



To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority

From: Dr. Erica Pan, Alameda County Public Health Department, Director, Division of Communicable Disease Control & Prevention and Deputy Public Health Officer

Date: July 14th, 2016

Re: Item 4: Bay Area Medical Countermeasures Plan Update

Staff Recommendation:

No recommendation – for discussion only

Action or Discussion Items:

Discussion only

Background:

In April 2015, Dennis McKeown, Planning Branch Chief from FEMA Region IX, briefed the Approval Authority on the planning process to complete a Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Plan for the Bay Area. Mr. McKeown invited Bay Area stakeholders to join the plan development process. Dr. Erica Pan will provide an update on the Bay Area MCM planning process.

Discussion:

Medical countermeasure dispensing is identified as Center for Disease Control's Capability #8. It is defined as the ability to provide medical countermeasures (including vaccines, antiviral drugs, antibiotics, antitoxin, etc.) in support of treatment or prophylaxis (oral or vaccination) to the identified population in accordance with public health guidelines and/or recommendations.

This capability consists of a public health agency's ability to perform the following functions:

1. Identify and initiate medical countermeasure dispensing strategies
2. Receive medical countermeasures
3. Activate dispensing modalities
4. Dispense medical countermeasures to identified population
5. Report adverse events

For the past year, the Bay Area public health agency stakeholders have been engaged with FEMA Region IX to identify gaps in medical countermeasures resources and integrate with current State and Bay Area plans. Public health leadership and staff members from the twelve Bay Area counties have participated in numerous planning meetings. A tabletop exercise and draft Bay Area MCM

plan is expected to be completed within the next three to six months. The final MCM plan is planned for release by March 2017.

Next Steps:

Bay Area Public Health agencies will continue to work with FEMA IX to finalize the Bay Area Medical Countermeasures Plan and test plan operations in the City Readiness Initiative Mass Prophylaxis exercise held annually in November. The FEMA IX Medical Countermeasures Plan for the Bay Area is expected to be complete over the next six to nine months. Dr. Pan will provide a final brief to the Approval Authority on the plan at that time.