



## **Hamilton Stock Epinephrine Auto-injector Pilot Project**

Anaphylaxis Canada Interim Update Report: November 2014 to June 2015

The following provides an update on action items included in our November 2014 update report:

- 1. Confirm date for Public Information Session with Dr. Susan Waserman: Schedule for Q1 2015 (i.e. January to March).**

Status: Due to scheduling conflicts, date was postponed. Confirmed Date: Monday, September 21, 2015; Anaphylaxis Canada and City of Hamilton staff looking into sites.

- 2. Collaborate with McMaster University on execution of consumer / foodservice surveys.**

Status: Completed consumer survey draft and reviewed edits made by McMaster research team; promoted online consumer survey through Anaphylaxis Canada membership (3 e-bulletins) and social media (Twitter, FaceBook) in February 2015. Participation exceeded the research team's targeted number of participants. Foodservice survey: provided and edited draft questions. Execution of survey in progress (McMaster research team).

- 3. Confirm next two orientation sessions with City of Hamilton staff and participants, subject to discussions amongst City of Hamilton / prospective participants.**

Status: Sessions for staff at Anchor Bar and Tim Horton's was organized, as per below, however, there were no representatives from the City or research team, due to other commitments.

- 4. Host 2 sessions by March/end and secure donations of EpiPen® and Allerject™ resources from Pfizer and Sanofi - (Date TBD) subject to availability of prospective participants and AC trainer.**

Status: The program for the April 13, 2015 session was customized for the attendees (i.e. managers and staff of both operations at one session). One person from the Anchor Bar and 4 staff from Tim Horton's attended the session, which included a pre-/post-survey, was conducted in 2 hours. We arranged for the delivery of free auto-injector devices (EpiPen and Allerject) for the participating organizations from the pharmaceutical companies (Pfizer and Sanofi). Marilyn also met with the Intelligarde Manager on April 13, 2015 to answer any questions / concerns (staff was trained late/2014) and review their progress (i.e. new staff orientation, devices being carried by security guards and replacement for pouches).

**5. Marilyn Allen to:**

**a. Continue with follow-up and support of training participants post-sessions.**

Status: Marilyn followed up with managers at the Anchor Bar and Tim Hortons on April 15, 2015 regarding receipt of the EpiPen devices/boxes, responses from pre-/post-survey (incorrect answers), and discuss Allergen Training Basics course (Anchor Bar). She also contacted managers from Anchor Bar, Tim's and Intelligarde to advise them about Sanofi's Voluntary Product Recall (2 Lots of Allerject 0.15 mg / 0.15 mL epinephrine injection, distributed as of June 1, 2015) and instructed them to check lot numbers on Allerject devices they had received.

**b. Work with participants to update emergency response plans.**

Status: A revised emergency response plan was put in place for the June 2014 training of the security staff. There was agreement that the plan should be reviewed by representatives from the City of Hamilton's Public Health Div., Hamilton Paramedics, Intelligarde Security and Real Properties Ltd., the McMaster research team (Dr. Wasserman/Ernie Avilla) and Anaphylaxis Canada at a later date. Marilyn sent the research team a copy of the revised emergency response plan June 2015 in preparation for a meeting to discuss the revisions. A meeting date for September 2015 will be confirmed.

**c. Prepare summary of pre-/post-session quizzes - by June/end.**

Status: Pre-/post survey results (April 13th session) were sent to the McMaster research team following the training session.

**6. Wrap-up:**

**a. Set up debrief conference call or meeting with City of Hamilton and McMaster University teams to discuss project / any future steps – June/beg or May/end.**

Status: As a request to extend the project will be submitted by City staff, this has not been completed.

**b. Prepare summary report mid-June and final invoice.**

Status: Anaphylaxis Canada to submit invoice for final payment (10%) by late July along with Interim Report. (Final report to be completed at later date, determined by project extension date.)