



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Eric Shanks, Medical-Public Health Project Manager**  
**Date: June 12, 2014**  
**Re: Item #6: Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Regional Exercise Project**

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**Staff Recommendation:** Discussion only.

**Action and/or Discussion Items:** Discussion Only.

**Discussion/Description:**

**Project Background –**

This Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Regional Exercise is an FY2013 UASI project that was initially proposed by the Medical and Public Health working group and approved by both the East Bay Hub and the Approval Authority. The exercise is scheduled for November 17-20, 2014 and will involve eight (8) Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), ten (10) Medical/Health Department Operations Centers (DOCs), six (6) Remote Storage sites (RSS), and 26 Points of Distribution (PODs). Approximately 100 emergency management staff from regional Public Health Departments will participate.

As background information, since 2004, the Bay Area has been preparing for a worst-case scenario of a widespread weaponized anthrax release. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines require antibiotics to be dispensed to the entire population of over 7 million people within 48 hours. The Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Working Group (BAMPWG) has planned for and coordinated a mass prophylaxis response at the Operational Area level. This participation is also linked to the (CDC) Cities' Readiness Initiative (CRI) which requires the conduct of full scale exercises.

In 2009, BAMPWG, with UASI support, conducted a three day regional exercise testing two functional Point of Dispensing (POD) models simultaneously at the Oakland Coliseum and exercised a virtual Joint Information Center (JIC) where regional PIOs developed joint messaging. In April 2012, BAMPWG counties participated in the BioWatch Regional Exercise identifying several gaps requiring attention. The After Action Report from this exercise identified gaps and made recommendations for the region which included a Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis exercise to evaluate and test the following:

- Evaluate the ability of the Bay Area region to disseminate clear, accurate, consistent and timely information through the activation and use of Joint Information System (JIS) and Joint Information Center (JIC) practices.
- Evaluate the activation and operation of the Region 2 Medical Health Multi-Agency Coordination Group Handbook (MAC-G) for policy decision-making and allocation of scarce resources during incident response.
- Test the region's ability to develop and sustain region-wide situational awareness during an incident using appropriate ICS documents including Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator Situation Status and Resource Requesting Forms.
- Evaluate the ability of OAs and city governments to receive, stage and store warehouse resources from the State.
- Evaluate the activation, set-up and operation of at least one POD per million people.