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Advisory Council

November 17, 2015 meeting notes

Council: Steve Becker, Mark Collier, Remy Eussen, Karen Evans, Trevor Evers, Adrienne Fairbanks, Sandy Matthewson, Greg Noelck, Anna Pendergrass, Bob Richardson, Alden Roberts, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, Tracy Rude, and David Scott
Staff: Jeff Harbison, Janis Koch and Lydia Gherman
Guest: Scott Johnson and Lianne Martinez

(1) **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES** (*Trevor*)

Trevor opened the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. The council reviewed the meeting notes from October 2015. Remy moved and Karen seconded motion to approve the meeting notes as submitted.

(2) **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** (*Trevor*)

- Election of *Executive Committee Officers* for 2016, proposed slate put forth by the Nominating Committee – Mark Collier, Chair; Stephanie Rouse-Yamashita, Vice Chair; Adrienne Fairbanks, Member at Large.

There were no other nominations. The slate of officers was unanimously approved.

- Orientation for new members will be held on December 15th from 5:30-6:30pm and is open to all members.
- **Water Utility Position Update:**
Trevor has been on the council for five years. He is recruiting for 2016 council and for anyone who is interested please follow-up with Alan and Lydia.

(3) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (*Janis*)

- **E-coli Outbreak Update:**
Clark County Public Health will be visiting two locations within Clark County to verify that all fresh and frozen produce has been destroyed and that all food contact surfaces has been thoroughly and properly washed, rinsed and sanitized. CCPH will continue to inspect Chipotle on a regular basis to ensure proper food handling procedures. There have been 11 cases in Clark County associated with this outbreak.

At this point no specific food item has been identified as the source of the outbreak.

There have been several food items collected and sent for testing but preliminary results have come in with no E. coli detected.

Chipotle is taking action as they prepare to reopen their Washington locations. They have disposed of all food items, sanitized each facility and will bring in all new foods before reopening.

Anyone who became ill after eating at a Chipotle's restaurant should see a health care provide.

▪ **New BOH (invite new members to PHAC)**

Marc Boldt and Julie Olson are the new members on the Board. We may possibly have a joint PHAC and BOH meeting. Feedback from the members: Greg mentioned that Accreditation would be a great topic and Remy suggested that the basic topic ideas would be helpful.

▪ **Applying for MJ Tax Grant:**

ESD and CCPH are applying for the funds as a partnership.

Clark County Public Health will have more information at the January meeting on this grant.

▪ **Flu update:**

No Influenza activity in Clark County or the State of WA. Approximately 39 states have reported sporadic flu.

(4) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (Lianne/Scott)

Medical Reserve Corps:

- MRC started as part of Peace Corps after 911 and is housed at CRESA. Currently there are 426 active members in Region IV. The MRC volunteers by profession are as follow: Medical Doctors, Physician's Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Certified Medical Assistants, Lab Tech, Pharmacy Tech's, EMT/Paramedics, Social Workers, Veterinarian and Non-Medical. The initial volunteers were approximately 100 and with Linnea's initiative they now have 400 volunteers. MRC works closely with Clark College Nurse program which also helps them gain their volunteer hours.

Work Preparedness:

- Work is another place to prepare for unexpected emergencies. Clark County Public Health staff has an emergency preparation kit setup at most workstations. In addition, PHEPR (Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response) had a John Hopkins survey for each employee to determine their comfort level for emergency preparation in serving the public. The survey included mapping of how they would get to work and back home with additional information provided. After the preparation and knowing what to expect most people had a positive feedback and mentioned that the information was helpful.

Personal Preparedness:

- CRESA is a consolidated emergency agency for the region with 24/7 coverage. The main priorities are to first make sure you are ok, second make sure those immediately around you are ok and third make sure the other people around you are ok. Once these three steps are verified then most people go back to work, this is a normal part of humanity and not a matter of dedication.

Some helpful ideas to keep in mind:

- If you are prepared at home then you are more equipped to help in a situation. Know your neighbors to become a micro island. Understand what type of help and support are in your

neighborhood. You should have 24 hours of back up supply in your car. Work is very important for this type of anxiety. Preparedness is a guideline and is an ongoing thing.

- Preparation can sometimes be overwhelming so initially start weekly or monthly and start with your car. Store a gallon of water, gloves, granola bars and make sure you have an out of area contact.
- Water heaters can be used for water.
- Send out a text instead of calling.
- If Comcast is your number you need to register your phone number since it's not registered – so register your phone at www.cresa911.org/be-informed/
- If you have a phone (not wireless) this can be plugged in and used in a power outage.
- 311 (for non-emergency) and 911 (for emergency) are answered by the same people and in the same location.
- Call 311 for non-emergency instead of 911 to keep the lines free for a real emergency.

Public education and public awareness is the best strategy for being prepared in an emergency.

Discussion:

Greg was wondering if CCPH had an interest in the marijuana regulations. CCPH does not have the authority. Bob had some background on the complexity of the topic.

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

(6) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.