

## Florida Children's Disaster Preparedness Coalition

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Florida Children's Disaster Preparedness Coalition Meeting on Jan 22, 2015 2:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

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### Welcome and Roll call- Jackie McCullough

Jean Van Voo	Andrea Ables	Scott Needle	Valerie Beynon	Janet Collins
George Merceron	Michael Whitehead	Patricia Kitchen	Victor Johnson	Terry Freeman
Michael Haney	John Escoto	Pam Crain	Bill Wealand	James Shultz
Matthew Howard	Jeanine Posey	Suzanne Kelly	Andy Rucks	Erin Smeltzer
Susan Redmon	Chris Floyd	Stephanie Anspaugh-Naples	Tanya Holloway	Donna Paquette
Lee Flowers	Russell Eggert	Jacquelyn McCullough		

### Opening Comments-Coalition Chair, Dr. Mike Haney

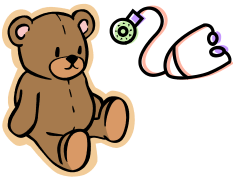
Jackie McCullough welcomed and asked everyone to introduce themselves and their organizations. A total of 29 participants were on the call or in the room.

### CDPC Updates-Jackie McCullough

Jackie McCullough spoke about the upcoming quarterly meetings scheduled for April 23, July 23, and October 22, 2015. All meetings begin at 2:00 pm (EST) and require pre-registration sent prior to the meeting. Please note: registering early is recommended and will help alleviate issues.

Jackie will be sending a request for information regarding each of our partners, please respond to this inquiry and return as soon as possible.

Victor Johnson spoke briefly about the previous Strategic Planning Oversight Team meeting and provided a few updates about other Community Resilience workgroups.



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### GAP assessment updates - Dr. Eggert

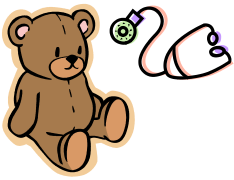
The Florida Hospital Association (FHA) has provided hospital, health system and healthcare coalition survey services to the Florida Department of Health since 2003. A survey to evaluate hospital pediatric readiness across all of the 213 acute care hospitals in Florida will be sent in April sent by FHA.

The objective of this assessment is to first identify gaps, needs and barriers across Florida's acute care hospitals in providing appropriate care for children in disasters and emergencies; and secondly, to provide direction in developing strategies and methods to address the identified gaps, needs and barriers. Children have unique needs and demand special attention during a disaster; this requires proper expertise, training, facilities, equipment, supplies and other resources. Children account for almost 30 percent of Florida's population, yet hospital disaster preparedness (including surge capacity) for children has not been robustly addressed.

The assessment will be directed to children less than 18 years old and will cover the time period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Conducting this survey will:

- Provide information on levels of Florida hospital disaster preparedness (including specialized resources and surge capacity) for children, which the data can be aggregated to county, healthcare coalition, domestic security region and state-wide levels and compared to pediatric populations.
  - This information can then be used to assist hospitals and health systems, healthcare coalitions and Florida Children's Disaster Preparedness Coalition develop:
    - Emergency operations plans for pediatric surge and intra-facility patient transfer;
    - Exercise / drill scenarios and tools, trainings and an understanding of resource needs;
    - Statewide reunification plan;
    - Strategies to procure equipment; and
    - Create, enhance or sustain health and medical partner relationships.
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The subgroup committee for this assessment is finalizing the questions for the survey and will provide to the coalition for review. Please respond to this inquiry as soon as possible.

### Workgroup feedback, next steps, and closing comments

Dr. Haney thanked everyone for attending and for their continued support. Please send any questions or concerns to Jackie McCullough ([Jacquelyn.McCullough@flhealth.gov](mailto:Jacquelyn.McCullough@flhealth.gov)) or Dr. Haney ([Mike.Haney@flhealth.gov](mailto:Mike.Haney@flhealth.gov))

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