

Jasper County LEPC

Minutes

Date: November 6, 2014
Time 0900
Location: Jasper County EOC

Members present: Bob Rhone, Bob Wirtz, Charles Wagoner, Duane Rozendaal, Jeff Hoebelheinrich, Jim Sparks, John Halferty, Josh Stafford, Judy Stevens, Kathy Ellis, Keith Laube, Laurie Jackson, Mark Young, Mike Balmer, Nick Steinbach, Stephen Smith, Tammy Stapp, Troy White, and guests; Peg Kimberly(Baxter), Shawn Fuller(Baxter), Steve Wright(Baxter), Dick Reed(Colfax), Shane Ehresman(Lynnville-Sully), Kim Thomas(Monroe), Austin Hutchins(Mingo), Lennie Smith(Oakland Acres), Carl Van Der Kamp(Prairie City), Chad Alleger(Prairie City), Manny Toibio(Prairie City), Brent Vander Molen(Sully), Sandy Cox(Cox Consulting), Joshua Cox(Cox Consulting), Bob DeBruyn(NARA), Shirleyjanne Wagoner (NARA), Kellie Kramer(NARA), and Denny Kentler(NARA).

The meeting was called to order at 0900 AM by Jim Sparks, Chairman.

Sparks introduced Dr. Tammy Stapp, Director of Home Care/Jasper County Public Health Nursing Services, who presented on Jasper County Ebola Readiness and Public Protection Update. Stapp who has worked in the field of Community Based Healthcare for 25 years, wanted to share some practical experience, alleviate concerns, decrease the hysteria, and spread the message to the community with the following Learning Objectives:

- Realize Ebola focus can play a larger purpose-all hazards approach readiness:
 - Understand the “True Risk” and parameters
 - Be aware of practical tips for Ebola readiness
 - Get general guidance for what to expect in Jasper County-IDPH
 - Be able to access reliable resources

Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is recommending for best practice as response:

- Preparedness funding is being used for updating or restocking of Personal Protection Equipment(PPE)
- Great training ideas shared for use of PPE
- Attendance on webinars is high and regular
- Statewide system within the next 1-2 weeks identifying facilities and services (hospitals/EMS partners) as Ebola ready based on ten key areas from CDC.
- Updates made to CDC recommendations with application to Iowa being done daily on IDPH website.

Iowa Resources:

- IDPH is taking full responsibility to protect public.
 - Use IDPH or CDC as source for accurate information.

- Route inquiries to IDPH or local Public Health director, Tammy Stapp at 641-792-5086 X2225 or tstapp@skiffmed.com
- Ask for help from local public health “Shut down the hysteria”
- Base responses on science (Plug-for hand washing)
- Use resources available, don’t reinvent them (handouts available)
- Join weekly Ebola briefing webinar for public health, hospital, and EMS to provide current information.

Ebola 2 Basic “Things”

1. Ask the right questions
 - a. “Has the person traveled to the countries in the past 21 days or been exposed to someone who did?”
 - b. “What are the symptoms?” 75-80% will have fever as initial symptom
2. Know who to contact immediately
 - a. IDPH 1-800-362-2736
 - b. After hours-515-323-4360 (state patrol)

True Risk-“Put some parameters around it!”

1. Not an emergency situation (place the person in a room by themselves and take the time to make the calls)
 2. Ebola is a rare disease
 3. Droplet transmission not airborne (must have direct contact with bodily fluids)
 4. Ebola virus is fragile to heat and dry air and flat surfaces
 5. Symptoms match influenza (flu)
- Do the right things-take the time to do the right things!
 - Total body covering is to protect the person from self-infecting!
 - The Africa with No Ebola Slide shows the entire continent excluding these three countries where Ebola persists; Guinea/Sierra Leone/Liberia.

The five airports for returned travelers from these countries are New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Newark and JFK. If a traveler has been to one of the three West Africa countries in the last 21 days and return to Iowa, they are immediately assessed for possible Ebola exposure and categorized into three levels of risk:

1. High Risk
2. Low (some) Risk
3. No Known Exposure

Mandatory Health Orders Assigned

- Isolation order (has Ebola)
- Quarantine order (has been exposed/no symptoms/asked to stay home/receives public health nurse visits twice per day/watching for temperature of 100.4)
- Self-monitor order (have not been exposed/been in the countries/ask to self-monitor/home visit at first part of experience show how to take temperature/phone call twice per day/once have fever work IDPH what should happen next)

IDPH Health Order Process:

- Travelers monitored from point of airport entry
- IDPH notifies local Public Health of person needing to be monitored-home visits conducted

- Local Public Health can notify health partners of case in county but due to privacy not the name or address
- IDPH will have time to notify hospital/EMS in advance to prepare if need to interact with a patient who needs assistance (unlikely due to recommendation of patient car ride direct to an Ebola capable facility)

Current Iowa Statistics

- 11 self-monitor cases in the state; up from 7 cases last week
- Expecting four new people each week
- Zero cases in Jasper County

Ebola Virus

- Does not spread through air
- Only contagious if infected person has active symptoms
- Spread through direct contact with bodily fluids or exposure to objects such as contaminated needles

Jasper County

- Jasper County Public Health (JCPH) actively engaged with IDPH for surveillance of cases
- JCPH will be resource to disseminate up-to-date information
- Jasper County residents can be confident in Skiff Medical Center
 - Skilled to handle contagious illnesses every day
 - Well trained/ready –have facilities in place/with proper PPE
 - Staff ready/prepared to handle infectious diseases, including Ebola

Tips to Consider

- Not an emergency-take time to do things right!
- Place in private space with private restroom/shut door (isolate). Make the calls for getting help with next steps.
- If case is confirmed, IDPH rapid response team onsite within two hours (training PPE, criteria expert, media person)
- Iowa expecting four new cases weekly for monitoring returned travelers; 150/day coming into US from the three countries with less than one per day in Iowa
- Risk of self-contamination is why head gear!

Questions:

1. Does local police department need to request PPE? Better to use PPE currently trained on instead of new gear. IDPH will show up with PPE also. The Newton HazMat will follow up on this concern.
2. Can a traveler be a carrier without getting Ebola? No
3. Africa with no Ebola Map-attached with minutes
4. Ebola began in 1976/why now? On the eighth strain, it has mutated and now first time in history the level of it is out of control.
5. For EMS are the N95 masks/PAPRs sufficient-Yes
6. What is the ratio for the bleach solution for decontamination?-Will find out.
7. Public not allowed to know who/where, will EMS be prepared?-Public Health knows and will be making the decisions on how (self-ride)/where (designated capable facility) to direct the patients.
8. Chances of someone off I-80 exposed coming into our community? Screening begins at the entry point airports/placed on rosters/communicate with public health 21 days/ if slip through process

- and show up at Skiff/ Stapp confident of the process at Skiff to identify them, act, and notify IDPH appropriately.
9. Difference between infectious and contagious? Point when a person can cause another person to get the infection (they're contagious), we can be sick but not necessarily transmit to someone else, when it is transmittable then it's infectious.
 10. Hazardous Materials medical contaminated waste from the hospital how is it transported and what's done with it? The hospital will contact the transporter of medical waste, it's considered bio hazard waste and must be completely sealed/secured/then call the transport company and they handle it differently and have the ability to deal with it.

Old Business

- Sparks stated we need to take advantage of these opportunities to go through our plans such as EMA's ESFs in particular #8 Health & Medical plus Skiff and EMS plans to coordinate with Public Health. So we all become more prepared and coordinated with each other.

New Business

The Jasper County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Kick-Off Meeting began at 10AM. Sandy Cox with Cox Consulting presented an overview of the update process to the Jasper County 2011 Mitigation Plan which included:

- Multi-Jurisdictional Plan Update
- Updating Mitigation Strategies
- Local Match
- Public Participation

The current plan was approved September 20, 2011 and expires five years after the date of FEMA approval. Cox distributed a handout on the timeline to complete the update listing the activities, due dates, primary responsible party, and activity description. She stated the timeline was a tentative schedule following the same process as the 2011 plan. The process will include updating worksheets completed for the 2011 plan.

Updating Mitigation Strategy

- Plan must describe the status of hazard mitigation actions in the previous plan; completed or not completed.
 - Identify Barriers to implementation
 - Describe if no longer relevant
 - Included in updated plan (ongoing)

Updating Mitigation Strategies Worksheet Process

- Worksheet emailed to each community in 2011 plan
- Worksheet will list community's mitigation strategies in 2011 plan
- Worksheet not completed columns will include possible barriers (cost, lack of support, funding, staff availability)
- Community will complete worksheet and return to Cox Consulting by August 1, 2015
 - Return ASAP, will review and prepare a table for the plan.
 - Send out table to the community for review and modifications.
 - Call if you want assistance in completing the worksheet.

Local Match

- Match Guidance- Handouts were distributed
- Match Documentation-County
 - County employee time is considered as cash match and is reported on Personnel Activity Report (PAR)
- Match Documentation-City
 - Cities time is in-kind match
 - Donation letter from Mayor to Jim Sparks(will email you a copy)
 - Tracking Record (will email you a copy)
 - Turn in once a month to EMA office
- Police Officers and Firemen
 - On Duty-time may not count as match
 - Off Duty-time may count if sign in as volunteer

Public Participation-important public given opportunity to comment throughout the process

- Invite to participate in the planning process
 - Post invitation to attend meetings (city hall, library, schools)
 - Distribute survey (given as handout and will send out electronically)
 - Survey posted on EMAs website at: <http://www.jasperema-hls.org/>
 - Communities can post on their websites
 - Complete survey based upon your residence
 - Return surveys to city halls, courthouse, EMA office
- Notify Public of planning process
 - Post announcements of planning meetings
 - Post agendas
 - Post meeting notes

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

Next meeting: To be determined.