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City County Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee

JUNE 19, 2009

8 Members present:

Stan Kimbrell – City of Gainesville
Mike Nix – Hall County SO
James Thomas – Hall County MIS
Paul Herriott – Hall County MIS
Skip Hefflin – Hall Co Fire Department
William Wright – Hall County EMA
Heather Glynn – Hall County Library System
Susan Rector – Hall County Business License

Capt. Hefflin briefly went over items discussed at the previous meeting, then the meeting was opened for new discussions.

Focus on preventative information

- Important to deliver a consistent message
- Will use GEMA messaging
- MIS is working on website for Hall County Employees
- Hallcounty.org/ready website was discussed

The new H1N1 website for Hall County was discussed

- Preventative information
- Develop preparedness awareness
- Developing a disaster plan
- Staying informed.

Hall County EMA director discussed the current outbreak of the H1N1 flu at a camp in Rabun County. At this time there are 20 cases confirmed positive for H1N1.

- Charley Nix will be contacted to get approval for having someone from each county department to attend the H1N1 meetings
- Stay on objectives – develop a plan
- Contact Human Resources to get a count on distributing flu information with paychecks. Notifications were sent out approximately 1.5 yrs ago as well, need to reinforce information
- Possible billboard to inform and advertise about the “Ready Hall County” website
- Putting more information on the county’s website about “Ready Hall County”, possibly a link from each “page”
- Talking to Nikki Young about getting a write up in THE COMMUNICATOR
- Giving written reports to EMA director of actions/communications
- Concern that the media was initially “hyping” H1N1, but needs to be helpful to get the word out

Discussion was held regarding ways for committee members to “meet” without leaving their offices. Office Live was discussed, Ventrilo Communications and others for conference calls, web based meetings. Need for more participation in meetings was discussed and conference calls or virtual meetings could possibly encourage more participation.

James Thomas and Paul Herriott with MIS discussed in depth a “bridge” for communications for conference calls. Mr. Wright indicated that there may be grant money available to purchase a “bridge”.

Getting this information translated in Spanish is a major concern, it’s possible we may have to pay a service to do this for us. Dave Palmer, PIO with the District 2 Public Health was mentioned as a possible contact to research translation options.

Meeting was adjourned – Capt. Heflin will contact us with our next meeting date and time.