



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Eric Shanks, Medical and Public Health Regional Project Manager**  
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**Date: October 8, 2015**  
**Re: Item 7: Medical-Public Health Regional Workgroup Update**

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**Staff Recommendations:**

No recommendation – for discussion only

**Action or Discussion Items:**

Discussion

**Background and purpose:**

The Medical and Public Health Work Group has functioned as an UASI workgroup since 2012. It is a collection of leadership staff and individuals from Medical and Public Health local government agencies, medical facilities, and hospital organizations throughout the Bay Area.

The workgroup includes regional partners such as the Association of Bay Area Health Officials (ABAHO), the Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Working Group (BAMPWG) and the California Region II Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator (RDMHC) which coordinates the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinators (MHOAC).

The work group provides the UASI Management Team with the related Bay Area subject matter expertise for input on risk management profiles and regional projects. Recently, FEMA Region IX reached out to selected members of the Medical and Public Health Workgroup for inclusion in developing their National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Medical Countermeasures planning process.

**Medical/Pubic Health UASI Initiatives:**

UASI has funded numerous Medical and Public Health Workgroup regional efforts over the past four years. Funded projects include support for the Mass Prophylaxis Full Scale Exercise, development of Multi-Agency Coordination and Incident Response Guides and developing website tools for BAMPWG and other public health professionals. These projects built capabilities

for the Bay Area in patient surge and patient movement planning, coordination of emergency medical response systems, hospital resources and rapid deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile of pharmaceuticals.

### **Medical and Public Health Workgroup UASI Project Summary**

Over the last two years, in accordance with California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), planning partners within the Medical and Public Health Workgroup primarily addressed four of FEMA's Core Capabilities: Public Health and Medical Services; Mass Care Services; Public Information and Warning; and Operational Communications.

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| <b>FY 13</b> | <b>Full Scale Exercise Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>\$150,000</b> |
|              | <p>This project leveraged an annual statewide multidisciplinary public health disaster exercise and included coordinated responses to a real world Ebola threat and hypothetical Anthrax scenario for the purpose of testing information sharing, mass prophylaxis and medical surge capabilities. The project concluded in December 2014.</p>                                                                            |                  |
| <b>FY 14</b> | <b>Incident Response Guide Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>\$150,000</b> |
|              | <p>This project involves the design, testing and distribution of four guidebooks with procedures for responding to large scale public health catastrophes including, foodborne illness, water supply contamination, infectious disease outbreak and earthquakes. The project is scheduled to conclude December 2015.</p>                                                                                                  |                  |
| <b>FY 14</b> | <b>Multi-Agency Coordination Guides</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>\$150,000</b> |
|              | <p>This project produced operational area specific multi-agency coordination guides (MAC Guides) and strengthens regional public health and medical coordination through a web-based file sharing and planning portal.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                |                  |
| <b>FY 15</b> | <b>Mass Prophylaxis Sustainment Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>\$75,000</b>  |
|              | <p>This project improves regional ability to rapidly dispense medications in response to bioterrorism or major infectious disease outbreaks. In this project The Bay Area Mass Prophylaxis Working Group (BAMPWG) and the Association of Bay Area Health Officials (ABAHO) are collaborating to improve operational coordination and information sharing in catastrophes that will impact the Bay Area UASI counties.</p> |                  |