

# Tuolumne County Health Care & Safety Coalition

## – Evacuation & Shelter Workgroup –

### Meeting Minutes 1/17/2019

**In Attendance:** Andy Murphy (CalFire-TC Fire), Jad Kurdi (County OES), Liz Peterson (County OES), Michelle Jachetta (PH), Neil Evans (Sheriff's Office), Marc Stevenson (AH Sonora), Evan Kalas (AH Sonora), Lisa Hieb-Stock (PH), Melissa Parrish (PH), Dore Bietz (Tuolumne Me Wuk) Rebecca Morgenstern (PH), Steve Boyack (HSA), Shane Ferreira (CHP), Adel Welty (Red Cross), Debbie Parkan (Red Cross), Chris Edgerly (Calaveras PH), Diana Haley (Calaveras PH), Sonia Adams (Sequoia Home Health), Clarence Teem (EMS), Cathy Parker (County Schools)

Item	Discussion
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Began meeting at 2:50 PM. Those in attendance had introduced themselves at the regular HCSC meeting
<b>Workgroup Focus</b>	Reviewed the purpose of the workgroup; enhancing communication, collaboration, and capability-building related to evacuation and sheltering response activities
<b>Communications</b>	<p>A wildfire scenario was presented and discussion related to communications and activation of various activities was conducted.</p> <p><u>Of note:</u></p> <p>Fire incidents are initially communicated through 9-1-1 dispatch and law and fire agencies will respond. Especially in the case of multiple jurisdictions (fire on forest service land, etc.), Unified Command will be established. Different agencies have different radio systems which normally do not communicate with each other. Unified Command works with County OES to develop consistent messaging (perhaps activating a Joint Information System (JIS)) to ensure that all agencies involved are receiving and sharing the same information. Efforts are made to ensure official messaging is posted on social media and media monitoring and rumor mitigation is occurring. Unified Command is communicating with County OES from the beginning of the incident. Sheriff's Department has evacuation authority. US Forest Service has authority for evacuation of forest lands only (campgrounds, wilderness, etc.) Community stakeholders may become involved at the EOC and a Multi-Agency Coordinating group (MAC) may be activated to communicate needs and connection with populations with access and functional needs. The Healthcare &amp; Safety Coalition acts as MAC when needed. Healthcare and community partners who serve special populations can communicate with and assist with servicing their clients during the incident. Shelter activation determination is coordinated with Sheriff and OES. Shelter activation information is recommended to be shared with relevant partners to enhance public information and allow partnering agency to provide needed resources. Public information by way of news/press release should go through the appropriate channels and approval process.</p>

**Camp Fire**

Debbie from Red Cross reports that approximately 700 people are still being sheltered in Chico.  
Marc provided a summary of his activation during the fire and evacuation of the hospital in Paradise.

**Closing Information**

Next workgroup meeting will be held directly after the next Healthcare and Safety Coalition meeting on March 14 (Coalition meeting 1:30-2:45, Evac & Shelter Workgroup 2:45-3:15). \*Discussion of shelter site lists and criteria will be discussed.

Participants in the workgroup may share meeting information with other community members and partners as appropriate

2019 Meetings/Calendar. Regular meetings scheduled every other month.

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