# Introduction to Healthcare Coalitions
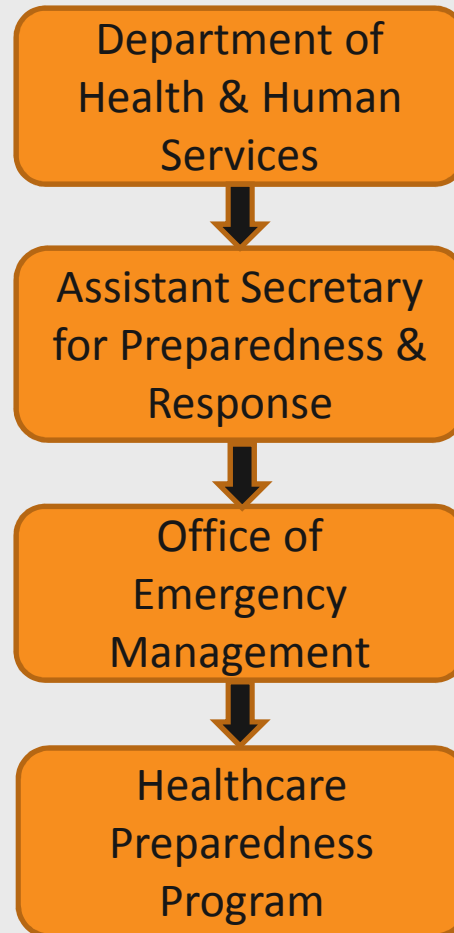
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# Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP)

## An Overview…

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- 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.
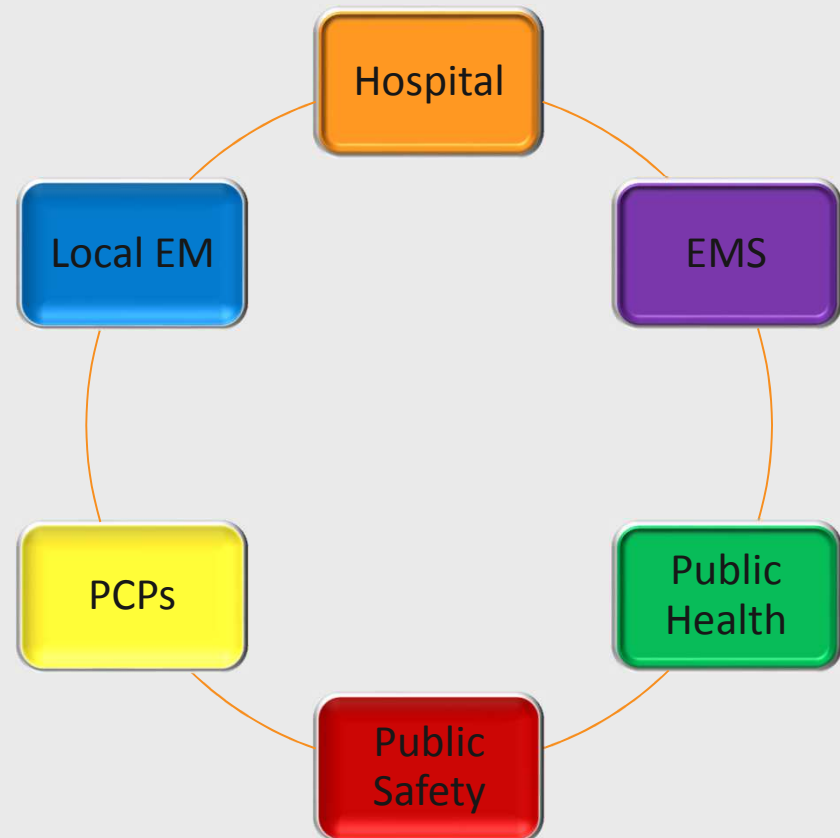  - Training
  - Exercises
  - Equipment

# Healthcare Preparedness Program

Old Way

New Way

# Federal Program Guidance

- A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management

  (December, 2011)

  http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4941



A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management: Principles, Themes, and Pathways for Action

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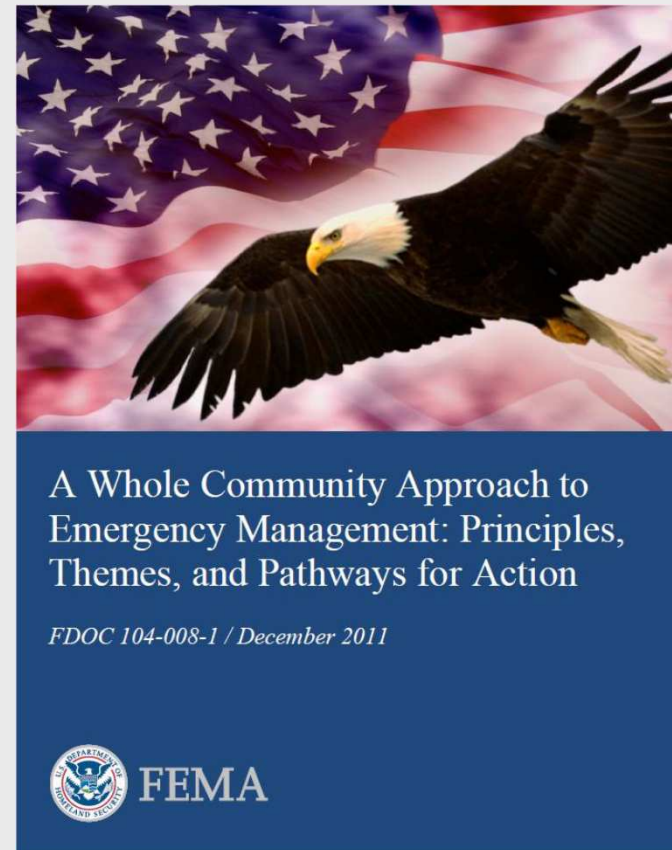
# Principles of Whole Communities

*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$^{nd}$ 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.
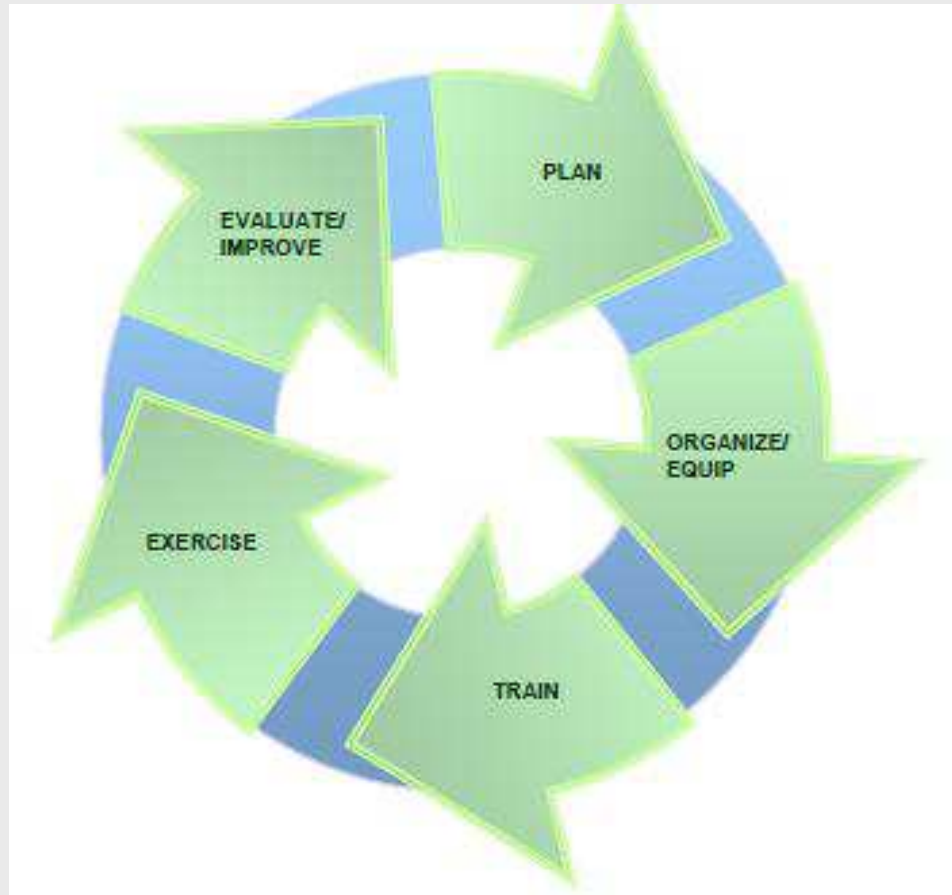
# Relation to RDSFT

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Healthcare Coalitions

# HCCs in Preparedness

- Plan

- Organize/Equip

- Train

- Exercise

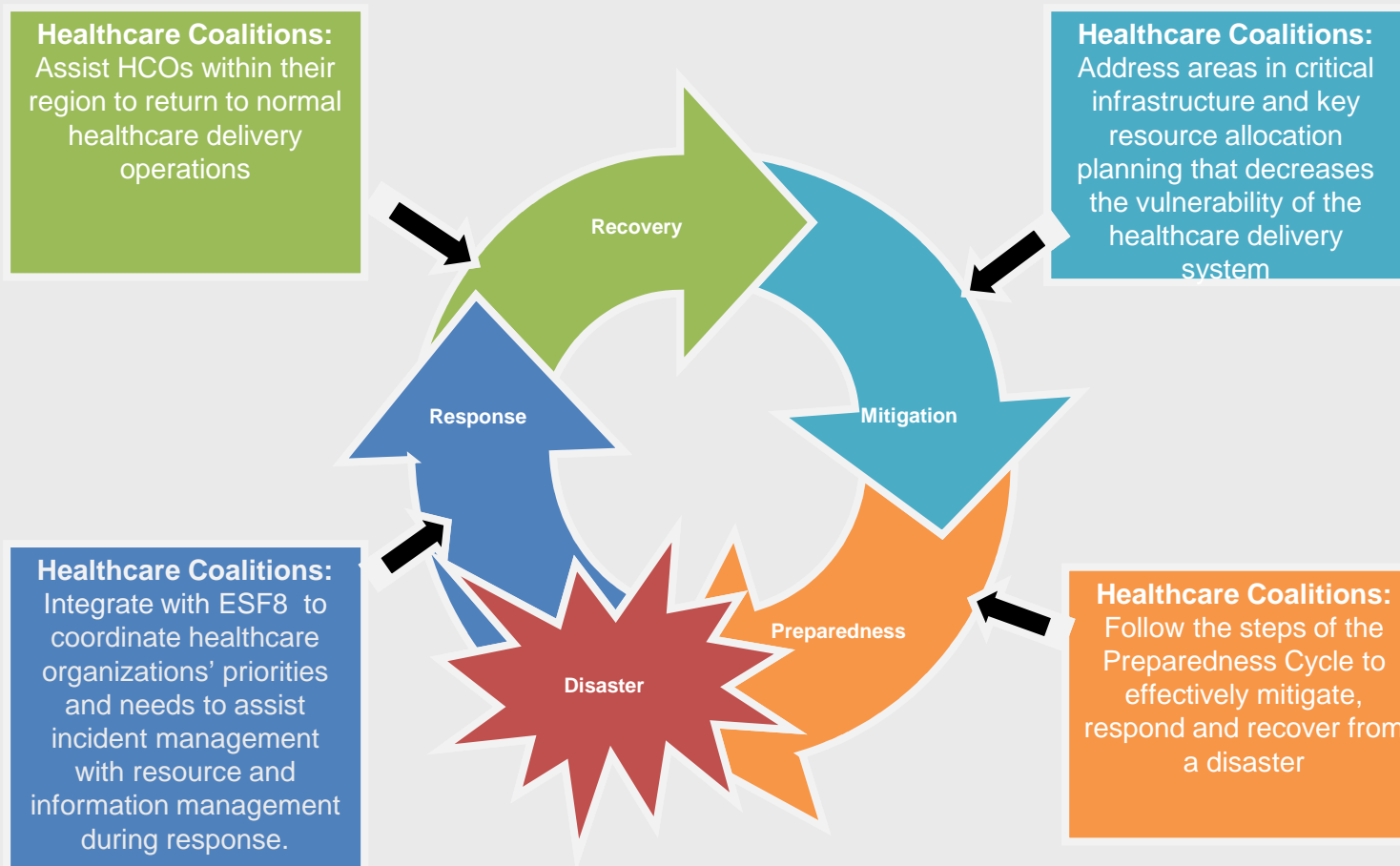- Evaluate/Improve

# 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

# Disaster Cycle

**Healthcare Coalitions:** Assist HCOs within their region to return to normal healthcare delivery operations

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



Recovery

Response

Mitigation

Preparedness

Disaster

**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:** Follow the steps of the Preparedness Cycle to effectively mitigate, respond and recover from a disaster

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# Key Concepts

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

- HCCs are <u>not</u> 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)
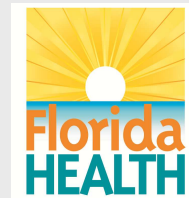
# Additional HCC Members

- 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)

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# 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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