

Healthcare Coalitions

Best Practices for Building & Sustainment

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Why are Coalitions needed?

To address emergency preparedness, response and recovery challenges that cannot be addressed by individual institutions acting alone

Goal: Ensure a Disaster system of care

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ASPR Goal

100% of "communities" will have a coalition representing them



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Laying the Foundation

- Incentives for Coalition participation
- Recruiting Members
- Getting Started
- Identifying community risk
- Marketing your mission



Incentives for Coalition Participation

- Situational Awareness
- Joint Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
- Multidisciplinary Training Opportunities
- Joint Exercise Participation & AAR's
- Joint Disaster Planning
- Mutual Aid Support
- Shared Protocols
- Communications



More Incentives...

- Accreditation Compliance
- Sharing of Lessons Learned
- Networking
- Specialty expertise



Meet your Disaster partners before a Disaster

Coalitions provide support for:

- Emerging threats
- Decrease in funding
- Common issues
- Time constraints
- Turnover of healthcare leadership & staff
- Need to manage scalable & catastrophic incidents



Coalition Infrastructure	
Boundaries	Common protocols
Membership	Strategic planning
Meeting structure	Communications
Leadership	MOU's/MOA's
Risk assessment (HVA)	Joint training & exercises
Governance	Joint planning
Mission, Vision, Goals	Resources & assets
Gap Analysis	Operating Guidelines

Coalition Boundaries

- County
- Regional
- Statewide
- Out-of-State Inclusion

Boundaries may “bleed” beyond defined geographic borders due to existing agreements or limited resources for bordering facilities.

Coalition Essential Partners (ASPR)	
Hospitals & other Healthcare Providers	Community Health Centers
EMS Providers	Public Health
Emergency Management	Primary care providers
Long Term Care	Law enforcement
Mental/Behavioral Health Providers	Tribal healthcare
Private entities assd. with Healthcare	Federal entities
Specialty service providers	Community & Faith-based providers

HERC Membership

- Hospitals (Acute, Subacute & Specialty)
- Health Dept.
- Health Care District
- Medical Society
- Palm Healthcare Foundation
- FI Hospital Association
- Veterinary Association
- Division of Emerg Mgt/EOC
- FI Healthcare Assn (LTC)
- School District



- Law Enforcement
- Fire-Rescue
- Regional Reps
- Red Cross
- Mental Health
- Universities
- Blood Banks
- Dialysis
- Others: FP&L, Water Mgt, Medical Examiner, MRC etc...

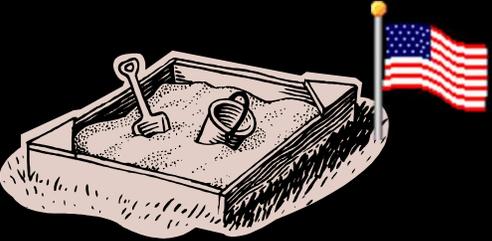
Coalition Membership

- Essential Partners:
 - Designated Representatives
 - Alternate Representatives
- Interested Parties

"3 deep" ICS key personnel recommendation



Healthcare System Partners can work together



Regional healthcare system partners should be invited to participate in coalition support

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National Best Practices

- Senior administration commitment
- Rotating CEO's to open meetings
- Hospital/Healthcare Representative with ESF-8 at EOC during incidents



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Meeting Structure

- Regular schedule of meetings
- Centralized or rotating location
- Attendance
- Badges/Agency Tent Cards
- A/V support
- Coffee & Food
- Agendas
- Minutes/Notes



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Coalition Leadership

- Chairperson
- Officers
- Steering Committee
- Standing Committees
- Workgroups / Task Forces

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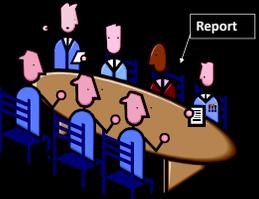
Committees

- Committees:
 - Communications
 - Training & Exercises
 - Syndromic Surveillance
 - Public Affairs
 - Finance



Examples of Workgroups

- Patient Tracking & Patient Movement
- At-Risk Populations Needs
- Alternate Care Sites
- Fatality Management
- Active Shooter



Mutual Aid MOU



- Addresses transfer & reimbursement for loaned personnel
- Sets procedures for transferring patients & evacuating a facility
- Outlines how facilities will track resources
- Addresses reimbursement for transferred pharmaceuticals & supplies

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Resources & Assets

- Evacuation equipment
- Western Shelter ACS
- Pharmaceuticals
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Dialysis providers
- Blood supplies
- Morgue capacity
- Others



Organizations, county, regional assets

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Work towards...



- Membership: Traditional & Non-Traditional
- Communication Mechanisms
- Regularly scheduled meetings & minutes
- Mission, Vision, Goals & Objectives
- Strategic Planning
- Surveys of Needs
- Joint Planning, Training, Exercises

Report & celebrate your progress

Coalition Evaluation



- Improvement measures:
 - Improve community & healthcare system preparedness for disasters & public health emergencies
 - Improve system surge capacity
 - Address gaps in preparedness & response
- Accountability measures:
 - **Are we better prepared to respond?**

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Questions?



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