



Health Care Coalition of Orange County

Advisory Committee

SNF/LTC

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 09:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Paula Panganiban called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attendance information obtained from Zoom participant report

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The September 8, 2021 minutes were approved

IV. EMS/HEM REPORT

- COVID-19 cases are increasing; hospitalizations are slowing down
- In meeting with other counties across the state, there is a surge in Imperial, San Diego, and Central Valley counties.
- Hospital diversion continues to be an issue partially due to COVID-19, staff issues, and EMS volume to the hospital (record transportation numbers) in the last few months.
- The AOC supports the Mobile POD logistics, and there is an increased uptake in vaccinations with 3k boosters and kids vaccinated last week. Healthcare facilities are being encouraged to get boosters.
- The AOC is also activated to support resource requests for needed supplies. However, keep in mind that because supply chains have opened considerably when submitting a request, you are required to provide proof that you have reached out to your usual supply chains and the items are out of stock. Also, understand that if you have difficulty obtaining certain supplies, so do we.
- The County also has testing kits available. Unfortunately, we no longer have BinaxNOW kits. However, we have another antigen test, CareStart kits which are in the same realm in terms of accuracy. If you are interested in kits, reach out to us.
- CDPH came out with federal guidance, and you can use expired test kits beyond their extension. However, you must have a policy & procedure in place and control testing to ensure they are still valid. Have a written policy from the lab's medical director covering the CLIA waived tests.
- We are developing training and exercises to fulfill your requirements.
- We will have further discussion on the DRC concept early next year but it is on hold for now.
- Last year we developed a Twindemic Pandemic Surge plan for the county. I can send it out to the group. Our AOC is also finishing our AAR, finalizing it next week.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 2022 SNF/LTC Advisory Committee Schedule provided to this group
- At the last meeting, the goal was more participation from nursing homes and other providers. 70% of the nursing homes are members of this group; more than half are in ReddiNet. So, we will continue to do

outreach to get more participation and reach the nursing homes already a part of the coalition, not on ReddiNet to sign up.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- Public Health Report and Update – Deputy Medical Director, Communicable Disease – Helene Calvet, MD
 - There have been 5 to 6 outbreaks in nursing homes in the last couple of months. In general, whenever there is an outbreak in a sizeable facility or a facility opening a red zone, we will evaluate airflow and encourage booster shots. There are no Omicron issues, but it will be a matter of time.
Webinar on Thursday, 12/16/21 at 1:30 p.m. (invite went out yesterday) we will cover airflow; outbreak control; how things have changed from the prior wave to now; boosters, and preparation for the holidays
- CDPH Report and Update – District Manager, California Department of Public Health – Hang Nguyen, MSN, RN
 - SNF/LTC facilities can reach us by phone or email. Reminder to comply to visitations newly issued AFL 20-22.9 and testing AFL 20-53.5 is still in effect
- CDPH Life Safety, Code Update – Chief, California Department of Public Health – Marian De Meire, SSMII, M.S., CFI-I
 - Did not attend
- California Association of Health Facilities – Director of Emergency Preparedness – Jason Belden – Presentation EXERCISE AND DOCUMENTATION
 - We have created two AAR Improvement Plan templates: 1.) blank version and 2.) National AAR, through the American Healthcare Association. You can find both exercise documents at **cahfdisasterprep.com/exercises**
 - CAHF 2022 Really Ready Disaster Preparedness Conference, Newport Beach, CA. April 5-6, 2022 (all in person); registration is open. There are registration fees, but we will cover the registration fees from the county participating in the exercise.
 - The goal is for multiple counties throughout the state to be represented, and practice and exercise with the facilities and CAHF will be the evaluators. Two-day multiple tracks exercises: Business Continuity; Incident Command; many topics not only COVID-19 moving from the pandemic.
 - **YouTube:** CAHF virtual classroom (2 short training videos); new Ips; Maintenance staff needs to be upskilled into understanding the role HVAC plays in transmitting infectious diseases. Effects of wildfire smoke, mold, legionella, and water incursion.
 - You should be finalizing AAR & Improvement plans, putting them into your EOP.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- March 9, 2022, 9:00 – 10:00am, Zoom/TBD
- General HCCOC Meeting – January 27, 2022 10:30am-12:00pm, Zoom/TBD

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9:33 a.m.