



# ALPHERA

Arizona Local Public  
Health Emergency  
Response Association

## AGENDA

### In-Person Meeting

1415 Melody Lane Bldg. D Bisbee, AZ 85603

January 7, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Dial-In: 712-775-7031

Pass code: 139-394-570

Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, Yuma, Cocopah Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribe, Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe, Gila River Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Kaibab Paiute, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Quechan Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, White Mountain Apache Tribe, ADHS, Department of Education

### Partner Agency Updates:

- A. ADHS-Update: Stacy
  - a. ALPHERA Website – Stephen is the point person for website. Turnaround time is one week to post on website. Send any posts to Stephen and he will add to website.
- B. HPP Funds – Stacey:
  - Elizabeth queried Stacey about HPP funding.
  - a. Support burn care if they needed money and had viable proposal, make sure they get it approved - hospital network sharing. Don't know what all partners meeting in February will determine - will generate initiation of discussion topic.
- C. ALPHERA report to ALHOA – Jeff gave report to ALHOA
- D. Regional Updates
  - a. Southern – Elizabeth (Cochise) reports - Steve Nash is the new chair – We have a working Strategic Plan draft of a plan. Will need new exercise lead, John is stepping down.
  - b. Western – Greg (La Paz) reports: Planning an Ebola exercise. May include Northern region also. Most likely June date in Flagstaff.
  - c. Central – Dezirae reports: Working on trigger document for AzCHER MOU. Follow up to determine when MOU activated, need triggers. Also discuss security at hospitals.
  - d. Northern – Absent (snowed in!)

### Old Business:

- A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve: Steve (Greenlee), Seconded by Shelly (Santa Cruz)

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February 4 – Teleconference**

**New Business:**

- A. Should we vote to have the By-Laws/Nominating Committee changed to “ad hoc status” (review Article VII in By-Laws)? Bruce was lead of both committees but has retired. Jeff Sayre will most likely be PHEP Director for Mohave. This discussion was tabled since ALPHERA did not have quorum at the meeting.
- B. RSS Warehouse and Discussion:  
Jeff requested input on how other counties operated.
- a. Greg (LaPaz): Warehouse at IHS in Parker – have nice facility and ramps. Haven’t done an exercise in a while though.
  - b. Aaron (Pima): Have centralized warehouse with Health Department with regular inventory. Now evaluating space and IT capabilities. Facility in place for 1 ½ years.
  - c. Shelly (Santa Cruz): Nogales moved warehouse to Rio Rico. New MOU with warehouse facility, not exercised yet.
  - d. Steve (Greenlee): Freeport mutual aid agreement – next to clinic and helicopter pad. Will provide equipment, staff and space.
  - e. Brian (Graham): MOU with hospital. RSS – material warehouse at Mt. Graham hospital. Have exercised in the past. Climate controlled warehouse with security and inventory system. Good set up and helicopter landing pad. Greenlee and Graham work closely.
  - f. Dezirae (Gila): Currently have warehouse at Fairground and are exploring the possibility of moving location to another warehouse that is newer and better appointed due to parking lot issue. Wants to do POD exercise to test capacity in exercise. Storage ability is limited.
  - g. Phone: RSS ops? Denise Miller with Department of Education.
  - h. Stacey: ADHS will compile RSS/Warehouse locations and capabilities and give copy to DPS and Federal Marshals and that way they can do security plans.
  - i. Question: Category (4) items – need license to receive?
    - a. Pharmaceutical tech?
    - b. Need DEA license per Stacey.
- C. Closed POD vs. Open POD pros and cons – Jeff requested open discussion and tally of different counties and tribes PODs:
- a. Dezirae (Gila):
    - a. Only open PODs through school system.
    - b. Also a couple of churches and Boys & Girls Clubs
  - b. Greg (LaPaz):
    - a. Two closed PODs; Colorado Indian Tribe and County Jail.
    - b. With influx of snowbirds, have open PODs which seem to be more sensible in the winter time.
    - c. Have some MOUs w/schools for open PODs
    - d. Working on paramedics to assist with dispensing
  - c. Aaron (Pima):
    - a. Closed PODs are being pursued including UofA and Ajo.

- b. Serious limitation with staffing not really with locations, plenty of MOUs but not so much staff
- c. Need to do footwork on closed PODs
- d. Shelly (Santa Cruz):
  - a. One open POD – Mariposa
  - b. One school
  - c. Pursuing Rio Rico Fire Department MOU
- e. Elizabeth (Cochise):
  - a. Have about 40 multi-use MOUs with schools, churches, senior centers, etc.
  - b. Fort Huachuca also can act as closed POD along with four area hospitals
  - c. Staffing issue
  - d. One closed POD with Fry's, will never do that again!
  - e. Utilized many MOUs for H1N1 Response
- f. Steve (Greenlee):
  - a. Training with MSHAW and vaccinate at Freeport clinic
  - b. Use schools – 50% vaccination rate in Greenlee
  - c. Exercise every flu season and do Graham County too
- g. Brian (Graham):
  - a. Have several possible closed PODs w/hospital and clinics as well as college.
  - b. Will use second year nursing students from the Jr. College Nursing Program to vaccinate population on campus and then hold civilian clinic.
- h. San Carlos Apache Tribe:
  - a. Give % of allocation (Bylas) Graham & Gila: Need to meet and share info
- i. Stacey & A.J: Hybrid approach once all employees, hospital staff family are vaccinated then to do it for community. Providing product and support to provide coverage for both the closed POD and partners are trying to sell this to hospitals.

**Educational:**

- A. Cochise County Emergency Management- Norm Sturm – EOC management in Cochise County
- B. Warehouse tour and SNS Plan
- C. Committee Reports:
  - a. Capability Workgroup (Elizabeth): Capability (7) Mass Care
  - b. By-Laws / Nominating (need to find new lead)
  - c. ALPHERA Newsletter – Hank (Graham)
    - i. Desirae thanks Hank. Send him articles, training, pictures.
  - d. Membership Updates – Stephen absent
  - e. Recognition – none
- D. 12:10 – AJ: went over the Volunteer Training, tool kit plan and cascading message system. He also reviewed AzHS Public Health volunteer briefing template and ESAR-VHP request form. Then went over the new MRC training requirements, stating that they have a training management



system. He will also be developing some IT training for volunteer scheduling and staff rotation. Volunteer discussion ensued

**Round Table:**

A. Call to all members

1. Dezirae (Gila): Working on Accreditation and Planning, particularly the ERP & Epi Plan
2. Greg (LaPaz): Setting up an Ebola TTX and pursuing accreditation
3. Steve (Greenlee): The usual grant deliverables and reporting and working with Graham on a TTX with Ebola response.
4. Elizabeth (Cochise): Planning on Ebola Workshop for first responders. The morning being infectious disease lectures and the afternoon a PPE practical exercise.
5. Aaron (Pima): Accreditation – waiting on site visit, working on media alert system w/EOC and EM.
6. Stacey (ADHS): Full scale exercise around SNS in the spring to push out emails to formulate exercise and support as many counties that want to participate. All help is welcome. IMATS – coordinate only, must be signed up for site. Don wanted to come but sent his regrets. John is the new SNS coordinator, has EMS background. Expect HPP site visit to ADHS from CDC. PHEP site visits: four in person site visits then the rest virtual.

Other events: Yuma Access & Functional Needs workshop, Mesa airport exercise to drill family reunification, support and SNS training event. Please give them lots of notice!

B. Call to all non-member

**Adjourn Meeting: Steve made a motion at 1:00 pm to adjourn. Seconded by Brian.**

Mass Care Workgroup met from 1:00 pm till 1:40 pm.

Mine Tour

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