



## METRO FOOTHILLS HEALTHCARE COALITION

### MEETING INFORMATION

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018

**Time:** Lunch served 11:45 am, Meeting 12:00-1:30 pm

**Location:** Jefferson County Public Health, Parfet Building, 645 Parfet St, Lakewood, CO 80215

**Meeting Room:** Mt. Bierstadt Room, 1st floor to the right of the reception area

### MINUTES

- **Arrive, sign in, grab lunch**
- **Welcome & Introductions – Lisa (5 mins)**
- **Review Previous Action Items – Lisa**

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**Agency Updates - All – Janelle (15 mins)**

Autumn Heights/Vivage - Amber Carlson

- One of Vivage’s communities held an evacuation drill, and they used an Evacuation Checklist, possibly from Denver Fire Department. It outlines the steps taking you through a drill/exercise and a checklist of things to review, such as items in the stairway. It has a lot of information about the Denver Fire Codes, too. A copy was posted [here](#) on the MFHCC website.

Eaton Senior Communities – Sarah Schoeder

- As an animal lover, she encourages everyone to take expired supplies that a facility cannot use anymore, and donate them to animal shelters or wild animal clinics. They can use IV equipment, needles for diabetic cats and dogs, etc.

Jefferson County Public Health - Angel Anderson

- Angel provided an update regarding influenza in Colorado and in Jefferson County. Since the start of flu season, there have been 4,653 hospitalizations in Colorado, for flu, and 1 pediatric death somewhere in the state. Since reaching the peak of new cases in January, Jefferson County has seen a decline in new flu cases. The age group of 65+ has been hit the hardest. There have been 50 outbreaks of illness, however, that includes more than just the flu. These outbreaks are divided into influenza, legionella, norovirus and suspected norovirus. There were 246 total cases of flu in JeffCo, reported. CDHPE website provides influenza updates, and county specific data is also available at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/influenza-data>. Sarah Schoeder from Eaton Senior Communities asked whether Jefferson County was seeing any cases of Hanta Virus. They have, but it is not common. JeffCo recommends using proper PPE and spraying with bleach water. There have also been seven positive cases of rabies in Jefferson County this year with two more cases pending.

Broomfield County Public Health and Environment - Jen Fowler

- Since the start of the flu season there have been 43 hospitalized flu cases in Broomfield County. At one long term care facility there have been four separate outbreaks of flu that have all been followed by norovirus. Cases of pertussis have been increasing this year, and which is made more difficult since so many schools cross jurisdictional boundaries. There have been no rabies cases in Broomfield so far this year

Denver Public Health – Seth Foldy, MD, MPH

- Denver County is not testing animals for rabies anymore this year, as there have been so many cases.

Mile High RETAC – Shirley Terry

- The Mile-High RETAC is hosting a Golf Tournament on June 11, 2018 at Arrowhead Golf Club, in Littleton, CO. The proceeds allow the organization to buy and place AEDs in the community.

**Member Agency Spotlight: Vivage Senior Care – Amber Carlson (15 mins)**

[See PPT slides.](#) Amber recently moved from Allison Care Center to Autumn Heights, both of which are Vivage Communities. Vivage means celebrating life, and the agency believes in providing the right care at the right place at the right time. As an organization, they focus on leadership, and often come together to find solutions. Their Pillars of Commitment are: Quality of Care, Customer Choice, People Focus, Solution Driven, Growth Position. Vivage has 19 communities in Denver Metro, and 28 total communities in Colorado and one in Missouri. Their assistance has been requested from large agencies who are struggling. 83% of their communities have either 4 or 5 star CMS ratings. Their communities provide short term rehab, long term care, memory care and behavioral/mental health programs, but not all facilities provide all types of care; each

community has niches. Vivage offers transitions of care programs, and they follow along and support those at high risk. They have a continuum of care - Wellage (assisted living), Vivage, and Bridges (home care, palliative care and hospice). They also have a Continued Care pharmacy, which is like meals on wheels for medication, and it is packaged in a way to make it easier for people and reduce re-admittance due to medication problems. One value they have is to give back to the community by supporting non-profit organizations. They also have annual fun events including Bingo, Bowling, and a 5K around Sloans Lake. There was a question from the coalition - how do you define behavioral health? Amber answered that each facility has its own definition. Some have developed programs, others only have one or two patients who need additional services, so outside services are brought in. At Autumn Heights, the program isn't internally developed yet, so outside services are brought in. Jefferson Center for Mental Health has assisted in the past.

### **Wildfire Impacts on the Public's Health – Aaron Betcher, Fire Management Officer, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (15 min)**

[See PPT slides.](#) Different municipalities and different counties do evacuations and notifications differently. Jefferson County uses Code RED, which individuals have to sign up for. CodeRED has the capability to send out phone calls, emails, text messages, TTY, IPAWS, WEA and NOAA. Denver and Broomfield use other systems. See below for how to sign up for alert systems based on your county. If you live and work in different counties, you can sign up for alerts in each county. Jefferson County is in the process of changing their messaging. Traditionally there were three levels of instruction: Level 1 - Shelter in place, Level 2 - Pre-evacuation and Level 3 - Evacuation. Now they will have advisory messages which will just be a heads up, with no instructions and they will also have some messages which will provide specific instructions to recipients. It is important to have a plan in place for evacuation, especially for people who cannot self-evacuate such as schools, nursing homes, people who are on oxygen or have other healthcare needs. There may be people who are intoxicated, or have mental health issues. With unsupervised kids or supervised kids whose parents refuse to evacuate, you have potential child endangerment issues. There are consequences that need to be managed, with an evacuation. Need to consider traffic, shelter and evacuation points, medications, access and functional needs, pets, EMS capability in the foothills, etc. Everyone wants to call 911 to save them and that's not possible.

Wildfire smoke can trigger other health conditions such as asthma and COPD. They are projecting that in two years, pollution from wildfires will surpass all emissions from power plants in the US. Wildfire smoke is nasty. It doesn't produce complete combustion, so it produces large particulate matter. Wildfire smoke consists of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, aldehydes, nitrogen oxide, sulfur oxide, particulates, crystalline silica, and off-gases from all the man made materials that have burned. Elderly people or people who have preexisting conditions, as you would find in a long term care facility would be impacted by smoke. You need to limit exposure by closing up outside vents, using air filters, N95 or P100 masks, and planning ahead to have supplies of food, medication, etc.

Questions from the coalition - What does Jefferson County expect for the impact of this fire season? Jefferson County is sitting better than last year according to the drought monitor. North of Jefferson County is okay; for southern parts of Colorado, it is getting drier.

It is important to have a plan in place and know where your important papers and belongings are. The average person takes 30 minutes to leave after receiving an evacuation message.

#### Resources and Links:

- CDPHE has air quality links you can see: <https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/>
- [Register for Emergency Alerts for Denver residents - Swift911](#)
- [Register for Emergency Alerts for Jefferson County residents - CodeRed](#)
- **Broomfield residents - [Subscribe to County Alerts](#), and <https://www.broomfield.org/1217/911---Public-Safety-Communications-Cente> - CodeRed**
- [Register for Emergency Alerts for Gilpin residents - CodeRed](#)
- [Register for Emergency Alerts for Clear Creek residents - CodeRed](#)

## **North Central Region Healthcare Coalition (NCR HCC) – Michelle Deland (20 mins)**

[See PPT slides.](#)

- CDPHE’s Statement of Work - Budget Period 1 Supplemental, which is the next budgetary period for the Coalition. These items will be due in that budget year: Coalition Surge Test, Resource and Gap Analysis, Risk Assessment and Response Plan.
- The North Central Region Cross Jurisdictional Health and Medical Workshop had about 30 people attend from different types of agencies. Worked on the issue of how to coordinate across the region. The workshop did not come up with a solution, but progress has been made.
- The North Central Region All Hazards Group is working on Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Planning. There will be an exercise series set to culminate in a full scale exercise some time between 2019- 2021. Michelle Deland sits in on the planning committee representing the healthcare coalition. There will be some hospital and EMS components, including early notification and patient tracking and reunification.
- By now everyone should be signed up on the new member registration list. If this is not done, you will drop off the distribution lists. Michelle and Janelle are going to start going through the lists and cleaning them up.
- The next Governance Board Meeting is on Friday, May 4th, from 9-11am at Trailhead Institute 1285 South Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80222
- The Coalition Surge Test (CST) was held on April 3rd and involved primarily hospitals. Its purpose was to surge the coalition, not just a hospital surge. It simulated the complete evacuation of five hospitals spread throughout the region. It is one of the deliverables from the federal level, passed down through the state. ASPR created the documents, and the coalition was limited in how they could adapt it. The hospitals had to find a bed and transportation for each of their patients. Next year’s surge test will be tailored more to the things the region wants to focus on. The test was a low/no notice exercise. On April 3, 2018 at 8:00am the hospitals were notified that they were going to need to stand up their command center. They were given a basic scenario - multiple meteors and meteorites were seen in the region and they have damaged the hospital. The scenario was simple because they did not want the hospitals fighting it. ASPR set a time limit of 90 minutes. The affected hospitals were in multiple jurisdictions and multiple parts of the region. It was an exaggerated scenario, but it brought to light the gaps where the cross jurisdictional coordination is. Within the NCR, 14 facilities received patients. Up to 19 transportation resources played or provided assistance. The starting census was 841 at the five hospitals. They immediately discharged 22%. Sky Ridge worked through their internal hospital coordination center, so their numbers weren’t captured, and are not reflected in these totals: 77% of the patients were evacuated in the 90 minutes. The numbers look great, but the After Action Report (AAR) highlights some gaps.
  - Strengths
    - Hospitals were effective at setting up their command centers
    - Receiving hospitals and transportation agencies were able to quickly respond to requests
    - Coordination centers were utilized
  - Areas of Improvement
    - Inconsistent use of notifications outside each hospital’s system/facilities
    - Did not utilize EMResource for requests
    - There was not a lot of communication between EM and ESF-8s who were activated.
    - Transportation resources were allocated multiple times, which speaks to the lack of cross-jurisdictional coordination in the region.
    - There are concerns about the NICU needs in the region.

The After Action Report will be sent out within the week, and the corrective actions will be incorporated into regional level activities as appropriate.

## **Ancillary Healthcare Workgroup Update – Michelle Deland, Amber Carlson (5 mins)**

The May 7<sup>th</sup> Ancillary Healthcare Summit registration date has been extended until May 3 at 5pm and the event has been opened to everyone.

## **Combined EMS Planning & Preparedness Meeting Update – Dave Mitchell, James Robinson (5 mins)**

No updates

**Trainings and Events – Janelle and Lisa (5 mins)**

See [MFHCC website](#) for details. No updates were given during the meeting as we ran out of time.

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