

PHHP Mid Year Report



Florida's Public Health and Healthcare Preparedness (PHHP) Program

February 2016

Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)

In January, the annual grant-required Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) was conducted with representatives from each of Florida's Healthcare Coalitions (HCCs), county health departments (CHDs), and PHHP program managers.

For the first time, input on training and exercise gaps was collected from all 15 regional healthcare coalitions and 67 county health departments. The information will help the Bureau develop training and exercises for the 2017-2021 fiscal years.

Ebola Transport Plan

Florida coordinated with state partners from FEMA Region IV to develop a Regional Transportation Plan that establishes a mechanism for transporting a patient with Ebola to the Regional Treatment Center at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

Mission Ready Packages (MRP)



Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) were completed this grant year for Florida's State Medical Response Teams (SMRTs). MRPs outline twelve different missions that SMRTs can conduct in the field during an incident response.

Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications (CERC)



CERC staff conducted 10 face-to-face crisis communications-related courses and trained 189 public information officers, directors/administrators of local health offices and subject matter experts and response partners during the first half of the 2015-16 grant year. More trainings are expected through the end of the grant year. Call Ann Rowe at ext. 2131 or Melanie Motiska at 2133 for more information.

HCC Assessments

Nine of Florida's fifteen Healthcare Coalitions (HCCs) received an individual assessment from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Assessments included one-on-one technical assistance from ASPRs FEMA Region IV project officer. The Bureau expects each regional coalition to take advantage of this opportunity to receive direct feedback from project officer, Captain Paul Link. For more information, please contact Jeanine Posey at ext. 3698.

SNS Exercise with HCC

A full-scale Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) exercise was conducted in 2015. A key partner this year was the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition. Each year, the Department receives high marks on its SNS exercise from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This trend continued when CDC evaluators gave Florida high marks on all aspects of the exercise objectives.



Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Upgrades

The Bureau of Preparedness and Response collaborated with the Division of Disease Control and Health Protection to make upgrades to the Department's statewide geographical information systems (GIS) platform. GIS is an important tool for local and state preparedness staff and improvements significantly enhance the Department's ability to maintain and publish spatial public health and health care relationship data.

FPHRAT Improvements

Public health planners and partners can now combine vulnerability variables and identify at risk population and household counts in each census tract and city in Florida. The Florida Public Health Risk Assessment Tool (FPHRAT) includes a powerful analysis tool to combine natural, social and medical vulnerability applications.

ORR a Success

An Operational Readiness Review (ORR) was recently conducted by the CDC. During the review, CDC praised Florida's documentation method and plans to use it as a model for other states in FEMA Region IV.

Public Health Laboratories



Public Health Laboratories is on track to meet their training goals this year. To date, labs have conducted 26 trainings for over 340 participants. Of these trainings, eight were sentinel laboratory LRN classes, eight for chemical threat, and ten for first responder sample collection.

Environmental Health

The Department's environmental health program is scheduled to conduct several statewide trainings and workshops in February and April. For more information, contact Michael Mitchell at ext. 2486.

Florida's Statewide Surveillance Systems



ESSENCE-FL is comprised of **5** data streams capturing **95%** of all emergency department visits.

Merlin now has an **Ebola** traveler monitoring module.

EpiCom made **734** posts regarding outbreaks, events and emerging infectious diseases in 2015.

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