



KCER Meeting Minutes

FEDERAL RESPONSE TEAM

ATTENDEES

<i>Jeffrey Kopp</i>	<i>Sherline Lee</i>	<i>Kathleen Egan</i>	<i>Jim Curtis</i>
<i>Glenda Payne</i>	<i>Martha Hanthorn</i>	<i>Steve Eggers</i>	
<i>Susan Larsen</i>	<i>Gema Gonzalez</i>	<i>Sherilyn Burris</i>	

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Date: February 8, 2008	Time: 2:30 pm Eastern Time	Location: Conference Call	
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Date of next call: To Be Determined

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	PLAN OF ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	DUE
Get KCER on the agenda for a CDC Program Managers Conference call.	Report: Kelly Mayo represented KCER at the CDC conference call on 12/13/07. Glenda felt that Kelly was very effective at getting the KCER message across to the group. This was the first goal. Due to the many items the program managers are working on, we are not positive they heard what was needed to the point of taking action.	None at this time		Complete
Get KCER onto the agenda for one of HHS's conference calls with the Regional Emergency Coordinators	KCER has been invited to present at the conference call on Wed, February 13 th .	KCER will make a presentation	Kelly Mayo	2/13/08
Engage Federal Agencies	There is current legislation on the table that would require all CMS provider types to develop disaster plans in	Continue to represent the needs of the Kidney	All	Ongoing

	<p>collaboration with the regional and local Disaster planning offices.</p> <p>Several members of this KCER Response Team are involved in various Federal workgroups that are tasked with disaster planning, and each of them brings up KCER and the needs of the Kidney Community whenever it is appropriate.</p>	Community		
New Business				
Federal Response Team Presentation for the KCER Summit	<p>Some typos and name spellings were corrected. It was suggested that uncommon anachronisms be spelled out. During the call, additional items were identified for inclusion into the presentation.</p>	<p>Sue Larson?? Jeff Kopp?? (my notes don't identify – help please) will develop an additional slide on NDMS and ESAR-VHP and send to Jim Curtis. He will add new slides and make corrections.</p>	J. Curtis	2/13/08
National Disaster Management System (NDMS).	<p>Jeffrey Kopp told us that it costs the government \$2K per person to hire folks as an intermittent employee and perform the necessary task of verifying credential, etc.</p> <p>NDMS has two questions for us:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If individuals do deploy to provide care in a dialysis unit, would the dialysis unit be able to receive reimbursement? <p>Discussion: Sue Larsen had already talked with CMM (the payment part of CMS) and that person agreed that this is a new wrinkle—but the question is working its way through channels there, and once they make a decision, it will have to go to the attorneys. It is possible that this would fall under the 1135 Waiver authority, which gives HHS permission to waive some of the usual requirements in order to meet the health care needs of persons in the affected area, for a specific period of time. CMS can also suspend enforcement of some requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Would large dialysis organizations have any interest in 	<p>We need to receive an opinion from CMS on this issue.</p> <p>Send the group CMS FAQ document on reimbursement in emergency situation</p>	<p>S. Larsen</p> <p>S. Larsen</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>2/08/08 Complete</p>

	<p>participating in the Fed program (NDMS), or would they be using their own people?</p> <p>Discussion: If LDO's were unlikely to use anyone other than their own employees, NDMS staff would be less likely to be deployed. It would be helpful for us to know if the LDO's would be able to respond to the short term needs of all patients in a given area during a disaster. We also need a better feel for whether or not NDMS would be utilized by dialysis facilities.</p> <p>Further discussion on NDMS: It is normally expected that NDMS teams deploy for two weeks at a time, and be ready to leave on 12 hours notice. The group felt that 24 hours would work well for dialysis needs, and may make it easier for individuals to be able to deploy when called.</p>	<p>See what we can get from Network records on a state by state basis re penetration by LDO's</p> <p>Ask for input from the Fac Ops and Staff and Vols Response Teams</p>	<p>M. Hanthorn</p> <p>J. Curtis</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
Next Meeting	The next call is will be scheduled for either 3/27 or 2/28	Finalize Date and Time	J. Curtis	3/1/08
Adjournment				