Introduction to Healthcare Coalitions

Bureau of Preparedness & Response
Medical Surge Unit
Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP)

An Overview...
Healthcare Preparedness Program

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Office of Emergency Management

Healthcare Preparedness Program
Healthcare Preparedness Program

- Provides leadership and funding to States, territories, and eligible municipalities

- HPP funding supports:
  - Improving Infrastructure
  - Capability-based approach to planning
  - Development and sustainment of HCCs
Healthcare Preparedness Program

- Since 2002, Florida has disbursed over $100 million dollars to hospitals to prepare them for a medical surge event.
  - Training
  - Exercises
  - Equipment
Healthcare Preparedness Program

Old Way
- Hospital
- Hospital
- Hospital

New Way
- Hospital
- Local EM
- PCPs
- Public Safety
- EMS
- Public Health
Federal Program Guidance

• A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management
  (December, 2011)

http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4941
Principles of Whole Communities

A government-centric approach to emergency management is not enough to meet the challenges posed by a catastrophic incident. Local events require the planning and participation of the entire community; private and public, not just government.

Solution:

- Understand and meet the actual needs of the whole community.
- Engage and empower all parts of the community.
- Strengthen what works well on a daily basis in communities.
- Whole communities = Resilient communities
Solution:

Healthcare Coalitions
Purpose and Focus

- ASPR has made healthcare coalition development a priority during the current five-year funding cycle.

- Currently in 2\textsuperscript{nd} year of 5 year grant.

- Community HCC development is vital to building capabilities related to healthcare system preparedness, response and recovery.
Defining Healthcare Coalitions

- A collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners which serve as a multi-agency coordinating group.

- Healthcare coalitions assist Emergency Management and ESF-8 with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations.
Relation to RDSFT

RDSTF

Health & Medical

Healthcare Coalitions
HCCs in Preparedness

- Plan
- Organize/Equip
- Train
- Exercise
- Evaluate/Improve
HCC in Response Support

Healthcare coalitions must demonstrate multi-agency coordination during response (exercise or real-life)

- Either a role to assist incident management (e.g., local area command / unified command; ESF-8) with decisions and/or mission support

- OR coordinated plans to guide decisions regarding healthcare organization support

- OR a combination of both
Healthcare Coalitions: Assist HCOs within their region to return to normal healthcare delivery operations

Healthcare Coalitions: Integrate with ESF8 to coordinate healthcare organizations' priorities and needs to assist incident management with resource and information management during response.

Healthcare Coalitions: Address areas in critical infrastructure and key resource allocation planning that decreases the vulnerability of the healthcare delivery system.

Healthcare Coalitions: Follow the steps of the Preparedness Cycle to effectively mitigate, respond and recover from a disaster.
Key Concepts

*Capability based approach to planning*: Coalitions should enhance healthcare system planning and response at the local level

- HCCs are *not* response organizations
- Involve member organizations;
- Develop naturally through existing partnerships and service delivery patterns
- Collectively plan, organize, equip, train, and exercise
Healthcare Coalition Recognition

- Formalized by:
  - Bylaws
  - Charter
  - Formal Agreements with Partners (MOUs, MOAs, etc)
  - Governance Structure
  - Voting Structure
  - Meeting Schedule, Agendas, Minutes
Essential HCC Members

- Hospitals and Health Systems
- Local Emergency Management / Public Safety
- Local Public Health (MRC, CHDs, State Labs)
- EMS Providers (Public & Private)
- Long-Term Care
- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Specialty Service Providers (e.g., dialysis, pediatrics, urgent care, etc.)
Essential HCC Members

- Support Service Providers (e.g., laboratories, pharmacies, blood banks)
- Primary Care Providers
- Community Health Centers
- Tribal Healthcare
- Federal Entities (e.g., NDMS, VA hospitals, DOD facilities)
- Private entities associated with healthcare (e.g., Hospital Associations)
Additional HCC Members

- Local and State Law Enforcement
- Public Works
- Private Organizations
- Non-government Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- Faith-based Organizations
Additional HCC Members

- Community-based Organizations
- Volunteer Medical Organizations (e.g., American Red Cross)
- Other Partners (as relevant)
Additional HCC Requirements

- Develop HCC infrastructure
- Perform risk assessment
- Perform resource assessment
- Identify and prioritize healthcare assets and essential services
- Identify gaps
Additional HCC Requirements

- Coordinate emergency preparedness activities (Training and Exercise for HCC’s)
- Develop operational plans in coordination with Emergency Management
- Exercise risk-based objectives
- Demonstrate performance
Florida’s Approach

Healthcare Coalition Task Force

- Diverse Representation: Hospital, Public Health, Long-Term Care, Mental/Behavioral Health, EMS and other stakeholders
- Leadership integration on-going
- Guidance and recommendations for progress at the end of BP 2.
- Assist in setting pace of progress for Healthcare Coalition development and sustainment
Florida’s Approach

Goal: Provide 100% coverage for the health and medical needs of Florida’s population (permanent and transient) for all communities

- Existing groups in each region
- Some formal; some informal
- Some more developed than others
- There are gap areas
- Shape development of future healthcare coalitions
- Support existing healthcare coalitions
Medical Surge Support

- Acts as liaison to all levels of government; federal, state and local to ensure common concept ideology.
- Website with links to resources for supporting development and sustainment of Healthcare Coalitions.
- Administrative support for HCC Task Force and Sub-committees.
- Informational webinars
- Supports contract funding
- Marketing materials
In Summary

- Healthcare Coalitions just make sense
- They allow community partners to leverage training and exercise funds
- They make communities more self-sufficient
- They foster relationships
  – Who has resources? Who can I call?
- They offer a way to finally measure if we are becoming more prepared.
Thank You!!

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