

Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response

Arizona Department of Health Services

State Lab Auditorium

September 23, 2015

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Members in attendance:

Cara Christ, Chair	Rebecca Sunenshine	Gilbert Orrantia	Ross Rodgers
Jessica Rigler	Sean Elliott	Shaun Anand	Robert Fromm
Glenn Kasprzyk	Debbie Johnston	Francisco Garcia	Aubrey Corcoran
Wendy Smith-Reeve	Michael O'Driscoll	Scott Krushak	

Representatives by Proxy:

Dr. Susan Gale for Mark Killian

Visitors in attendance:

Connie Belden	Laura Adams	Don Herrington	Teresa Ehnert
Darla Kunze	Teresa Ehnert	Bill Slanta	Laura Oxley
Eugene Livar	David Leinenveber	Kathy McCanna	Geoff Granseth
Kristen Herrick	Lisa Villarroel	Joli Weiss	Doug Marsh
Ken Komatsu			

1) Call to Order - - Welcome and Introductions

The Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response convened at the Arizona State Lab Auditorium on September 23, 2015. Chairperson Christ called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Each of the council members and visitors in person or by teleconference provided a brief introduction of themselves to the group.

2) Review Council Scope and Purpose

Goals:

- Develop a coordinated plan to protect the safety and well-being of Arizonans in the face of an infectious disease outbreak
- Strengthen collaboration between partners to effectively address infectious disease transmission and treatment
- Serve as a reliable and transparent source of information and education about emerging infectious disease threats state wide
- Initially convened on October 24, 2014
- Report of Council findings and recommendations were delivered December 1, 2014 and can be viewed at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/advisory-council/documents/gcidpr-preliminary-report.pdf>

3) Ebola Updates

- a. **International Situation**, presentation by Laura Adams
- b. **Arizona Returning Travel Monitoring & Response**, presentation by Jessica Rigler
- c. **Arizona Ebola Funding** (consists of three main awards)

- i. Hospital Preparedness Program
 - Healthcare concepts of operations
 - Healthcare worker readiness and physical infrastructure of designated facilities
 - Developing healthcare coalition capabilities
 - Coordination with EMS and 911/PSAPs
- ii. Public Health Emergency Preparedness
 - Coordination between state and local public health and healthcare systems
 - Strengthening partnerships across healthcare, epidemiology and laboratory
 - Establishing partnerships with infection control
- iii. Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity
 - Infection control assessment and training
 - Laboratory biosafety and biosecurity

d. Update of Council's Preliminary Report

Charge 1 Summary: Develop and implement a coordinated statewide plan to address potential outbreaks of infectious disease.

- Laboratory Preparedness: Continuation of packaging and shipping training. Since 6/19/2014 a total of 256 personnel from 105 institutions participated. Participants represent public health, hospitals, clinical and reference labs, Indian Health Services and state and federal agencies.
- Tiered Healthcare System
 - Frontline Healthcare Facility
 - Ebola Assessment Hospital
 - Ebola Treatment Center
- CDC visited Arizona to provide onsite technical assistance and readiness assessments for Maricopa Integrated Health System and Banner University Medical Center, Tucson. Site visit participants included hospital staff, state and local public health and EMS partners. Assessments addressed all facets of care for suspected or confirmed Ebola patients.
- Hospital Preparedness Exercises: 12 hospitals in Arizona exercised plans for identifying and managing a suspect Ebola patient. Both MIHS and BUMC-Tucson conducted full scale exercises to address the main components of Ebola patient management.
- Hospital Certification Process:
 - Onsite surveys by ADHS to ensure infection control standards are met and maintained.
 - Voluntary program with three levels of certification:
 - I. Frontline Initial Assessment and Diagnosis Center
 - II. General Assessment and Treatment of Infectious Disease
 - III. Tertiary Infectious Disease Center – Contagious Disease Unity
 - Criteria in review

- Transport: Hospital preparedness exercises included EMS participation. ADHS has identified processes and authorities to allow transport providers to operate outside of the set jurisdictional boundaries if needed and identification of statewide transport method is pending.

Charge 2 Summary: Communication and collaboration

- Health Alert Network registration improved for enrollment
- ADHS webpage continually updated with most recent and current information from CDC

Council Discussion:

Recommendations were made to consider adding a representative from Sky Harbor Airport to the council.

4) Emerging Infectious Disease Threats

Presentation by Laura Adams

5) Discussion of Council Continuation

Chairperson Christ stated that the Arizona Department of Health Services, along with the Governor's Office recommends continuation of the council in an advisory capacity to the department.

- Priorities and objectives
 - Emerging disease education
 - Convene the council when necessary
 - Ensure the plans that have been developed by the council address any emerging needs and can be updated regardless of government level
 - Share regular best practices
 - Discuss the designation of assessment hospitals and identify gaps around the state for hospitals to assess and appropriately isolate suspect infectious disease cases
 - Update the Council's preliminary report based on work completed since its publication
- Council composition
 - Give Arizona Department of Health Services and the ability to expand the core to include other partners and be flexible based on the situation at hand.
 - Chairperson Christ made the recommendation to officially add to the core group a representative from the Department of Agriculture, Attorney General's Office, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System.
 - Chairperson Christ made a motion to continue the Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response as advisory to the Arizona Department of Health Services. The motion was seconded by Glenn Kasprzyk and carried with all council members in favor.
- Scope and frequency of future meetings
 - Council members agreed on semi-annual meetings with the possibility to do more as an emerging threat is identified.

- Tentative schedule for next meeting is April/May 2016

Call to Public

A request was made to keep the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in mind, especially for the solid waste aspect and also consider a different plan for helping the rural hospitals for best isolation practices.

Adjournment

The council adjourned at 2:50 p.m.