

# **Governor's Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response**

**Executive Tower 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**October 24, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

## **Members in attendance:**

Will Humble	Shaun Anand	Mark Carroll	Cara Christ
Jim Dearing	Sean Elliott	Robert Fromm, Jr.	Francisco Garcia
Robert Halliday	Debbie Johnston	Glenn Kasprzyk	Eileen Klein
Michael O'Driscoll	Chic Older	Gilbert Orrantia	Ross Rodgers
Marie Russell	Robin Schaeffer	Wendy Smith-Reeve	

## **Representatives by Proxy:**

Rebecca Sunenshine for Bob England

## **Visitors in attendance:**

Don Hughes  
Jessica Rigler  
Teresa Ehnert  
Andrea Peterson  
Darla Kunze

### **1. Call to Order - - Welcome and Introductions**

The Governor's Council on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response (Council) convened at the Arizona Governor Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona on October 24, 2014. Will Humble, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was conducted with 100% of the Council in attendance. Each Council member gave a brief introduction of themselves.

### **2. Scope and Purpose of Committee (Executive Order 2014-08)**

Don Hughes, Governor's Health Policy Advisor, provided an introduction of the genesis and direction of the Council. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Humble explained that the purpose of the Council is to develop an organized plan to ensure the state is prepared to respond to potential infectious disease outbreaks in Arizona, including the Ebola virus.

Mr. Humble added that the top priority for the next couple months for the Council will be to put together a plan to address the potential of an Ebola case. He stated that one of the reasons the title of the Council is broader than Ebola is to be able to keep the momentum of the Council moving forward with other purposes such as Influenza or other infectious diseases once the Ebola issues are outlined and a strategic action plan is in place.

### **3. Review of Materials and Information**

Mr. Humble gave a slide presentation of resources currently available on the Ebola virus and introduced a series of Ebola Toolkits which he encouraged Council members to forward on to their stakeholders and partners. Mr. Humble ask the Council if there are any questions on the available resources out there and asked the Council members to share any additional

resources they think is valuable with either him or Cara Christ to be posted to the website <http://azdhs.gov/phs/oids/advisory-council/>. The Council continued the discussion and review of the materials and information and gave their recommendations. A suggestion was made to include a top ten list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's) on current issues. Mr. Humble requested that a list of CDC's frequently asked questions be posted on the website for right now and as other areas are identified will be added.

Dr. Sunenshine proposed the Council develop one presentation to be maintained and kept up to date with all the latest information and recommendations, and volunteered Maricopa County's presentation as a starter presentation. Mr. Humble stated that this would be good to post to the website for use by the Council members.

Don Hughes mentioned that there is a need for the Council to try to develop proper protocols for primary care physicians for the initial exam of a patient and suspected Ebola cases. Mr. Humble agreed that there is a gap and would like to see a primary care physician toolkit put together in the next couple of days.

Mr. Humble emphasized that the Council has a deliverable due date of December 1, 2014, to get the Council's initial plan to the Governor, and asked the Council if they thought it would be valuable to have a detailed presentation on current resources that are available at the next meeting or should the Council focus directly on committee work. The Council members proceeded to provide their input and recommendations on what the plan should look like and emphasized the need for a standardized protocol.

#### **4. Development of Agenda**

The Council provided their comments and recommendations on the development of the agenda.

- Communication needs in Arizona and to identify new and more effective ways of communicating both to PCP's and the general public.
- Clinical care component and what the expectations are across the state of Arizona.
- Inter-sectorial issues and working with the entities in Arizona that tend to have travel to places such as West Africa.
- Law enforcement protocol so they can have a better perspective on the likelihood of illness and have a good background on what is a real risk within a community.
  - Robert Halliday mentioned that he participated in an infectious disease test program and will reach out to other law enforcement in other states such as Texas to get their perspective and volunteered to share this information at the next meeting.
  - Rebecca Sunenshine proposed that the airports that have law enforcement and EMS on site be integrated into the plan. The airport would be one of the key partners in identifying an Ebola case. Dr. Sunenshine suggested an airport representative give the Council a presentation or participate in the planning.

During the discussion, Mr. Humble asked for a consensus on subcommittees of the Council to meet over the next couple of weeks to identify how the regionalization is going to look for the specialty care if we do have an Ebola patient and will be asking for volunteers.

Mr. Humble identified three important key components that need to be addressed and discussed at the next Council meeting:

- Initial screening and risk assessment component.
- Flow of the patient that comes back positive.
- Identifying treatment facility.

Mr. Humble recommended organizing a couple of subcommittees to work on the important issues on behalf of the Council between now and December 1. He asked Rebecca Sunenshine and Francisco Garcia if they would be willing to organize and coordinate with the hospital sectors in identifying facilities that would be willing to treat an Ebola patient.

Mr. Humble also asked Cara Christ to lead the subcommittee regarding the clinician community. Cara Christ will be reaching out to other Council members for participation. Michael O'Driscoll volunteered to be a part of this subcommittee.

## **5. Future Meetings**

The next Council meeting will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Location will be determined.

The two subcommittees will need to meet in the next two weeks. Council members are encouraged to participate in one of the subcommittees. If interest, please contact the subcommittee chairperson.

## **6. Call to Public**

Tony Gross from the Phoenix Children's Hospital was in attendance and had a few questions for the Council, and with that, was inviting to participate on one of the subcommittees.

## **7. Adjournment**

The Council adjourned at 10:19 a.m.