Florida Healthcare Coalition Task Force Teleconference Minutes

Date/Time: December 17, 2013, 0900-1000 Eastern Time

Goal: To bring healthcare system partners together to examine the status of “Healthcare Preparedness Coalitions” in Florida and discuss options for the future.


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Jeanine Posey, Christie Luce, Ashley Lee

Brief on New Orleans Conference: This was the 2nd Annual National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference “Building the Future Together”. It was organized by Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, Northwest Healthcare Response Network and Managed Emergency Surge for Healthcare (MESH) Coalition for Marion County located in Indiana, with the support of ASPR’s Office of Emergency Management Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs and conference committee. This conference was an opportunity for stakeholders to share essential best practices and hopefully strengthen capabilities. There were more than 20 presentations given with opportunities for everyone to share best practices and learn from one another. Some of the breakout sessions were coalition one-on-one, but overall there was some good information given and we will be happy to pass that on. Florida is ahead of many states in our coalition building and this was reinforced by our project officer Commander Paul Link. We learned that the challenges we face in Florida are the same ones facing in other states.

Christie Luce

Funding Methodology FY 13-14: Last week the med surge team, (Dr. Elias, Terry Schenk, Jeanine Posey, Debbie Kelly, Makeshia Barnes, John Wilgis, Ashley Lee and Christie Luce) met in Tallahassee to begin working on what amount of money we would like to request from Strategic Plan Oversight “Team (SPOT) before March 2014. We anticipate that the funding will be reduced by 32-35% next year and we are working on a formula for funding coalitions next year. Once we come up with a draft we will send out to the Healthcare Coalition Task Force (HCCTF) for review. Commander Paul Link reminded the Department of Health that funding would be risk based.

John Wilgis

Regional Updates:
Region 1-Working to adopt by-laws for coalition.
Region 2-Invitations sent out and first meeting planned for January 14, 2014. Hope to establish board of directors.
Region 3-First Coast Disaster Council schedule C there money to Duval County Health Department, Alachua and Marion both hired OPS employees to begin Coalition development.
Region 4-They are working to meet contract deliverables, they have put subcommittees together for risk assessment, and have started to engage more of essential partners. They have approached private practices to join, and have 5 of 8 counties engaged.
Region 5-Working with State Medical Response Team (SMRT) for 501 3 C. Region 6-All coalitions have met, Sarasota/Charlotte Coalition set up by-laws workgroup to present to the members for consideration. Contractor will provide the Region 6 rural Coalition with by-laws for consideration.
Healthcare Emergency Response Coalition (HERC)-Engaged Long-Term-Care to the coalition, working on gap assessment and Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA).
Broward-Upcoming coalition meeting tomorrow Miami-Dade-Working on strategic plan
Monroe-Christie and Kay went to present in November and they are a well-developed coalition and need to engage their partners.
**Ben St. John**

*Multi-Year Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW):* A TEPW provides the opportunity to collaboratively establish exercise program priorities and develop or update the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP). Coordination of training and exercise events is important to prevent duplication of efforts, ensure resources are not overextended during training or exercises, and maximize the efficiency of training and exercise appropriations. Moreover, communicating schedules presents opportunities for organizations to fulfill multiple grant requirements with a single exercise or training course. If you have any questions about the paperwork or templates sent out by Jeanine yesterday please email me. The date on the agenda is incorrect, it states January 6, 2014, but it is actually February 6, 2014.

**Kay Croy**

*Closing:* Would like to sincerely thank everyone for their dedication, hard work and continued diligence in moving forward with building coalitions in Florida.

**Christie Luce**

*Conclusion:* Will finalize coalition website edits for posting. April Henkel is available if anyone needs assistance in engaging long-term care partners.

Thanks to all for the continued hard work and attendance to make coalitions possible.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Med Surge Team!*