

## Communicable Disease Preparedness Committee (CDPC)

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### Sept 14, 2010 Meeting Summary (by PKH)

Members Present: Lori Gobble, Patti Havstad, Dale Harrell, Lori McKee, Benjamin Diven, Sidney Webb, Rene Yoder, Randy Bamford, Mike O'Larey, Nancy Baptiste, Michael Abernathy, Alfred Valdez, Amanda Gallivan, Katrina Doolittle, Kate Fahrback.

Members Absent: Billy Dictson, Tammy Anthony, Joe Palmer, Darrell Smith, Amy Collins, Pamela Schultz, Albert Parra, Mary Simmons, Julie Weber, Ida Baca, Sara Miller, Jeff Witte, Carmen Gonzales, Stephen Lopez, Nellie Quezada=Aragon, Connie DeBlicke, Angela Arvizo, Minerva Baumann, Teresa Burgin.

The meeting began at 3:05 p.m.

- I. K. Doolittle (Director, EH&S) advised the committee that NMSU is in the process of hiring a new NMSU Biosafety Officer. Patti Havstad is serving in an interim capacity in the mean time.
- II. The meeting summary for March 9, 2010 was accepted without comment or revision
- III. Old Business
  - a. The status of the Continuity of Operation Plans (COPs) was discussed.
    - i. Reminders for updates will be sent before the Dec CDPC meeting
    - ii. All COPs should be reviewed every two years. Changes and updates should be submitted via email to Dr. Doolittle at EH& S.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Update on Influenza at NMSU
    - i. L. McKee (Director, Campus Health Center) presented a power point prepared to address the success of NMSU intervention/prevention plan for the 2009 (potential) N1H1 outbreak. The slide presentation covered the areas of preparation, planning, implementation and evaluation. The NMSU response to the potential outbreak was an overall success. The response was well established, functional, well coordinated on campus, well prepared, and resulted in resources being in place for future interventions.
    - ii. S. Webb (Physician/Clinical Manager, Campus Health Center) continued the presentation, reporting that there were approx. 500 cases of H1N1 diagnosed through the campus health care centers, most were diagnoses pre-2010. Many were reported from the University child care centers. Dr. Webb also indicated that since the vaccine was distributed after the pandemic (in Oct) 09, the actual effect of the vaccine was minimal.
    - iii. It is speculated that the primary events that helped prevent widespread disease on campus were the practice of social distancing (employees encouraged to stay at home if ill) and a strong campaign encouraging repeated and conscientious hand washing.
    - iv. There were several small points of distribution (POD) for the vaccine on campus. Observations regarding future potential epidemics include: having larger PODs set up on campus, difficulty in coordinating vaccinations at the pre-school care centers include the parental expectation of immediate service when they arrived with their children, and overcoming the "Invincible Me" attitude of the student population (they generally tend to believe that they will not be affected)
    - v. Use of masks as a preventive measure against the virus was discussed. Dr. Webb reported that studies of the effectiveness of N-95 surgical and other masks indicated that there was no statistical difference in effectiveness, even though N-95 masks are theoretically better for some uses.
    - vi. The use of lab tests such as viral cultures, PCR, and rapid fluorescence in diseased populations are not hugely useful in predicting or preventing spread of the disease

- vii. It was pointed out the media representation of the H1N1 "endemic" had a huge impact on public perception. The media may have portrayed the situation as more dire than it actually was. It would be preferable if media release was better representation of the reality of the situation.
  
- b. The 2011 vaccine will be available for staff at the Campus Health Center in October 2010. This year's vaccine has 3 components which were determined by a CDC associated committee that collects data on influenza type illnesses and provides recommendations yearly vaccine composition.
  
- c. 'Campus Health Center' is the new moniker for the combined University Health Center and Student Health Center. This change was made to combine resources. The Campus Health Center is located on the corner of Breland and Stewart St. on campus. Remodeling has occurred for several months, and will continue. New staff has been added and new triage procedures are being used. The Campus Health Center services Faculty, Staff and Students on the main campus and DACC.
  
- d. Additional Items from CDPC members. Committee comments are incorporated above. Katrina will plan to place tissues and sanitizers on tables in the EH&S teaching facility.
  
- e. Campus wide electrical outage. D. Harrell (Engineer, OFS Electrical) informed the committee of the planned campus wide electrical outage that will occur on Monday, Dec 27 and Tuesday, Dec 28, 2010. Mr. Harrell provided a handout with details of the outage, which included information on; what equipment would be affected and which buildings would continue to have power during the outage. The handout also explained the purpose for the outage (preventive maintenance and installation of metering equipment). Mr. Harrell asked that he be contacted with any concerns or possible generator needs during the planned outage. Memos will be distributed to the campus community prior to the outage dates. Mr. Harrell can be reached at 6-4357 or [धारrell@nmsu.edu](mailto:धारrell@nmsu.edu). Discussion concerning alarm systems was inconclusive as to whether these systems would remain operational. Several alarms in critical areas such as Health Center, Environmental Management Facility and Gardiner Hall were reviewed. Randy Bamford offered to follow up to get clarification on the alarm operations.
  
- f. Katrina Doolittle updated the committee on an incident at the NMSU Children's daycare facility that involved backwash of the sewer system. It was speculated that the backwash was a result of several years of misuse of the system (e.g. disposal of inappropriate items such as paper towels). The daycare facility was evacuated and clean up was coordinated by OFS and EH&S staff. In future incidents of this nature, it is strongly suggested that the cleanup crew be outfitted with better personal protection equipment, and be better advised of potential hazards.
  
- v. Dr. Doolittle thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting closed at 4:10 p.m. Next meeting of the CDPC is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010 at 3 p.m.

*Have a safe day!*

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**Subject:** CDPC meets Dec 14 at 3pm

The quarterly meeting of the CDPC will be held Tuesday December 14 at 3:00pm in Academic Research Bld C, room 110. Please plan to attend or send a representative.

Thanks  
Katrina

Agenda for Dec 14, 2010

Old Business:

- 1) Updated CoOP's needed
- 2) Campus wide electrical power outage Dec 27, 28.

New Business

- 1) New Biosafety Manager – Dr. JoAnne Dupre
- 2) Peanut seed incident – K. Doolittle/L. McKee
- 3) Flu vaccination updates – L. McKee
- 4) Campus Health Center renovation –L. McKee
- 5) Committee charter – K. Doolittle
- 6) Items from members

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