiring further work.

Rules of Discussion – no right or wrong, identify but not solve issues, describe your actions as if this is real. Ready?

July 21st – Monday – 8 a.m. Two cases of anthrax confirmed – Vernonia and St. Helens. Over the last 12 hours local hospitals have seen a number of patients with pneumonia, high fevers and flu like symptoms. X-rays from a number of these patients caused concern. The first samples sent to State Lab – and number of cases indicate this is not a naturally occurring incidents.

Public Health will begin activate medial corps reserve volunteers and alert Push Partners.

July 21st – 1400 – medical resources are being pushed to state warehouse and on to local warehouses – local incident command is operational. State Public Health AOC/EM EOC and RSSs are activated.

With social media – Vince Aarts said we need to be aware that rumors can go fast- we can't wait for PIO's to make news releases – Michael K. said if it was a terrorist issue – FBI would get word out fast.

EBOLA – is a contagious disease
ANTHRAX is not contagious –

July 22nd at 6 p.m. – Joint Criminal Epidemiology Task Force identified commonalities – patients attended a concert at Rose Garden July 18. Over 18,000 people attended the event and most attendees were from the Portland urban area – FBI found evidence this is part of a multi-pronged attack are investigating all large events in the regional media stories – sick patients, hypothesized causes and questioning of local capabilities.

About 70% of our population leaves this county everyday to go to work. Public health will begin activating PODS and dispensing prophylactic medications – as soon as we learn that it has been confirmed.

Medications being sent to POD sites – St. Helens, Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainier, Scappoose
Regional JIC activated including PIOs from Columbia County.

CAN system may be used but one of the challenges is so many people no longer have land lines. They would also be sending messages out under the state's Public Alert system --- and cell phone alerts.

The Scenario -- July 22nd at 8 a.m. Two patients have died, 50 current hospitalized, over 1000 patients going to EDs/Urgent Care being evaluated and released – this is now becoming concern. All 5 PODS are staffed for 1st shift – PH has requested assistance with staffing – and first responders are evaluating their staffing.

KEY MESSAGES

There is medication for everyone

What you can do for PODS opening – go to www.dispenseassist.net

You should go to the closest POD where you are

Only one member of each family needs to go to a POD to pick up

You will not be asked for ID

After you have your medication:

Take as directed – 2 times a day until it is gone

If you don't feel sick, the medication is working

Stay tuned to media for further instructions

The strength for Columbia County is CEPA – you all get together once/a/month – your strength is you all know each other and partner well. Medical assets come out with OSP protection and Columbia County Sheriff – will watch over PODs.

One of the advantages of being a PUSH PARTNER is you get information firsthand – Robbie recommends that Push Partners be activated sooner than later – the longer lead time a Push Partner has time for setup. Robbie said Northwest Natural Gas was able to better inform their employees because they had participated as a Push Partner.

Those wanting to become a Push Partner – Adrienne and Anne Parrott – we in turn will give credit to Robbie Roberts from Northwest Natural – we use the NW Natural Plan and you can take it and cut and paste. Robbie said these people will give you ample information – the cost is FREE.

Information available - www.CRINorthwest.org – there is basic information and enrollment form.

Looking ahead – annual meeting in December – next board meeting October 7, 9 a.m. OEMA conference – Oct. 6-9 in Sunriver. Trip with P&W invited high rail ride – saw rail corridor first hand – impressed with the safety issues put in place – rails are in great shape as well as the bridges. One of the purposes was to see the topography away from the highway - very impressed with the safety plan and the capital spent on rail upgrades.

Executive Committee – next month

Financial – report submitted

Program – Diane said we are full through end of year

Agency Reports

Columbia Co Emergency Management – Vincent Aarts – twins due soon for Renate – Vince will become main contact – while Shaunee moves to his position for next four months.

CRFR – Mark – board made a decision we will go back for a bond levy in the November election. There will be more information coming.

Columbia County Road Department - Lonny Welter – out there paving and striping

Port of St. Helens – there has been a focus on access to Trestle Beach (north of Columbia City) – two prong approach – developing a group of volunteers who will have access but will also assist with cleanup. Biggest concern is access to the industrial area – establishing an advisory committee of citizen and stakeholders to meet quarterly to develop policies, approaches, solutions – see if we can make this work.

CCMH – Prevention specialist CCMH – September 10 is worldwide Suicide Prevention Day (Brianne) – QPR would a good program – our numbers are really high in Columbia County

Food Bank – September Action Month to raise awareness of hunger and reasons why it is important to alleviate hunger in the community. We are activating Facebook Page showing community support for hunger awareness.

CRI - September 20th – in conjunction with Columbia City celebration – we will have an earthquake preparedness and on September 27th Fred Meyer – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – will sponsor their first preparedness fair. Hunger strikes in so many households that you wouldn't even suspect. We need to support our local foodbanks.

ECHO – Oct 1-2-3 is in Bend – emergency managers, health care, preparedness work (Explore, Connect, Highlight and Obtain) – all around public preparedness.

Portland Fire – doing a bunch of training – focused on radiation in August – testing, sampling and practices this month working on

Clatskanie – medical clinic our nurse practitioner retired and an outfit out of Astoria re-opened.

OEMA – Robbie – our conference Oct 6-9 in Sunriver – become a member which is only \$25/year – the conference is going to be excellent – FBI, CBC, FEMA executives – Corps of Engineers will talk about debris management, LEPC, Department of Homeland Security, National Guard, US Geological Society – volcano awareness. Tuesday keynote speakers – Elizabeth Zimmerman (FEMA) Oso mudslide, CDC, James Perkins FBI and many others – outstanding presenters. Thanks to Mike Kummerman for getting some of these speakers.

OSFM – you have 28 days to get reimbursement request – if you submitted a grant – we are fully funded. We had 3 conflagrations – and Jim Walker has been named State fire Marshal.

CCPR – worked with coast guard and Clatskanie Fire – practiced spill response off of Port Westward dock.

Innovations Works – continuing to work with Port on a due diligence project

Red Cross – shelters opened in five counties. We now have an on-line dispatch system – new CEO comes to us from Homeland Security – Amy Shlossman is new CEO.

Dyno Nobel – just starting to ramp up for 2015 maintenance – new control room – major maintenance project and more office space.

CERT - Joe – exercise starting tomorrow – seeing how many states we can communicate with over the next few days.

The meeting adjourned at noon. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 10 a.m. at the 911 Center. Guest speakers will be from innovation Works. They will also be providing treats and door prizes.