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SUBJECT: HAVBED REPORTING

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PURPOSE/POLICY:

- I. The Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters (HAVBED) System is used to meet a federal requirement that mandates all states to have immediate access to hospital bed availability for use during an emergency or disaster. Solano County complies with Federal requirements to participate in the HAVBED System as outlined by the California Department of Public Health.

If a multi-casualty event or public health emergency occurs, it may be necessary to provide healthcare assistance to partner organizations, other hospital patients, or victims within the state of California or possibly outside of California. The HAVBED system is a method of reporting / tracking hospital bed availability to assist the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) during a disaster or event. To ensure that patients receive the highest level of care during an emergency, it is essential to know where the necessary resources are in real-time.

II. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Adult Intensive Care (ICU) Beds**: Can support critically ill / injured patients, including ventilator support.
- B. **Burn or Burn ICU Beds**: Either approved by the American Burn Association or self-designated. These beds should not be included in other ICU bed counts.
- C. **Decontamination Unit**: Identification of facility availability to decontamination unit.
- Must list number of hours until unit will become operable. This is for facilities without existing permanent decontamination units in place.
- D. **Divert**: Hospital beds of specified origin are occupied and the facility is no longer receiving that category of patient at the time of request.
- Note – Solano County maintains an ambulance no divert transport policy. However during a declared disaster this may require a waiver of the policy due to a hospital having no available beds.
- E. **Emergency Department (ED) Beds**: Number of patients that can be taken care of in the ED.
- F. **ED status**: Identification of whether the Emergency room is receiving patients.
- G. **Medical / Surgical Beds**: Hospital beds utilized for medical or post-surgical patients. Also termed “ward” beds.
- H. **Negative Pressure/Isolation beds**: Beds provided with negative airflow, providing respiratory isolation.
- I. **Operating Rooms**: An operating room that is equipped and staffed and could be made available for patient care in a short period of time.
- J. **Pediatric ICU Beds**: ICU beds for patients 17 years and younger.
- K. **Pediatrics Beds**: Medical /surgical beds for patients 17 and younger.
- L. **Psychiatric Beds**: Beds on a locked psychiatric unit where a patient will be attended by a sitter.
- M. **Vacant / Available beds**: Beds that are vacant and to which patients can be transported immediately. These must include supporting space, equipment, medical material, ancillary and support services, and staff to operate under normal circumstances. These beds are licensed, physically available, and have staff on hand to attend to the patient who occupies the bed.

III. PROCEDURE:

Bed Availability Reporting:

- A. On a daily basis the following medical centers will report bed availability into Reddinet by 12:00 noon:
 - 1. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – Vallejo
 - 2. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center – Vacaville
 - 3. NorthBay Medical Center, Fairfield
 - 4. VacaValley Hospital, Vacaville
 - 5. Sutter Solano Medical Center, Vallejo
 - 6. David Grant Medical Center, Travis AFB
- B. The bed availability reporting will be reported for all bed types available for each medical center. The bed types are loaded in the Reddinet software.
- C. Periodically the Emergency Medical Services Agency and Public Health may conduct increased bed availability surveillance due to extenuating circumstances.

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