

Healthcare System Recovery



Mission: To support counties in healthcare system recovery planning, continuity of operations, and assessment of needs following a disaster.

Vision: Communities will be able to withstand and quickly recover from an incident.

Purpose: Health system recovery is an important objective in achieving national health security goals. To be resilient, a community must “develop recovery plans for health and social systems that can be activated immediately when an incident occurs.” (May 2012 Implementation Plan for the National Health Security Strategy of the United States of America.) Recovery planning that emphasizes system strengthening, coordination, and leveraging of resources can help communities quickly shift from response to recovery following a disaster.



Community recovery is the ability to collaborate with community partners to plan and advocate for the rebuilding of public health, medical, and mental/behavioral health systems to at least a level of functioning comparable to pre-incident levels, and improved levels where possible.

Program Authority / Funding: The department receives funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Cooperative Agreements.

Healthcare System Recovery aligns with or supports:

[Florida Public Health and Healthcare Preparedness 2012-2014 Strategic Plan](#)

Goal 6: Community Resilience, Strategy 6.3.1 Partner with state/local agencies and associations to sustain, evaluate, and improve plans, training, and exercises for Florida’s health care system; Strategy 6.3.2 Establish protocols for long-term health and behavioral health monitoring of the population following chemical, radiological, or nuclear events; Strategy 6.3.3 Partner with federal, state, and local agencies and associations to develop plans and processes to re-establish routine healthcare delivery following disasters

[ASPR Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities](#)

Capability 2: Healthcare System Recovery

Capability 10: Medical Surge

[CDC Public Health Preparedness Capabilities:](#) National Standards for State and Local Planning, 3/2011

Capability 1: Community Preparedness

Capability 2: Community Recovery

Capability 5: Fatality Management

Capability 10: Medical Surge

Objectives:

- Disseminate tools and share lessons learned with long-term healthcare facilities to help them assess their recovery risk, vulnerabilities, and capacities and help them integrate recovery into preparedness and response plans and activities

- Build partnerships with agencies and associations such as federally qualified health centers and the Florida Poison Information Center to develop plans and processes to re-establish routine healthcare delivery following disasters
- Support physical and behavioral health needs, functional needs, and social well-being during recovery phase
- Support /leverage/ build on community level partnerships and networks during recovery
- Provide technical assistance and maximize existing resources to promote recovery planning and response
- Coordinate with Children’s Disaster Preparedness strategies
- Coordinate with Behavioral Health capability sustainment

2012-2013 Highlights:

- Twenty-six all hazards/COOP trainings and exercises were developed and conducted for 342 persons from Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Tools and resources for local health department coalition development were compiled and posted to the Bureau of Preparedness and Response webpages
- Community Resilience webpages and toolkits were updated and a new page was developed with resources to assist county health departments and local communities in their “whole community” approach to becoming resilient
- A working model for a “healthcare Continuum of Care for Elders During Disasters” was developed
- A Memorandum of Understanding with the Southeastern Regional Pediatric Disaster Surge Response Network was executed
- Florida Crisis Consortium (FCC) members participated in 2 response training sessions, a disaster behavioral health exercise and as players in the Florida Emergency Mortuary Response System (FEMORS) exercise
- The Behavioral Health Leadership Team participated in the Statewide Hurricane Exercise
- The Florida Crisis Consortium representatives from the Department of Health, Department of Children & Families and the University of South Florida conducted a workshop at the Governor’s Hurricane Conference
- Florida Crisis Consortium members participated in the Disaster Planning for the Elderly trainings and exercises with the Florida Health Care Association
- Additional highlights can be found on individual program fact sheets or the 2012-2013 Program Highlights fact sheet

Partners: County Health Departments, Florida Department of Elder Affairs and Long-Term Care Agencies and Advocacy Groups, Agency for Healthcare Administration and healthcare facility partners, Poison Information Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Florida Crisis Consortium

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