



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority
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Re: Item # 7: Medical Surge Project Update

Staff Recommendation

Discussion only.

Action and/or Discussion Items

Discussion Only.

Discussion/Description

Project Background

The purpose of this project is to assess the state of medical surge planning and patient tracking plans in the Bay Area UASI region, identify what attributes will support regional cooperation, and explore recommendations.

Contract Deliverables

- 1) Library of medical health response plans
- 2) Medical surge capabilities analysis report
- 3) Patient tracking gap analysis report
- 4) Discussion-based workshop

Discussion-based Workshop Goals

- 1) Discuss content of all reports
- 2) Explore recommendations from Bay Area stakeholders
- 3) Evaluate Bay Area patient movement operational capabilities
- 4) Identify Bay Area capabilities which successfully support regional cooperation

Patient Movement Key Findings

- ***Regional patient movement readiness is needed.*** The Bay Area UASI region lacks a unifying doctrine to support operational continuity of scalable and coordinated patient movement processes. Recommendation: build upon existing activities to build a more comprehensive regional approach.
- ***A more coordinated regional patient movement capability is achievable in the short-term.*** A survey revealed a robust assortment of medical surge activities encompassing multiple phases of the preparedness cycle. Recommendation: address identified gaps that interfere with a more coordinated patient movement process.
- ***Regional stakeholders are engaged.*** The Bay Area UASI Medical Surge Project has gained the support of key stakeholders and helped to create momentum at the state and local level to address patient movement in the Bay region. Recommendation: continue to collaborate with project supporters to address project next steps.
- ***The roll of the state-mandated Medical and Health Operational Coordinator (MHOAC) is critical.*** MHOACs play a key role in regional planning and cooperation for regional patient movement. Recommendation: continue to engage Operational Area coordinating entities to gain their input and support for planning.

Project Next Steps

Tasks for Calendar Year 2014 should include:

- 1) Complete an after action report from the December 11, 2013 workshop
- 2) Present findings to the Bay Area Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinators (MHOAC)
- 3) Conduct a scenario-based tabletop exercise
- 4) Set up/identify a regional coordinating body to implement action steps