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Definitive Care: Navigating Challenges and Advancements in Federal Patient Movement Coordination

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response
Center for Response
Office of the National Disaster Medical System
December 2024

Session Objectives

- Identify the role of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) and its relationship with healthcare coalitions and healthcare facilities to provide care to federalized patients
- Recognize elements and order of operations of the NDMS bed reporting process as collaborating with Federal Coordinating Centers
- Learn about the direct benefits and features for participating in the NDMS Definitive Care Partner Health Facility program

National Disaster Medical System

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A FEDERAL SECTOR PARTNERSHIP



Mission is two-fold:

Supplement state and local medical resources during disasters or major emergencies

Provide backup medical support to the military/VA medical care systems during an overseas conventional conflict

PATIENT CARE

- NDMS Medical Teams
- Facilitated Support through Industry (Contract)
- Specialty Care Capabilities

PATIENT MOVEMENT

- NDMS Partnership
 - DoD
 - VA
 - DHS/FEMA-National EMS Contract
 - HHS JPATS and Case Management

FATALITY MANAGEMENT

- Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams
- Subject Matter Expertise – Fatality Management Assessment

DEFINITIVE CARE

- Partnering with 1800+ civilian health care facilities through a Memorandum of Agreement
- Coordinated across 65 DoD (14) and VA (51) Federal Coordinating Centers (FCC)
- Reimbursed up to 125% of Medicare rate for facilities (payer of last resort)

When Does Federal Patient Movement Occur

- **Stafford Act Event**
 - Led by HHS, supports a state request and consists of moving both inpatients and outpatients from healthcare facilities and evacuation locations.
- **Emergency Repatriation/Noncombatant Evacuation Operations**
 - Led by the U.S. Department of State and supported by HHS' Administration for Children and Families, includes moving inpatients returning from overseas medical facilities.
- **Active-Duty Patient Redistribution – CONUS Patient Distribution Plan / Integrated CONUS Medical Operations Plan**
 - In collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA), distributes service members from the theater of operations to (1) DoD Medical Treatment Facility, (2) VA Healthcare Facility, and (3) NDMS Definitive Care Partners.

Federal Patient Movement Partners

- **Department of Health and Human Services**
 - Division, Federal Patient Movement
 - Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)- Field Project Officers
 - Medical Reserve Corps
 - Federal Health Coordinating Official
 - Regional Administrator
 - Regional Emergency Coordinator
 - Incident Management Team
- **Department of Veterans Affairs**
- **Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency**
- **Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs)**
- **Department of Defense**
 - Health Affairs
 - DoD Policy/DSCA
 - Northern Command (NORTHCOM)
 - Joint Regional Medical Planning Officers
 - Defense Coordinating Official / Defense Coordinating Element
 - Transportation Command (TRANSCOM)
 - Air Mobility Command (AMC)
 - National Guard Bureau (NGB)
- **State and local partners**

Federal Coordinating Center (FCC)

- An organization managed by VA or DOD located in one or more assigned geographic NDMS Patient Reception Areas (PRA) responsible for receiving, triaging, staging, tracking, and transporting patients affected by a manmade or natural disaster, national emergency, military contingency to a participating NDMS partner healthcare facility capable of providing the required level of definitive care.
- 65 FCCs
 - VA – 51
 - DoD – 14
 - AF - 3
 - Army - 6
 - DHA - 1
 - Navy - 4

FCC Facility Locations



FCC Alert and Activation

- FCCs are alerted and activated with STTL partners through HHS REC Community for Mission Generation of Federal Patient Movement.
- Selection process is a coordinated effort between HHS, VA, and DoD
- Some considerations for FCC selection include:
 - FCC readiness
 - FCC throughput
 - FCC targeted bed report
 - FCC proximity to point of embarkation

Definitive Care

A coordinated partnership between HHS, VA, and DoD designed to provide care for patients who are American citizens and/or military casualties who require additional or complex care unavailable within the affected area due to disasters, public health emergencies, repatriation events, or military contingencies.

- Comprised of a nationwide network of civilian partner facilities that entered into an agreement with the federal government to accept NDMS federal patients during a national level disaster and/or public health emergency.
- The scope of beneficiaries may include military, civilians, and disaster relief personnel responding to the public health emergency.
- Approximately 1,800+ civilian healthcare facilities in the NDMS network
 - Appx. 305,000 beds
- Seven (7) bed categories: burn, critical care, med-surge, psychiatric, negative pressure isolation, pediatric, and pediatric ICU

NDMS Definitive Care Bed Report

- VA and DoD FCC coordinators complete monthly and ad hoc bed reporting based on real-world events in the following categories:
 - 7 Bed Categories – Critical Care (CC), Med-Surge (MM-SS), Pediatrics (MC), Psychiatry (MP), Burn (SBN), Negative Pressure Isolation (NPI), Pediatric ICU (PICU)
- Available Beds – NDMS partner healthcare facilities will report the number of staffed and equipped beds that they will **voluntarily commit** to the reception of NDMS federal patients at the time of the FCC request.

NDMS Definitive Care Memorandum of Agreement

- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
 - May 2023 – up to 125% CMS reimbursable rate
 - Agreement between NDMS and healthcare facilities (not limited to just hospitals)
 - VA/DoD FCC coordinators recruit facilities in their surrounding area to become NDMS partners
 - Benefit in working with FCCs: Exercise offerings by VA and DoD to participate in
 - Ideal NDMS partner healthcare facility is any place a patient may receive medical treatment
 - E.g., skilled nursing, dialysis, rehabilitation, mental health

Expansion

- Dialysis
- Behavioral Health
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Post-Acute Care
 - Rehabilitation
 - Skilled Nursing

Case Management Support

- Primary mission is to check in on NDMS patients at facilities
 - Follow patients to the NDMS facilities (tracked in JPATS)
 - Coordinate wrap-around services (ensure transportation, human services (language translation, food, lodging, etc.)) and arrangements for discharged patients and their respective non-medical attendants (NMAs)
 - Coordinate patient return to home of record
- Assist with service animals
- Coordinate reimbursement prior to discharge through the Definitive Care Claims Reimbursement program

Federal Patient Movement Tracking

- **Joint Patient Assessment & Tracking System (JPATS)**
 - System of record for tracking all NDMS federal patients and NMAs.
 - TRANSCOM Regulating and Command & Control Evacuation System (TRAC2ES)

Federal Patient Movement



- Provide patient movement from the disaster area; air, bus, train
- ESF#8 Patient Movement Coordination Cell manages requests
- USTRANSCOM: Patient regulating, movement requests, staging, tracking
 - Embarkation
 - Debarkation
- Return (*Not a DoD responsibility*)
- Patient movement is coordinated by 65 FCCs across the country managed by DoD and VA



How Can Coalitions Be Involved?

- Include HHS ASPR HQ in regional stakeholder meetings
 - HPP field project officers
 - Regional emergency coordinators (RECs)
 - NDMS Federal Patient Movement HQ representatives
 - Federal Coordinating Center (FCC) coordinators and directors
- Understand your state, territorial, tribal, and local partner patient movement and federal patient movement plans
- Sign up to be a definitive care facility to participate in NDMS system-wide full scale and functional exercises (VA & DoD sponsored)
 - Receive credit for these exercises for the HPP NOFO
- Communicate with NDMS Federal Patient Movement representatives- challenges and barriers for your coalition in engaging support for facility leadership to participate in the program
 - Supply chain disruption, staffing, etc.? We want to know how we can continuously evaluate the Definitive Care program to allow you to be successful with providing patient care to those in need.

Q&A Panel




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Impacts of Climate Change Events: A National Healthcare System Response to the 2024 Polar Vortex

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Large Health System Perspective

Clinical Stats

Number of Births ----- >79k
ED Visits ----- >3.1M
Outpatient Visits ----- >16.5M
Surgical Visits – Outpatient >599k
Equivalent Discharges -- >716k

139 Hospitals



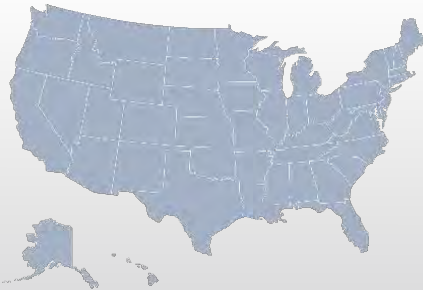
2,600 Sites of Care



More than 25k Available Beds



19 States and the District of Columbia



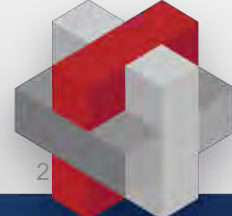
35k Affiliated Physicians



134k Associates



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Emergency Management, Environment of Care, and Safety

Direct Chain of Command Ensures:



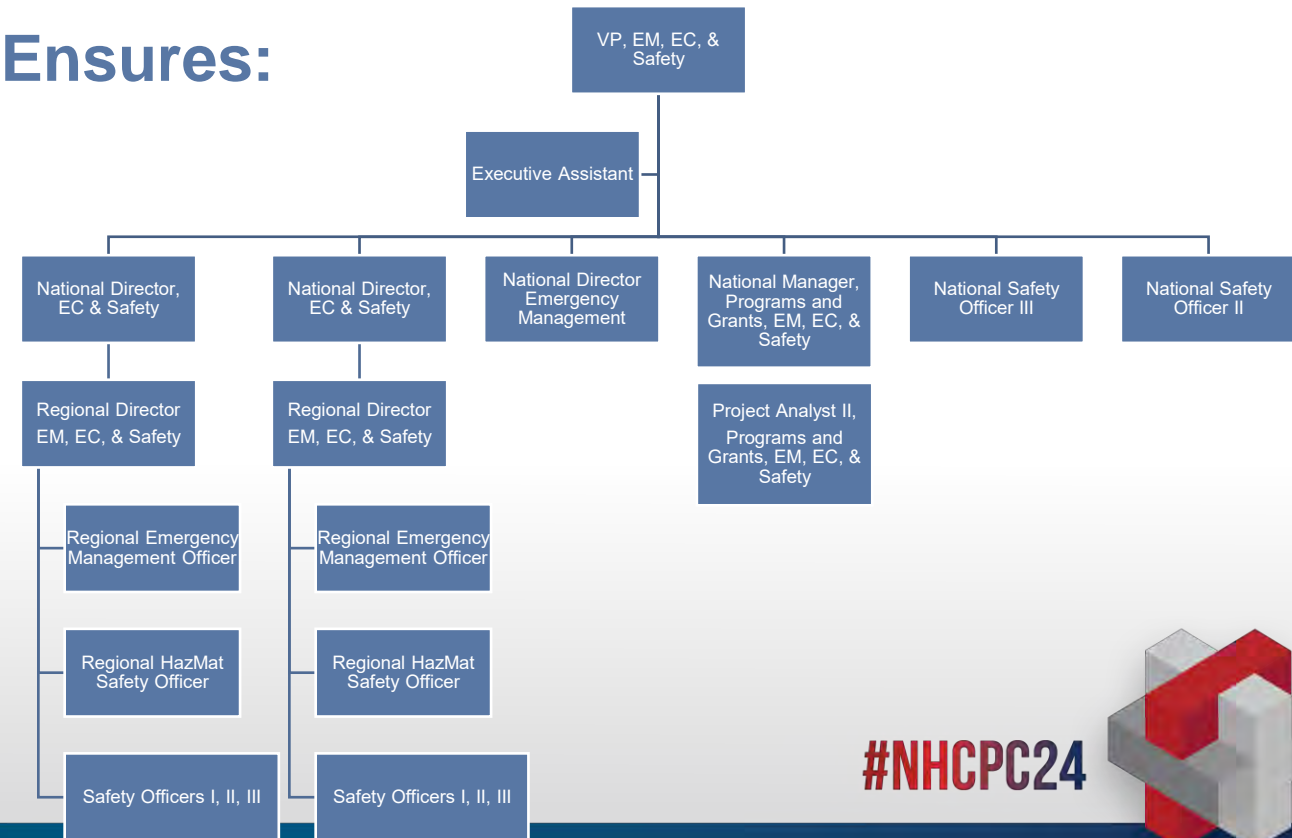
Standardization



Optimization



Communication



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Polling Question #1

- How has your organization been impacted by polar vortex events? (select all that apply)
 - Financial Impact (overtime, lost revenue through delayed or cancelled procedures, infrastructure repairs, etc.)
 - Infrastructure Impact (power failures, water system failures, sprinkler system damage, etc.)
 - Business Impact (loss of patient volume, damage to organization's reputation, etc.)
 - No impact



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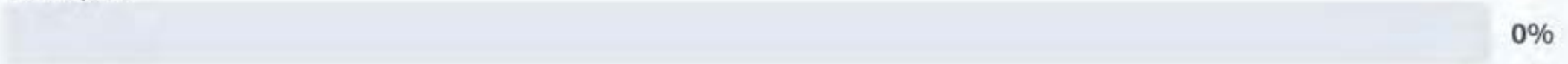
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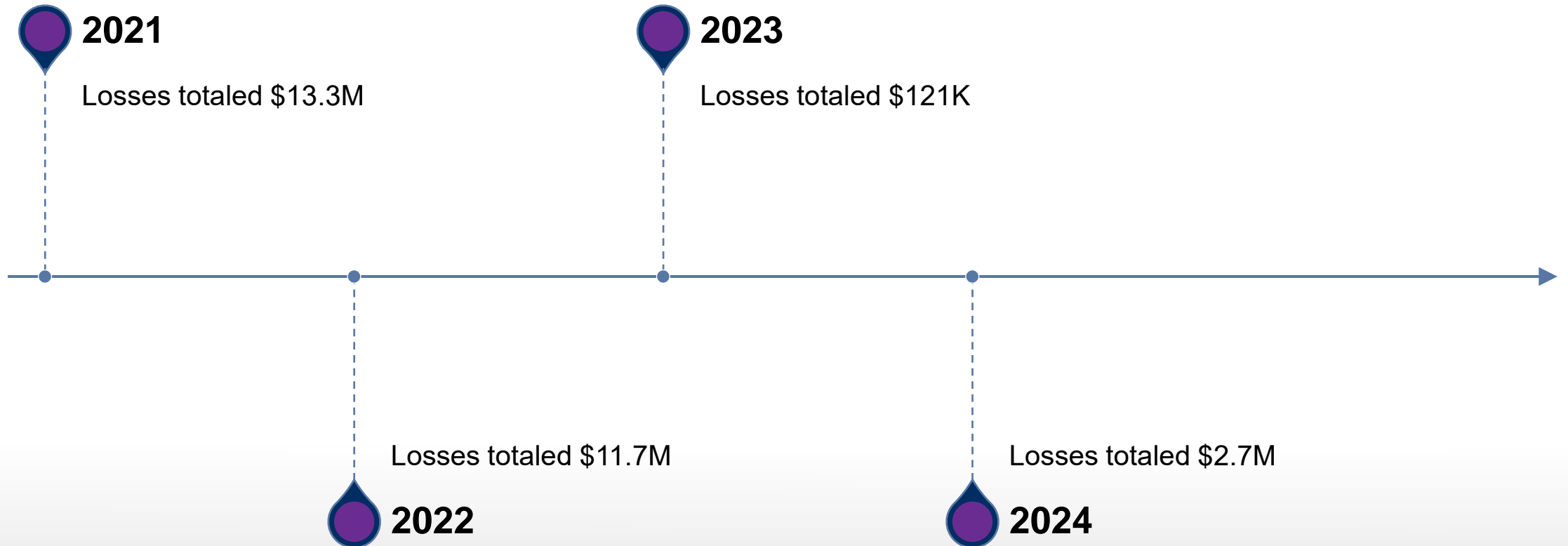
Business Impact (loss of patient volume, damage to organization's reputation, etc.)



No impact



Why do we worry about polar vortex events?



Polling Question #2

- Does your organization have standard operating procedures (SOPs) or emergency response plans (ERPs) that are consistent across all levels of the organization (facility, local, statewide, national, etc.)?
 - Yes
 - No
 - I don't know



Does your organization have standard operating procedures (SOPs) or emergency response plans (ERPs) that are consistent across all levels of the organization (facility, local, statewide, national, etc.)?

Yes

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No

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I don't know

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Disrupting the Cycle of Loss

- National workgroup created in 2023 focused on mitigating impacts from polar vortex events
 - » Team comprised of emergency management and facilities management subject matter experts
 - » All geographic areas of the health system represented
 - » Charged with developing standard operating procedures to prepare for, respond to, and recover from polar vortex events



Development of the IPRG

- Extreme Cold Incident Planning and Response Guide (IPRG)
 - » Built off the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) Incident Response Guides (IRG) formatting
 - » Planning section outlines activities to be completed prior to an extreme weather event
 - » Response section broken into two parts:
 - 48-24 hours prior to event
 - Imminent event and day of event
- Deployed for use in preparation / response to the 2024 polar vortex event



Mitigation and Preparedness

- Ongoing activities to be conducted well in advance of an extreme weather event
 - » Maintenance of roof drains and landscaping
 - » Validating process for generator fuel deliveries
 - » Testing of emergency equipment throughout the facility
 - » Locations identified to house staff, discharged patients, and community members

MITIGATION/PREPAREDNESS

EXTREME COLD WEATHER MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST

Purpose: Winter storms or hazardous winter weather is likely to occur as indicated in the facility's Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) and is a threat to life or property.

Risk Areas: Damage to facilities (physical plant), from flooding or wind; potential for roof collapse from weight of heavy snow fall; loss of power or heat (boilers); the hospital/ Healthcare Facility (HCF) is inaccessible in and out due to impassable or closed roads; loss of power and resultant disruptions in the environment of care; disruptions of supply lines; difficulty for staff to report to work, travel, and conduct home visits.

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Response

- Activities to be conducted 48 – 24 hours in advance of an extreme weather event
 - » Routine monitoring of weather information
 - » Prepare/activate hospital incident command team
 - » Validate communication methods with snow/ice removal team
 - » Review current supply levels for all departments
 - » Review housing plan for staff remaining on site
 - » Develop staffing plan for rounding in areas typically unoccupied (i.e. closed units, construction areas, business offices, etc.)
 - » Review plan for documenting response related costs
 - » Obtain/deploy supplemental heating devices if available

EXTREME COLD WEATHER RESPONSE CHECKLIST

Purpose: To prepare hospital/ HCF for a significant winter storm or hazardous winter weather that is likely, imminent or occurring. Preparations for the storm can be enacted to mitigate the threat to life or property.

EXTREME COLD WEATHER WATCH (48hrs – 24hrs pre-storm)

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Response

- › Activities to be conducted upon storm onset and throughout extreme weather event
 - › Routine monitoring of weather information
 - › Activate hospital incident command team
 - › Evaluate current supply levels for all departments
 - › Implement housing plan for staff remaining on site
 - › Implement staffing plan for rounding to typically unoccupied areas (i.e. closed units, construction areas, business offices, etc.)
 - › Communicate facility status to patients and families
 - › Document all event response expenses

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EXTREME COLD WEATHER WARNING (Imminent storm/storm day)

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Polar Vortex Reimbursements 2021-2024



Success Drivers in 2024 Polar Vortex

- Routine rounding of unoccupied areas and deployment of staff to typically unoccupied buildings
- Identification of vulnerable areas based on experience, implementing protective measures
 - » Drained sprinkler systems and initiated fire watches in areas with minimal protection from extreme temperature
- Consistent communication between local, state, and national teams on facility status
- Standard process implemented for documenting damage expenses throughout organization
- Deployment of standard cost center for additional personnel hours
- Early procurement of ice melt supplies able to withstand extreme temperatures

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Polling Question #3

- Does your organization have a standard process or system for tracking expenses related to extreme weather event responses?
 - Yes
 - No
 - In development



Does your organization have a standard process or system for tracking expenses related to extreme weather event responses?

(A) Yes

0%

(B) No

0%

(C) In development

0%



FEMA Grants, Public Assistance, and Insurance Claims



FEMA Grant Programs

- FEMA has funding programs available for pre-disaster mitigation and post-disaster recovery
- Maximizing funds available requires a structured program and training before the disaster strikes
 - » Program management coordinates with regional emergency management officers, site safety officers, and local hospital incident command teams
- Program structure can be applied to other government and non-government programs
- Process is useful during the insurance claim process



FEMA Grant Programs

- **FEMA Public Assistance
(after a presidentially declared disaster)**
 - » Provides supplemental grants to nonprofit entities enabling organizations to quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies
 - » Cost-share – 75% federal/25% non-federal
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**
 - » Funding enabling organizations to rebuild in a way that reduces or mitigates future disaster losses in their communities
 - » Cost-share – 75% federal/25% non-federal
- **Management costs available**
 - » Up to 5% of the total obligated amount
 - » Costs for indirect and administrative grant management



Our Process

- Launched enterprise emergency management program in 2015 and identified opportunity for public assistance after the 2016 hurricane season
- Identified opportunities in the areas of grants, proper filing, capturing expenses, and compliance with FEMA requirements
- Hired a program manager to develop a multi-disciplinary team, a disaster response guide, a process for collecting data, debris-specific documentation, and standardized activity logs for emergency protective measures
- Continued work on best practices, including developing a module for all staff to review regarding requirements and documentation collection
- Added a program analyst in 2020 to provide additional support
- Ongoing search for additional grant opportunities (such as security grants)



Documentation

- National approach for education and training for hospital incident command teams
- We document time and expenses related to the disaster
 - » The site(s) establish a department code for all time and expenses, capturing all expenses related to the disaster
 - » The facilities' related items are documented via our work order system so we can track time, materials, and equipment
 - » Incident command forms track attendance, activities, and procurement processes



Disaster Guide and Module

- Disaster Response and Recovery Annex
 - » Incident Reimbursement
 - Guidance includes:
 - Eligible expenses
 - Procurement
 - HICS forms and use
 - Required documentation
- In 2023, we developed a learning module for leaders to review before disasters to understand documentation needs, resource allocation, assets, safety, emergency management, and responsibilities during an emergency

Incident Reimbursement

Attachment F – Disaster Response and Recovery Annex

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Other Benefits

- We use a similar process for insurance claims
 - » You cannot “double dip” insurance and FEMA assistance
- FEMA pays up to 5% of assistance/grant value for the administration of the process
 - » Indirect and direct administrative costs associated with requesting, obtaining, and administering a grant
 - » Obligated \$497K and potential for \$8M based on the projects we are currently working on



Public Assistance Grant Dollars

- Applied for public assistance for 13 disasters (data does not include COVID-19 pandemic)
 - » 9 hurricanes, 3 severe storms, and 1 winter storm
 - » Since 2017, we have applied for over \$18M and received over \$10M to date
 - Includes the FEMA cost-share (75% - 100% depending on the disaster)
 - Several projects are ongoing with FEMA, and we anticipate payment in the next few months
 - » Types of categories
 - A – Debris
 - B – Emergency protective measures
 - E – Buildings and equipment
 - G - Parks, recreational facilities, and other items



Hazard Mitigation Grant Dollars

- Applied for two grants for damages from Hurricane Irma
 - » Applied for and were awarded over \$88M
 - Currently working on the projects
 - Cost-share 75% - 25%



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Resources

- <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public>
- <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>
- <https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation>
- <http://cdphready.org/fema-reimbursement-for-acute-care-hospitals-guide-2/>





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MARC-HCC

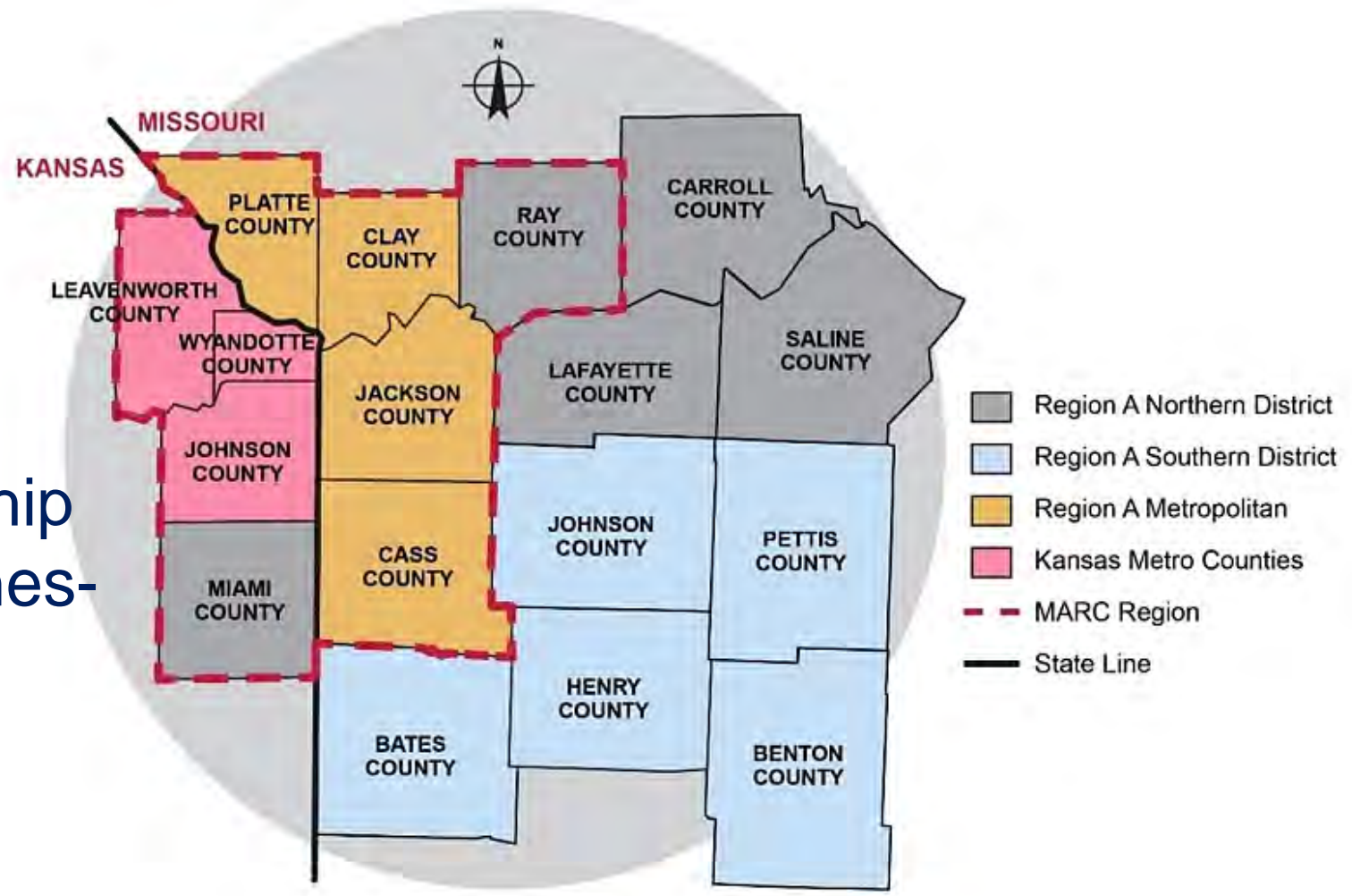
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HEALTH CARE COALITION

*Collaborating to Advance
Health Care System Resilience*

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- Counties: 13 (16 with KS)
- Population: 1.45M
 - *2.3M with Kansas Metro*
- Member Organizations: 267
- Active & engaged membership
- Work closely across state lines-
(Kansas City Metro)
- Urban and rural



MARC HCC Mission

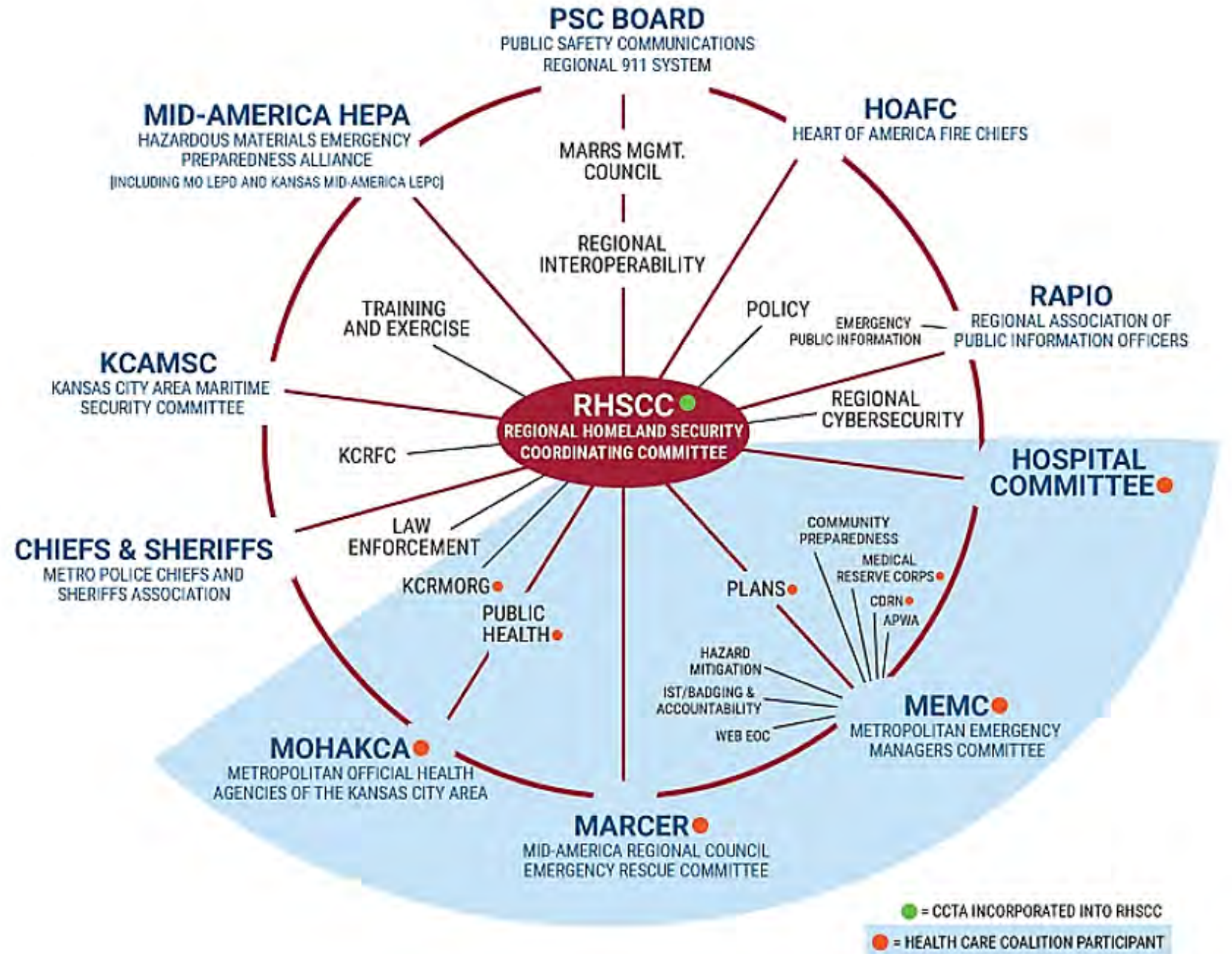
The mission of the MARC HCC is to *prepare and coordinate health and medical response and recovery to the threats and hazards the region faces to help communities during emergencies receive the care they need*; decrease deaths, injuries, and illnesses resulting from emergencies; and *promote health care delivery system resilience*.

This will be done through a cooperative strategic and operational annual assessment and planning process, identifying regional health care threats, gaps, and vulnerabilities that could impede delivery of healthcare; establishing collaborative and integrated mitigation strategies and implementing those strategies through *coordinated integrated planning and training, information and resource sharing, and exercising plans, systems and processes*.



MARC RHSCC Circle of Friends

The MARC Health Care Coalition exists as the health and medical arm of the Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee. This structure allows collaboration and coordination across disciplines and agencies to ensure inclusive planning and response.



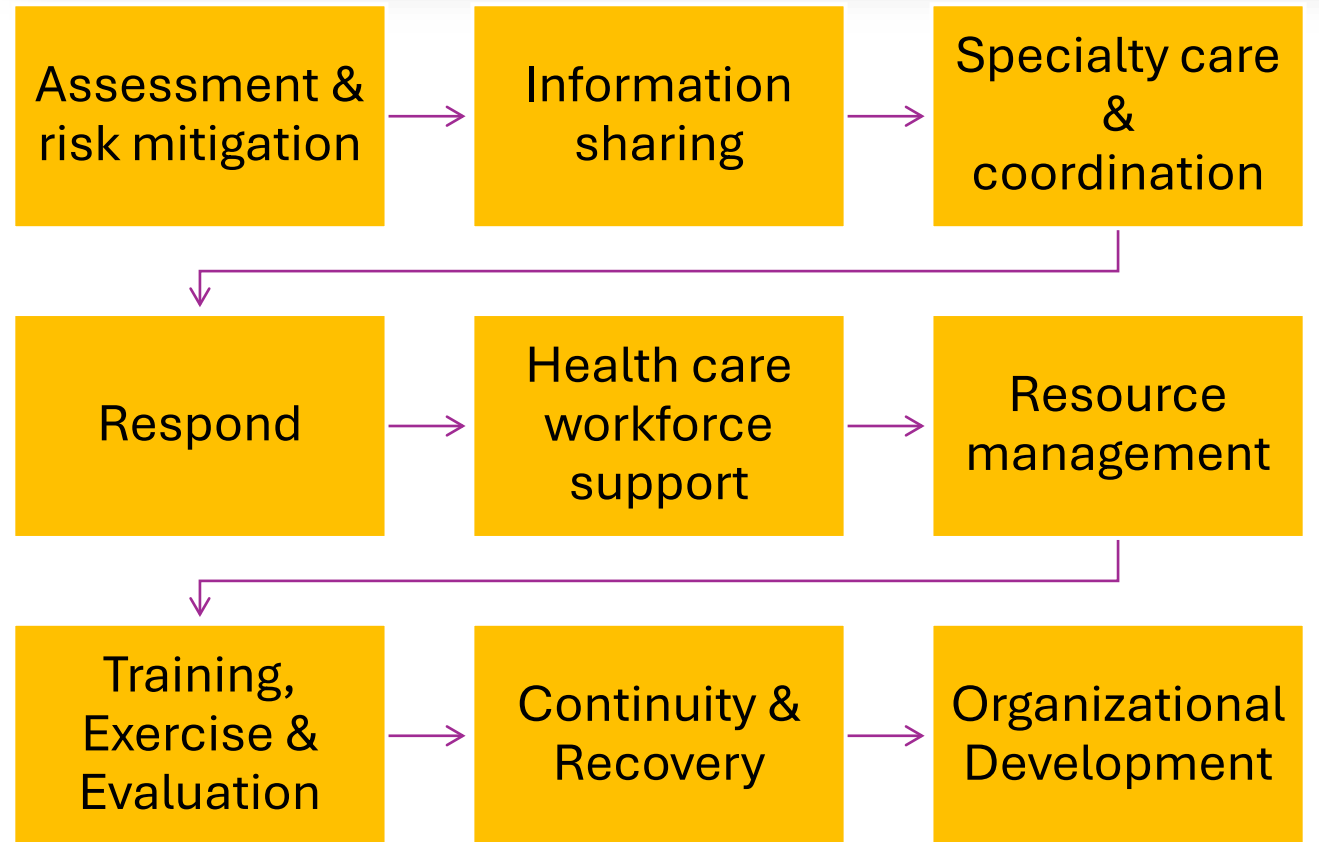


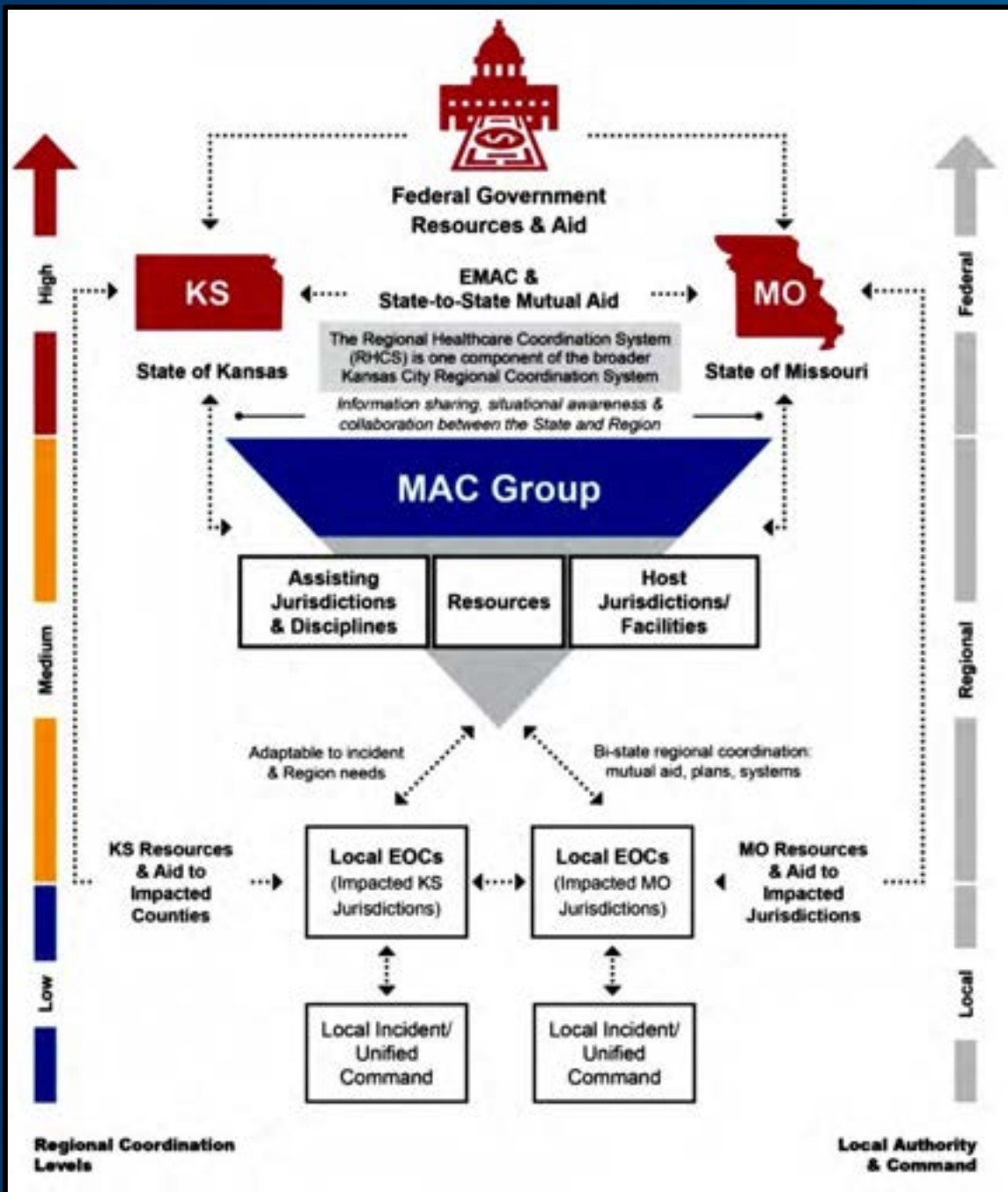
What *is* the role of the coalition?

'HCCs collaborate to ensure each member has what it needs to respond to emergencies and other events, including medical equipment and supplies, real-time information, communication systems, and educated and trained health care personnel in the event of an emergency,' (ASPR).



Core Functions

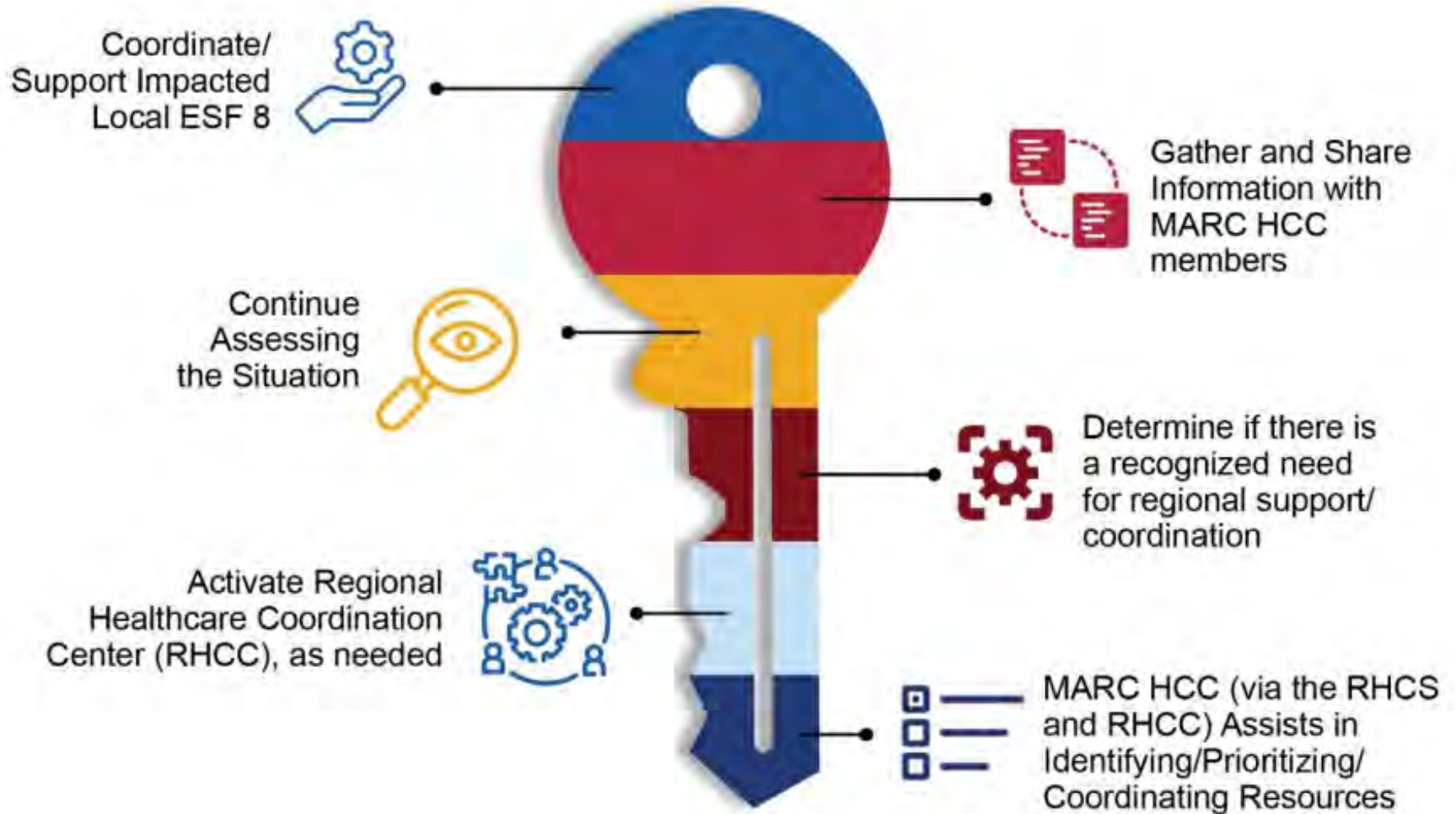




Regional Healthcare Coordination System (RHCS)

The information sharing and coordination mechanism for the MARC HCC Response Plan is the Regional Healthcare Coordination System (RHCS), which specifically addresses public health and medical needs within the Region. The nature of the incident/event and corresponding and evolving prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery needs will largely determine which participants (i.e. coalition members) will make up the RHCS at any given time during a public health and/or medical incident/event.

Key Components of the RHCS





Triggers that initiate the MARC HCC Response Plan



Significant Public Health and/or Medical Incident Occurs or is Anticipated



MARC HCC Duty Officer receives a telephone call (913-608-9425) from a HCC member requesting monitoring or activation of the HCC Response Plan



MARC HCC Duty Officer notifies the MARC HCC Threat Assessment Team via eICS



MARC HCC Threat Assessment conducts a threat assessment via Conference Call or In-Person Meeting Call

Note: Additional attendees may include the impacted HCC member(s) and/or Local ESF8



MARC HCC Threat Assessment determines the appropriate response level and appropriate next steps.

Potential Next Steps:

- No Further Action Necessary
- Continue Monitoring
- Activation of Regional Healthcare Coordination



MARC HCC Threat Assessment notifies the MARC HCC members via eICS and/or WebEOC and/or email of the:


- 1. Situation
- 2. Response Level
- 3. Next Steps

(as appropriate)



Activation of RHCS Needed

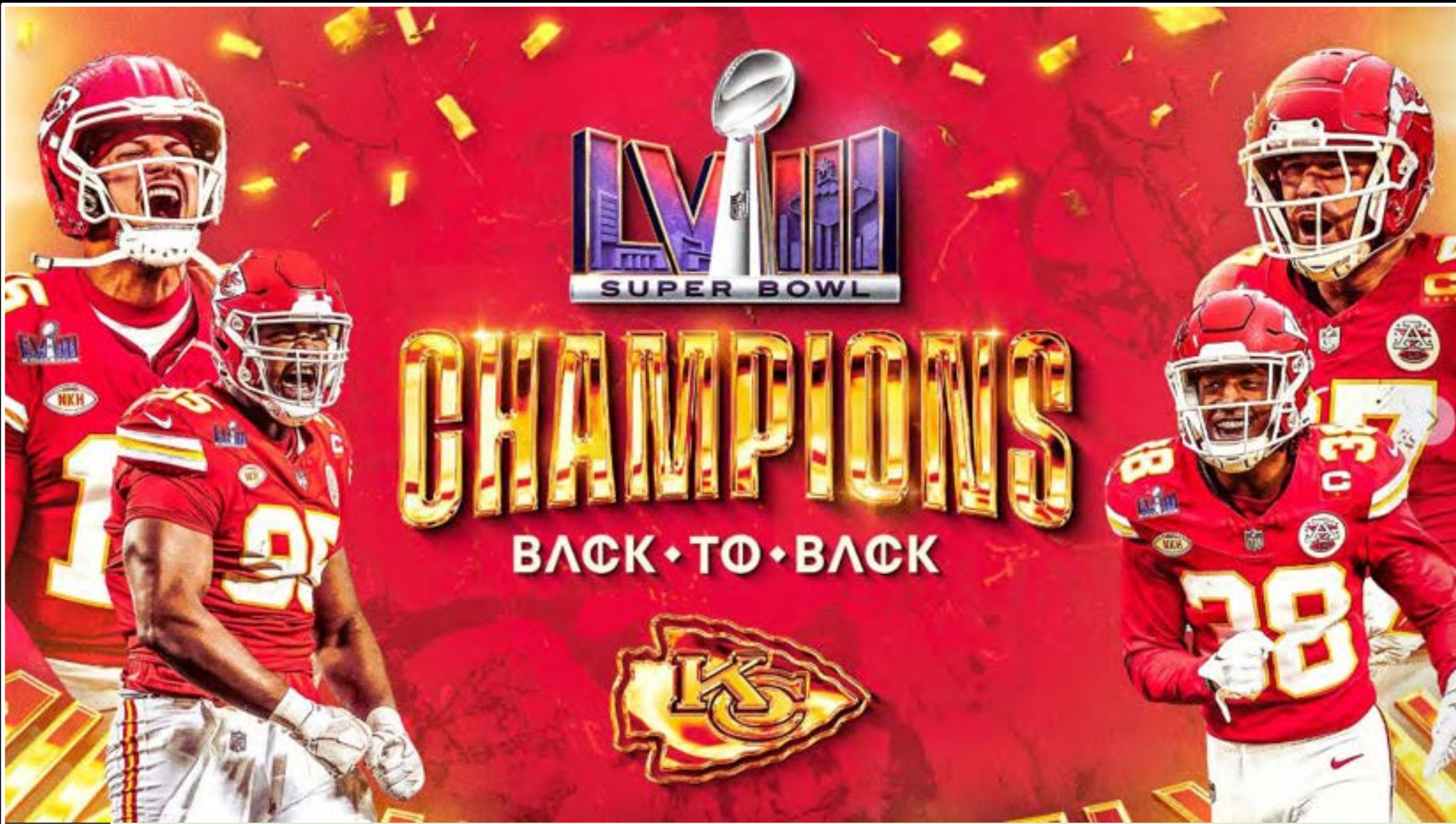
Threat Assessment Team (TAT)

- 
- **MARC HCC Chair**
 - **Co-Chairs of the MARC RHSCC Hospital Committee (KS & MO)**
 - **Co-Chairs of the MARC Emergency Rescue Committee (MARCER-EMS/Ambulance; KS & MO)**
 - **Co-Chairs of the MARC RHSCC Public Health Subcommittee (KS & MO)**
 - **Chair and Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee (MEMC, KS & MO)**
 - **Chair of the Kansas City Mortuary Operational Response Group (KCRMORG)**
 - **HCC Readiness and Response Coordinators (KS & MO)**
 - **MARC HCC Duty Officer(s)**
 - **Clinical Advisor(s)**
 - **Pediatric Medical Advisor**
 - **MO Region A EMS Mutual Aid Coordinator**
 - **others may be added to these calls as needed, dependent on the nature of the incident (e.g., impacted organization, agency, or jurisdiction)**



Team members evaluate and discuss next steps based on population, agency, and regional impacts.

Each discipline represented evaluates based on their scope, expertise and any possible resources they may have to assist if needed.





KC Championship Parade & Victory Rally: February 14, 2024

SUPERBOWL PARADE TIMELINE



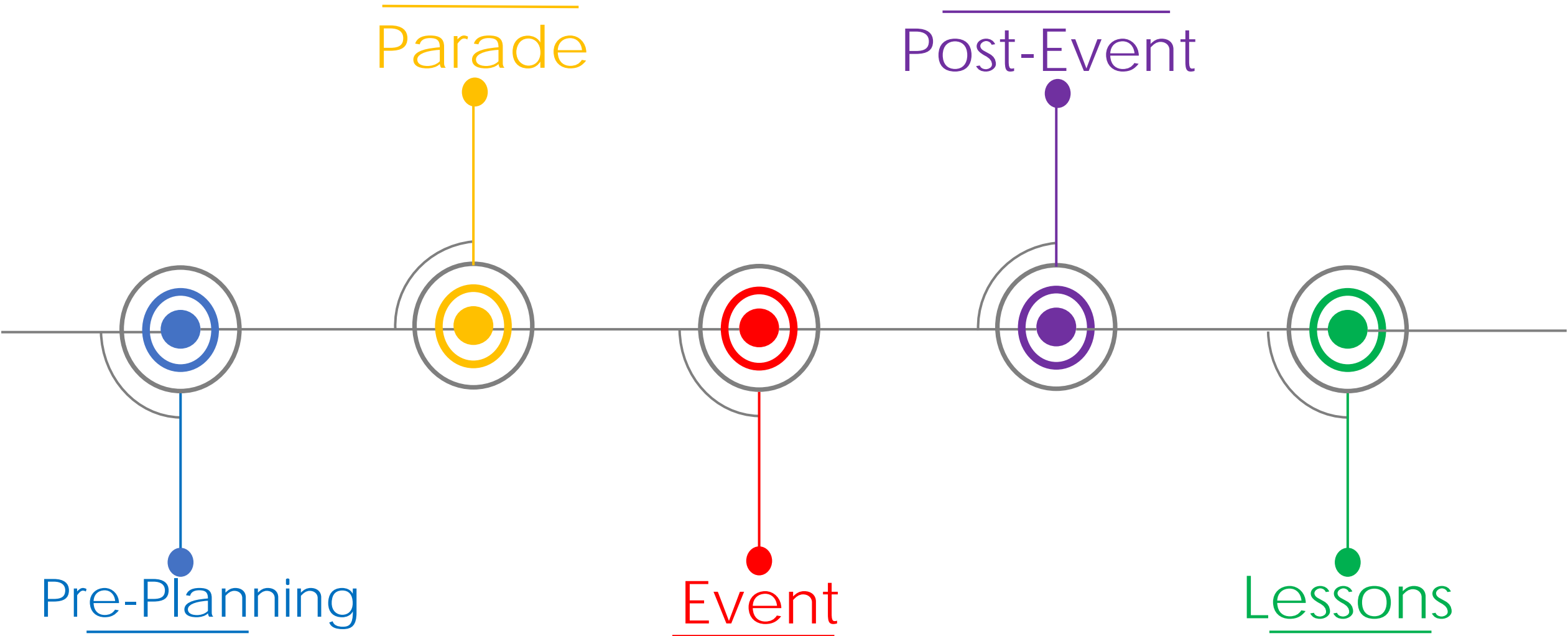
Parade

Post-Event

Pre-Planning

Event

Lessons



SUPERBOWL PARADE TIMELINE



Pre-Planning



HCC Pre-event planning

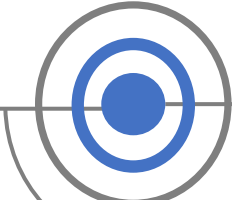
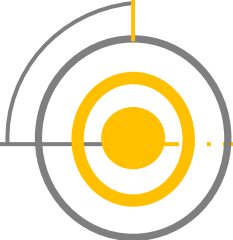
- eICS
 - Reminders re: access
 - Event activation
- Street closure information
- Parade Map/Route
- RHCC Staffing
- Hospital Bed polling



SUPERBOWL PARADE TIMELINE



Parade



Pre-Planning





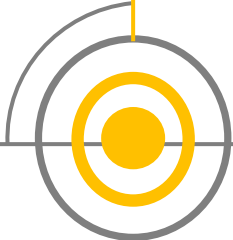
Parade

- Situational Awareness Updates (eICS)
- Connected to boots on the ground
- Continuous monitoring
 - City Cameras
 - Live broadcasts
 - Radio Traffic
 - Web EOC

SUPERBOWL PARADE TIMELINE



Parade



Pre-Planning

Event





1:51 PM
“1190...”

WE HAVE
SHOTS FIRED
JUST WEST OF
THE STAGE”



Transition to response.



HCC Response Actions: Information Sharing



Feb 14 2024 12:27	Duty Officer MARC HCC	Situational Update: Continuing to monitor WebEOC, radio traffic, EOC feeds, etc. No significant health/medical events.
Feb 14 2024 13:16	Duty Officer MARC HCC	Situational Update: Increase in activity at east medical tent. EMS crews load balancing. RHCC in contact with EMS Mutual Aid Coordinator and DHSS contact at DMAT. No immediate needs.
Feb 14 2024 13:59	Duty Officer MARC HCC	Major Event: Confirmed multiple shooting. 9 victims at this time.
Feb 14 2024 14:04	Duty Officer MARC HCC	Notification: MCI Alert Issued via EMResource for shooting at area in and around Union Station.
Feb 14 2024 14:09	Duty Officer MARC HCC	Notification: Eight victims in medical tent awaiting transport to hospitals.
Feb 14 2024 14:09	Jennifer Sutherlin	Message Posted: "MCI ALERT-": "hospitals please complete MCI query STAT. Multiple patients. Situation ongoing." was sent with High priority.
Feb 14 2024 14:19	Jennifer Sutherlin	Situational Update: Current estimate 10 total victims. Situation ongoing.



The first 10 minutes



The First 10 Minutes
Additional Reports



LIVE

1:58
60°

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HCC Response Actions: Information Sharing

Patient transport locations (when known)

Scene information

Safety

Situational awareness

HICS 254r- Patient Tracking for Reunification RHCC Incident Summary

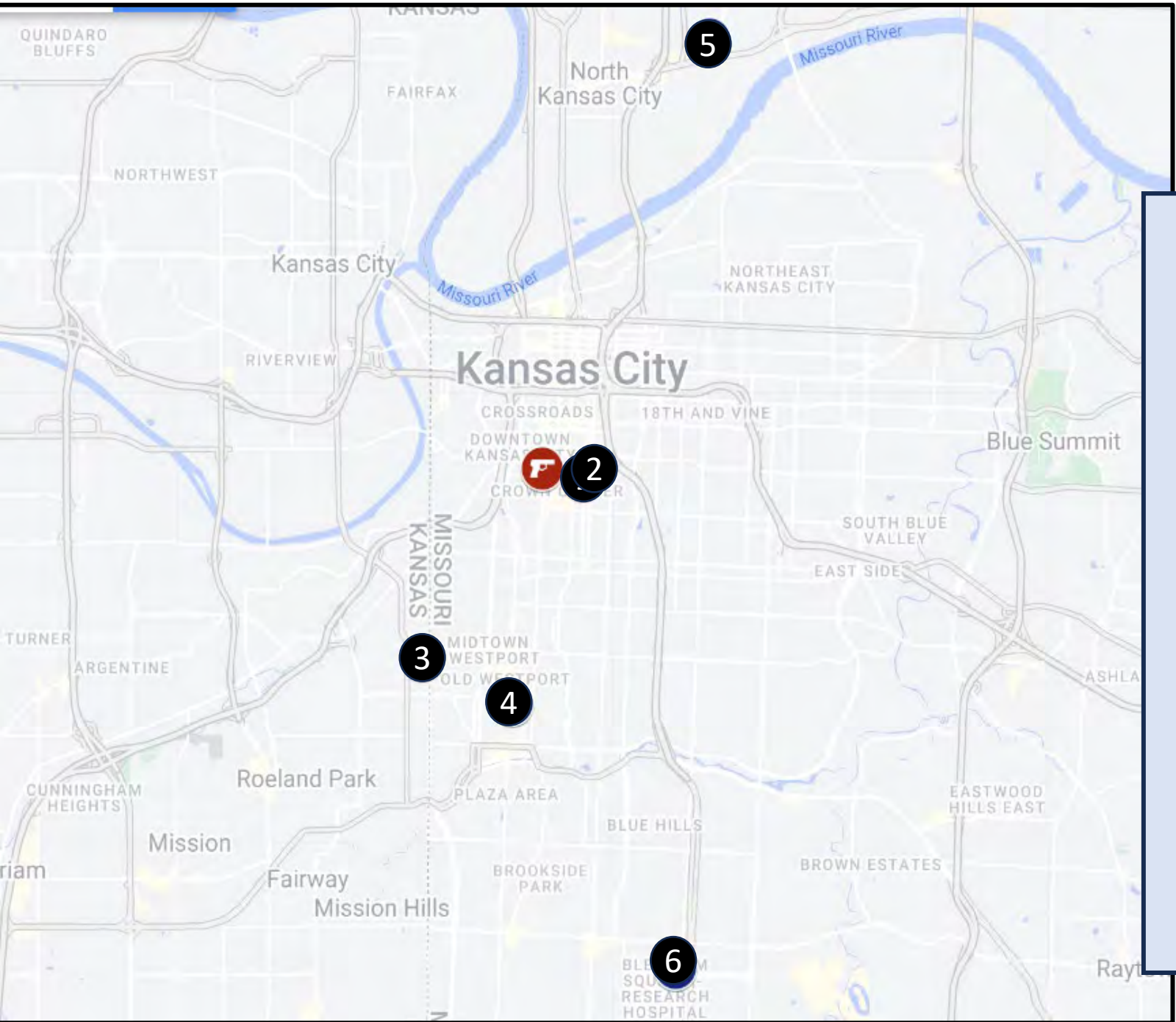
Incident Name:	Chiefs Parade/Rally MCI	Date/Time Prepared:	2/14/2024
Incident Date:	2/14/2024	Distribution:	
RHCC Location:	KCMO EOC	Prepared By:	Jennifer Sutherland
Notes:			

Sheet Name	Hospital/Facility Name	Patients Received	Triage Category					Disposition				
			Unknown	Green	Yellow	Red	Black	In Process	Discharged	Admitted	Transferred	Morgue
Incident Totals =		40	14	10	7	9	0	12	8	2	1	0

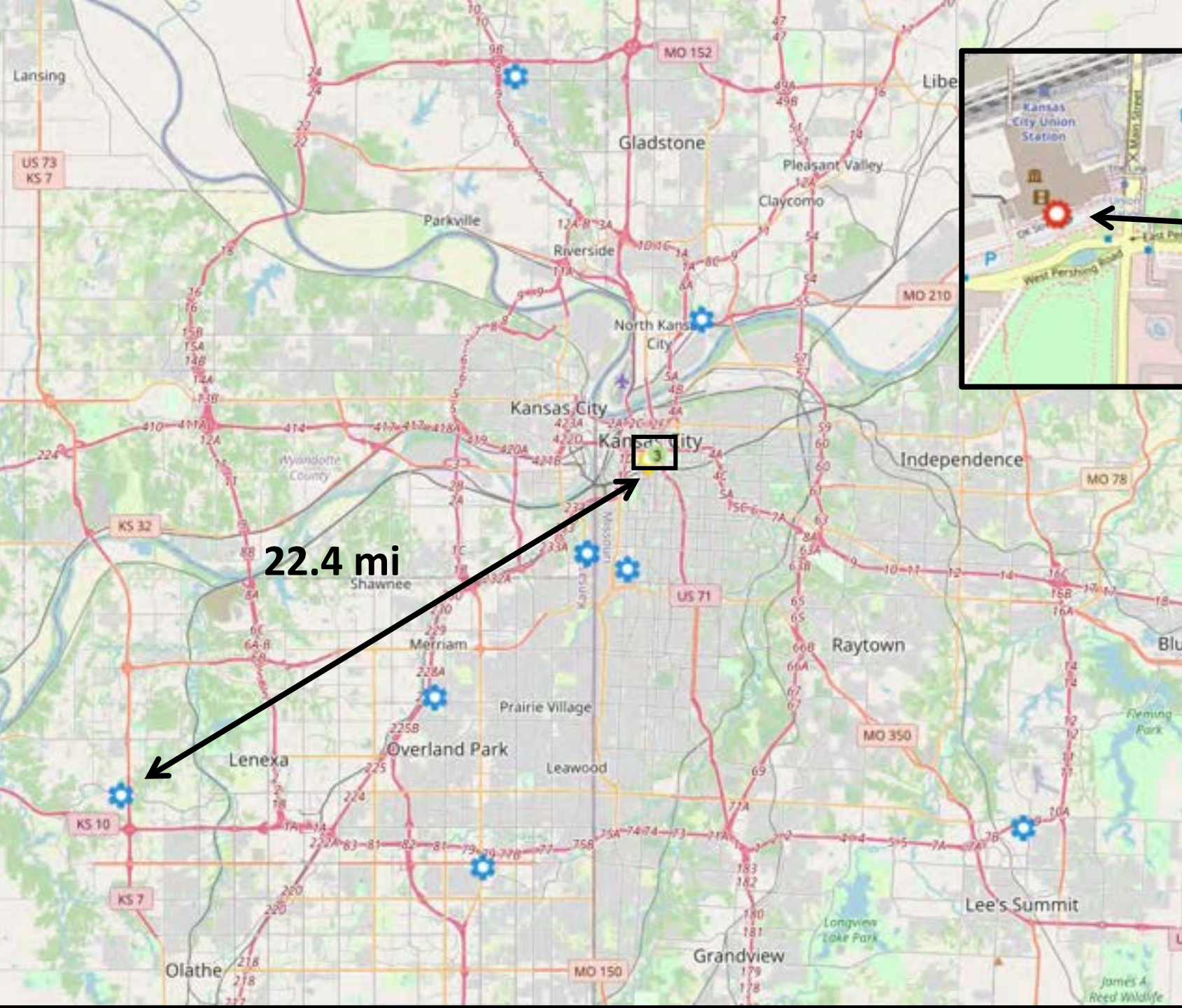


Patients were seen at 10 different facilities

- Gun shot wounds
- Fleeing/trampling injuries
- Behavioral health



- 1** **Children's Mercy Hospital**
Level 1 Trauma; 0.8 Miles
- 2** **University Health-TMC**
Level 1 Trauma; 0.8 Miles
- 3** **The University of Kansas**
Level 1 Trauma; 2.8 Miles
- 4** **Saint Luke's Hospital-Plaza**
Level 1 Trauma; 3.4 Miles
- 5** **North Kansas City Hospital**
Level 2 Trauma; 6.6 Miles
- 6** **Research Medical Center**
Level 1 Trauma; 6.8 Miles



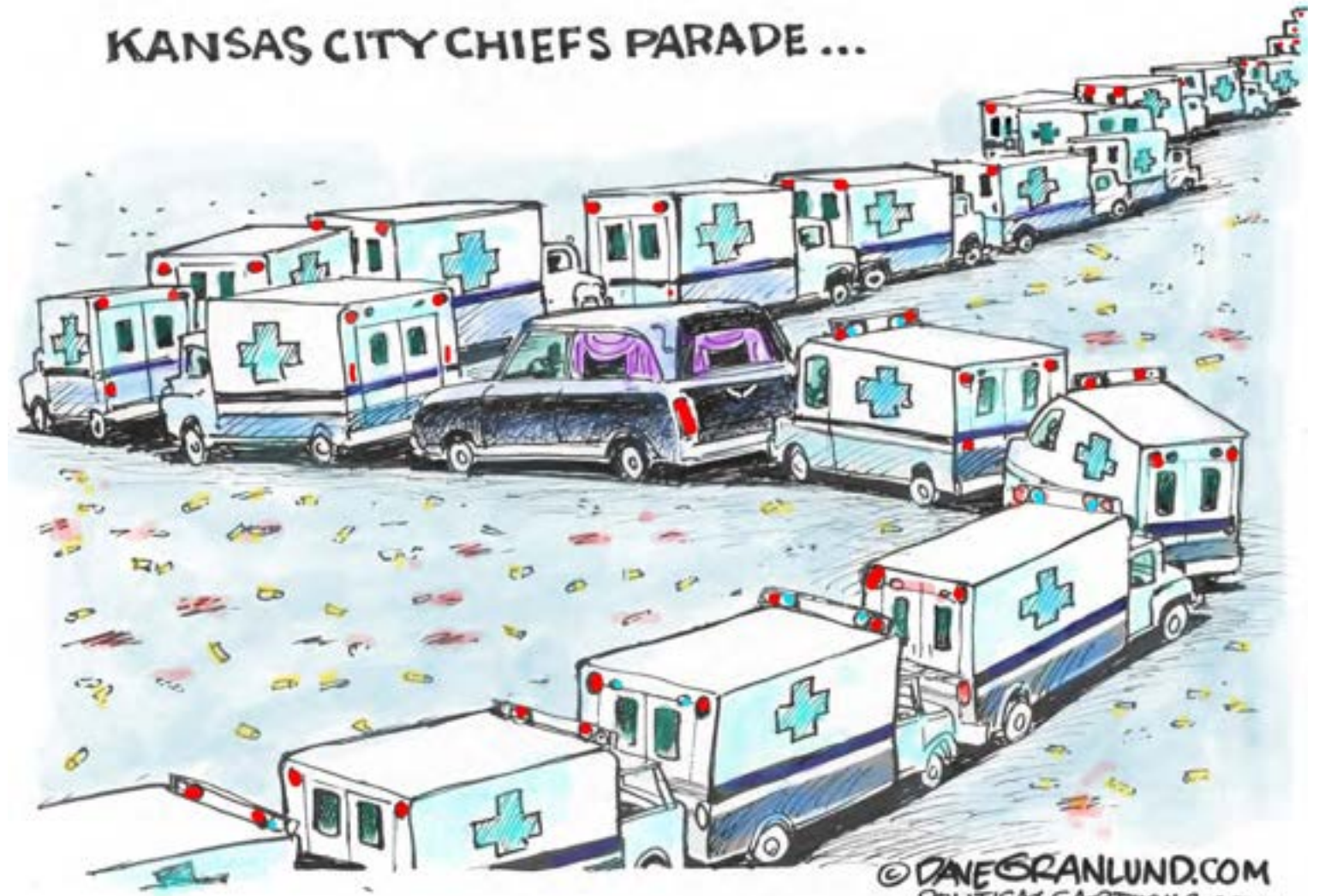
Casualty distribution

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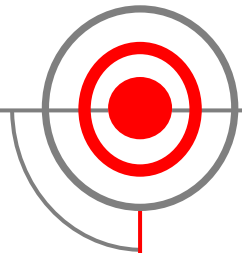
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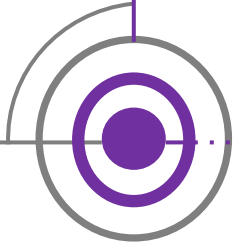
SUPERBOWL PARADE TIMELINE



Post-Event



Event



A. Sporre, Missouri Independent.

Regional Debrief & Hotwash

February 15th, 2024



- 76 participants
 - Hospitals
 - Public Health
 - EMS
 - Emergency Management
 - Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH)
 - Missouri Dept. of Health & Senior Services (DHSS)
 - Sheriff's office
 - Community Disaster Resiliency Network (CDRN)
 - Home care/hospice representative (KCRHCA)
 - Kansas Metro HCC
 - Missouri DMAT
 - Fusion Center

Mental Health

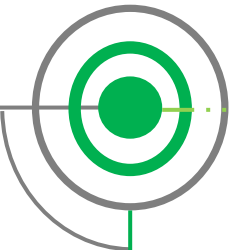
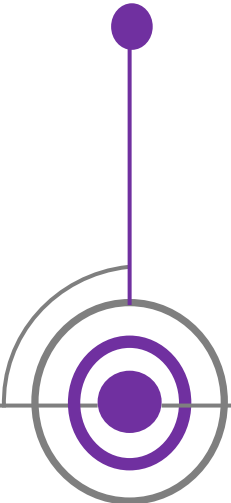
- Behavioral Health Strike Team
- Resource sharing
- Community resilience



SUPERBOWL PARADE TIMELINE



Post-Event



Lessons





Strengths

Relationships,
relationships,
RELATIONSHIPS!

Exercises are critical.

Real time information
sharing is invaluable.

Proximity is key.



Improvement Planning

Duty Officer radios

Transport officers/information

Behavioral Health

- 1) Understanding coverage short term
- 2) Ensuring coverage long term

Pre-planned events vs. random/unexpected

Crucial Considerations

Are OUR people safe?

Media

Milestones





Thank you

Lessons & Considerations for HCC Response to a Hospital Cyber Event

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University Health, Kansas City, MO

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Liberty Hospital, Liberty, MO



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December 19, 2023

- IT discovered an outside disruption to computer operations
- IT pulled the plug and shut down ALL operations
- This included not just the hospital, but all the clinics and Urgent Care
- Incident Command was initiated, downtime procedures announced
- All Leadership notified to meet for briefing
- Leadership briefed
- Liberty Hospital went Out of Service via EMResource

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Immediate Objectives

- Ensure Safe Patient Care
- Establish Department Communications
- Triage all patients for possible transfer
- Go “Out of Service” for all ambulances



Local and Regional Assistance

- HCC Duty Officer reached out and a Threat Assessment Team (TAT) Call initiated
- Steve Hoeger (HCC Chair) from University Health came to Liberty Hospital to provide Incident Management support in IC
- Hospital Bed Poll done
- EMS notified of the need to transfer patients
- Liberty Fire dispatched 2 assistant chiefs (Chris Young, Pete VanNess)
- Chief Dan Manley activated the Region A Mutual Aid system, 2 strike teams sent



State and Federal Help

Missouri Hospital Association (MHA)

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)

Missouri Behavioral Health Strike Team

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

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Transfer of Patients

Physicians made rounds in house and decided who needed transfer

Patients were triaged as emergent, urgent, or non-urgent

A total of 48 patients were transferred

There were 8 different EMS agencies and 8 different hospitals involved in transfers

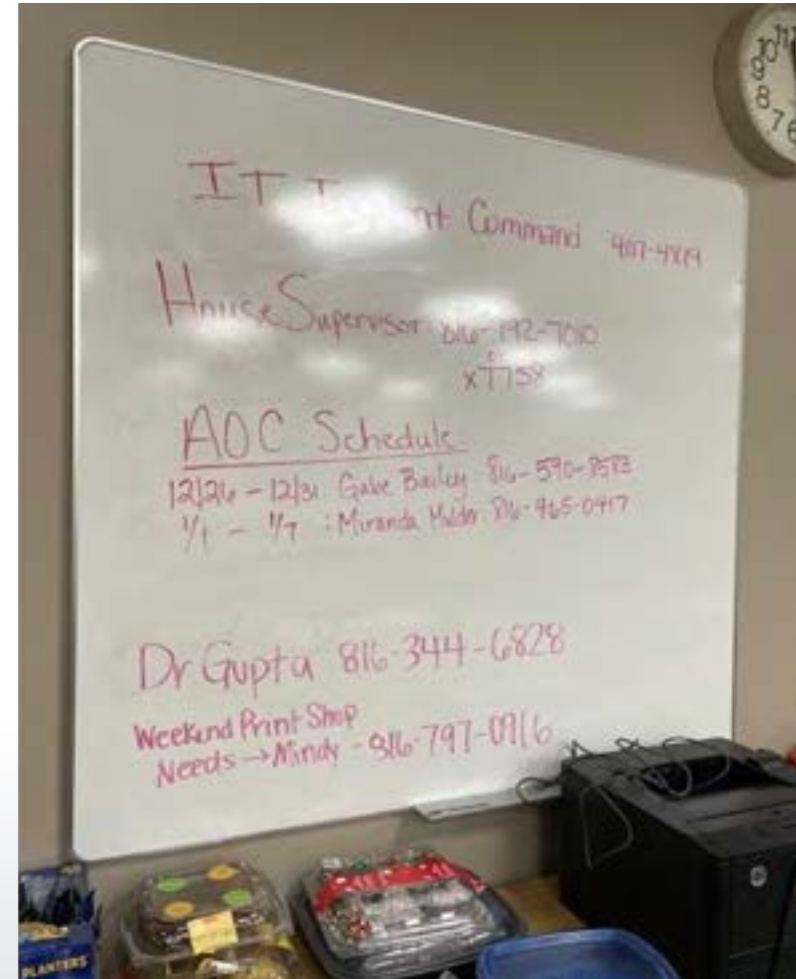


Incident Command (IC)

- Core group of leaders staffed IC 24/7 for the first 2 weeks
- IT staffed a representative in IC to triage IT issues
- Daily briefings were held for leadership (sometimes twice a day)
- Primary IC was for operational issues – remained a physical location for 1 month
- Secondary IC was in IT, prioritizing systems restoration
- Incident Command formally demobilized 5 weeks after event



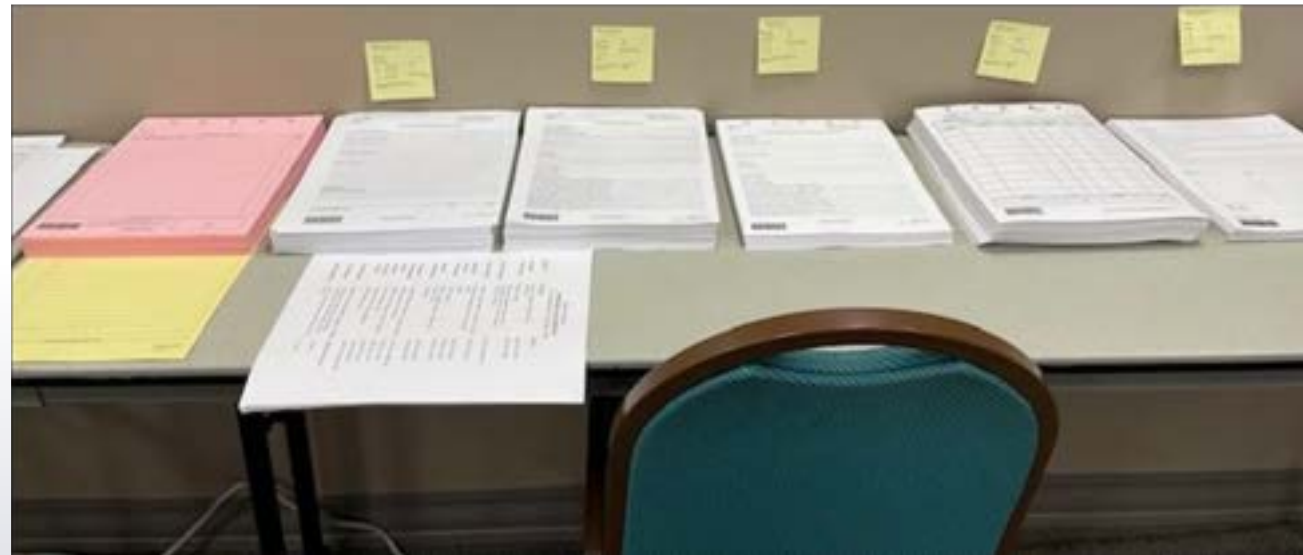
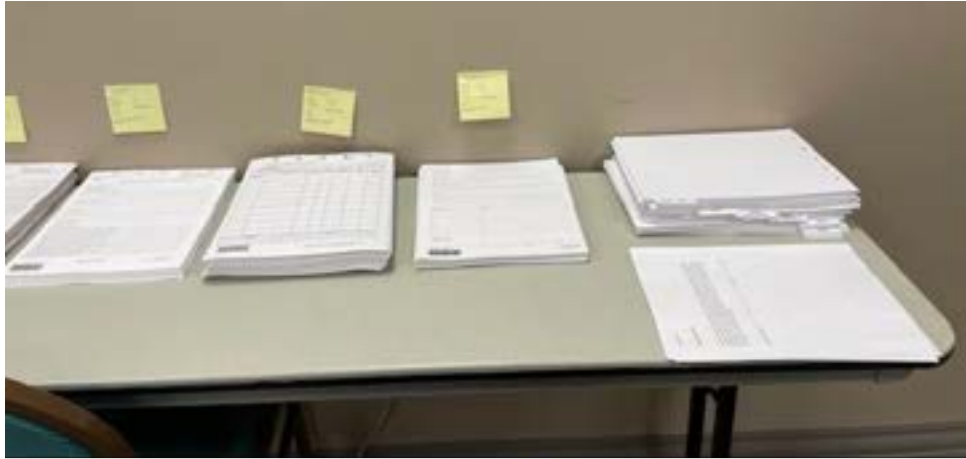
Incident Command Core Group



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Piles and Piles of Paper!



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Life Without Electronics

- Every laptop, desktop, iPad, etc. needed to be screened and reimaged
- Unable to read radiology images as they are all digital
- Phones were cleared in 24 hours, so only used radios a short time
- The only way to mass communicate was via RAVE
- No EHR (Electronic Health Record), no Email



Systems Slowly Restored

- The Emergency Department opened to ambulances 3 days later but remained on TCD diversion
- The EHR was restored 3 weeks after event
- The Emergency Department went off TCD diversion when EHR was restored
- Email was restored one month after event
- Systems have been restored



Lessons Learned

Accept help when offered

Be transparent with leadership and staff

The Kansas City Healthcare Coalition is an invaluable asset

Onsite print shop was a tremendous help

Keep a back-up for policies / procedures / order sets

Make frequent rounds to bolster morale and reassure patients

Have a printed list of leadership & physician cell phone numbers

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!

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Lessons Learned

JIT Training for
Physicians

Assign super-users
for downtime
documentation

Consistent
leadership in
Incident Command

IT Liaison in
Incident Command

Have multiple
ways to update
staff and public

Arrange for
Critical Incident
Stress
Management

Demobilize in
Phases

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Local Strategic Stockpile Advance Warehouse Planning

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Objective

Upon completion, attendees will gain strategies to more effectively organize their LSS by utilizing local data and addressing specific needs, enabling them to better prepare for and respond to emergencies.



Topics of Consideration

Stockpile

- What is in your stockpile?
- What is your inclusion/exclusion criteria?
- What are your local facilities storing?

Maintain

- How frequently do you rotate expired stock?
- How do you perform maintenance on products which require routine maintenance?

Updates

- How frequently do you obtain new supplies for your warehouse?
- How do you coordinate with local healthcare facilities to identify gaps?

Requests

- What is the process for requesting resources?
- How long will it take to deploy from the time of request?





Local Strategic Stockpile Overview

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Local Strategic Stockpile (LSS)

- Created and maintained by Local Health Jurisdictions.
- Collaboration and coordination with Healthcare Coalitions.
- LSS strengthens medical response capabilities.
- Designed to enhance, not replace, facility stockpiles.
- Focused on local community needs.





Warehousing During and After COVID-19

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Warehousing During COVID

Resource Allocation

- Requests for PPE, personnel, vaccines, therapeutics, etc.
- Nearly 5,000,000 PPE items deployed

ReddiNet

- Bed census and availability polling
- Mass casualty incident management
- Resource requesting

Warehouse Coordination

- Contacted warehouse has custom inventory management system and resource requesting portal



Challenges from COVID

Warehouse Location

- Lease ended, not renewed due to sale of warehouse (Mid-Late 2021).
- Finding new space mid-COVID a major challenge.

Resource Requesting

- Training coalition (170+ facilities) on ReddiNet to request resources.
- ReddiNet for Resource Requesting began March 6th, 2020.

Warehouse Response

- Pickup/Delivery Logistics.
- Office Stockpile.



Post-COVID LSS Review

Successes

- ReddiNet
- Equipment tracking and inventory management
- Coalition facility site visits
- Coalition buy-in / build-out

Challenges

- Warehouse relocation
- Physical audit accuracy and timelines
- Warehouse space prohibitively expensive
- Learning a new warehouse inventory management system
 - Systems and processes all needed updating



Post-COVID Review

Review current MOUs and revise to be more specific, to include policies for prioritization against competitors, after-hours requests, audits, and stockpile rotation as well as driver and equipment availability.

Inventory Management Systems (IMS)

Stockpile Notable Practices Report

Engage private sector and hospitals/healthcare to provide input on the local stockpile contents.

Update emergency plans to follow day-to-day warehouse operations for stock rotations, after-hours access, security etc. and conduct exercises with local warehousing vendors.

Pharmaceutical Stockpile Rotation

Strategic National Stockpile
12-hour Push Package
Product Catalog

Consider investing in additional technology to streamline rapid documentation of new inventory, such as scanners.

Warehouse Operations

Training and Exercises

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LOCAL STRATEGIC STOCKPILE POLICIES

Plans and Processes

Supply Chain Threats

Consider investing in additional technology to streamline rapid documentation of new inventory, such as scanners.

Identify additional warehouse and transportation options throughout the jurisdiction as backups.

Pharmaceuticals

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Updated Procedures & Policies



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December 2022

San Mateo County Health Emergency Medical Services
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Medical Services (MS221)

Stockpile Notable Practices Report

Overview

The Stockpile Notable Practice report compiles important practices and lessons learned related to stockpile and warehouse management at the jurisdictional level before, during, and after disasters. The information included will inform policy and procedure development for San Mateo County Health's Emergency Medical Services. These practices are not labeled as "best practices" due to the preliminary stages of evaluation following the pandemic and numerous related to jurisdictional application of the practices. A longer-term evaluation would be needed to identify best practices for a wide range of jurisdictions.

Methodology

Notable practices and lessons learned were identified via publicly available literature from the federal, state, local, and private sectors. Four Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) were also interviewed to discuss their practices and experiences with stockpiles and warehouse operations. Lastly, identified practices and lessons learned were included from the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative COVID-19 After-Action Report's small group interview about warehousing and supply chain.

Summary of Findings

The identified practices were organized into five categories: Plans and Processes, Warehouse Operations, Inventory Management System (IMS), Training and Exercises, and Pharmaceuticals. Plans and Processes highlighted alternative options for the main elements of stockpile operations - including multiple warehouse options. Warehouse access might be cut off or supplies might be destroyed in a disaster. A notable lesson learned that described by multiple SMEs was that plans often focus on the last emergency and will need to be adapted or new plans will need to be created entirely during emergencies.

The literature review and interviews indicated that there were characteristics within a warehouse which will allow for more efficient operations, such as additional space for receiving, reorganizing, and distributing inventory as it is received. This is because inventory may need to be distributed almost as soon as it is received instead of storing it within the warehouse. A key lesson learned during COVID-19 was the volume of requests and inventory received exceeded previous planning assumptions.

The IMS and Training and Exercises categories had a similar lesson learned that emphasized the need for regular training and practice for successful operations during an emergency. Because IMS software can be complicated and updated regularly, training a staff member on one of these systems often requires retraining or frequent use.

Lastly, pharmaceuticals focused on having a stock rotation plan in place to prevent expiration and medical waste. COVID-19 demonstrated the need for additional considerations for medical countermeasures such as cold chain logistics and climate-controlled warehouses.



Current Warehouse and Cache

Contracted Warehouse

- 10,000sqft contracted warehouse space.
- Mobile Medical Shelters, generators, HVACs, PPE, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals, etc.
- We have priority over all others in times of emergency

Mass Casualty Incident Trailers

- Three trailers stationed centrally within the bayside of the county.
- Deployable across the county and contains key response medical equipment and pharmaceuticals.

Medical Reserve Corps Response Trailer

- Stationed on the Coastside of SMC.
- MRC volunteers, when deployed, can use this cache to support response operations.

Office Storage Rooms

- PPE closet in main EMS office – stores a small stock of all PPE





Demographic Analysis for Warehousing and Caching

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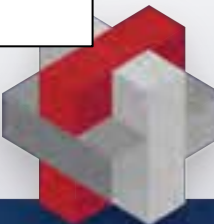
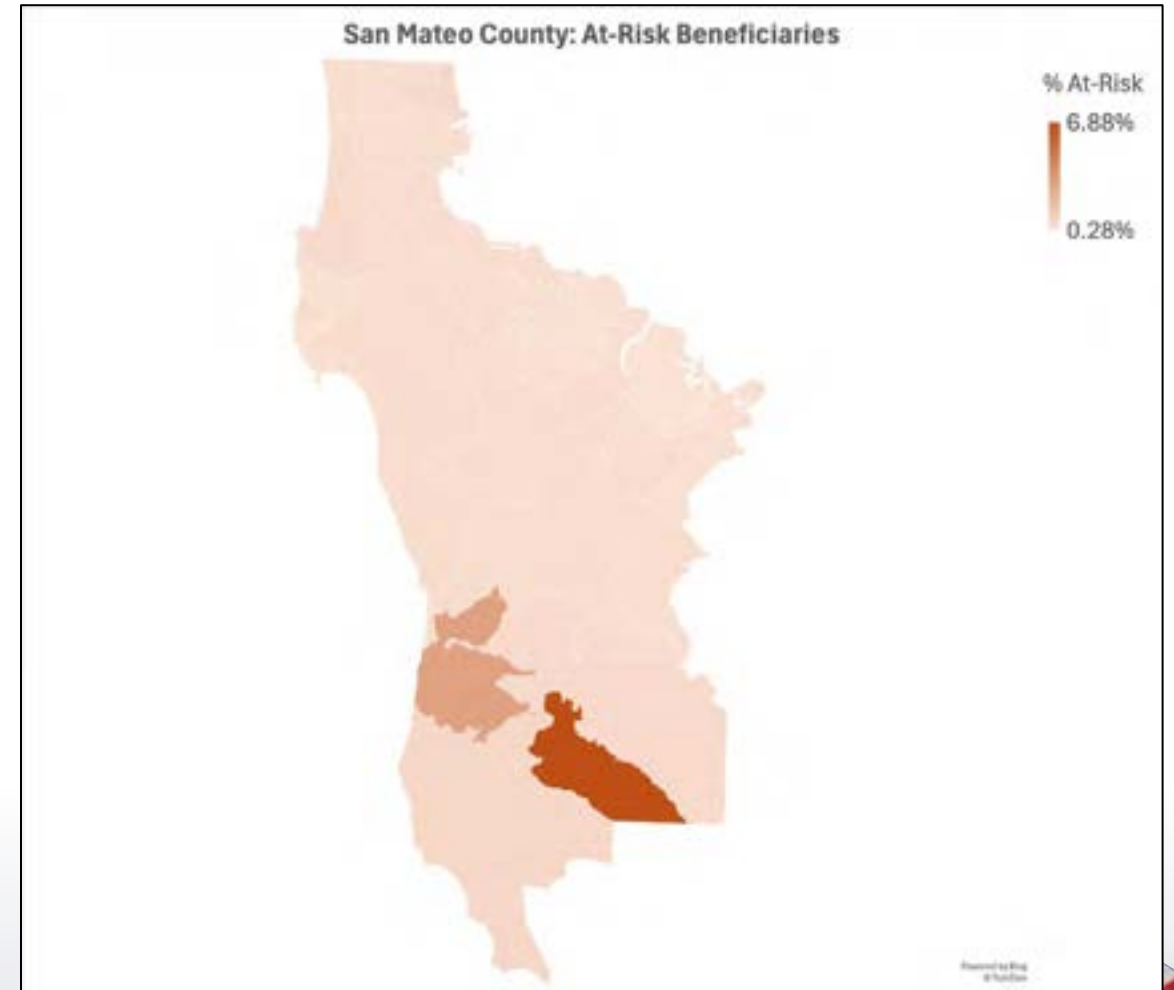
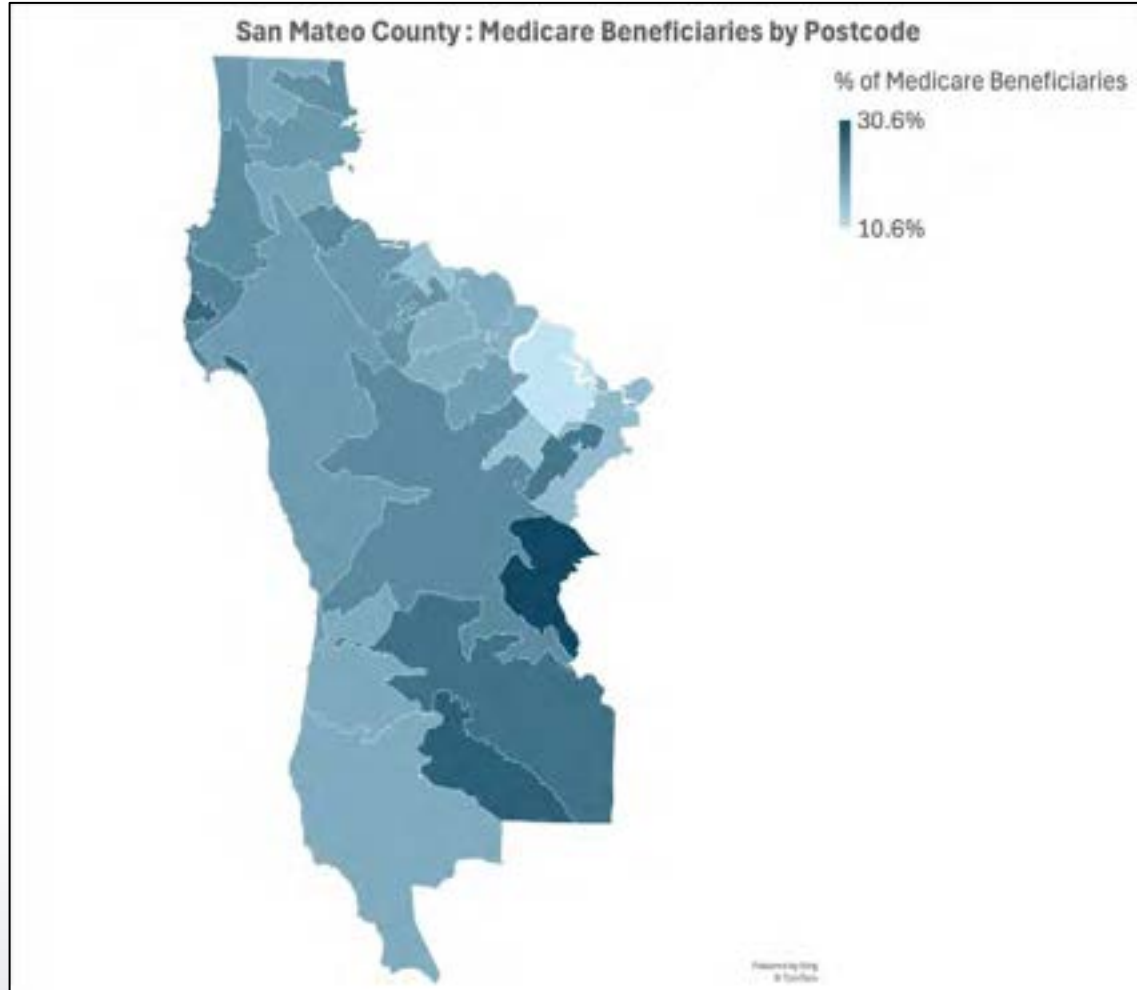
At a Glance:

- **Geography:** 448 mi² land, 293 mi² water, Santa Cruz Mountains run north/south through entire county
- **Population (2020):** 764,442
- Over 400,000 people pass through San Mateo daily for work
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO)
- **Healthcare System:** 6 Hospitals, 0 trauma centers

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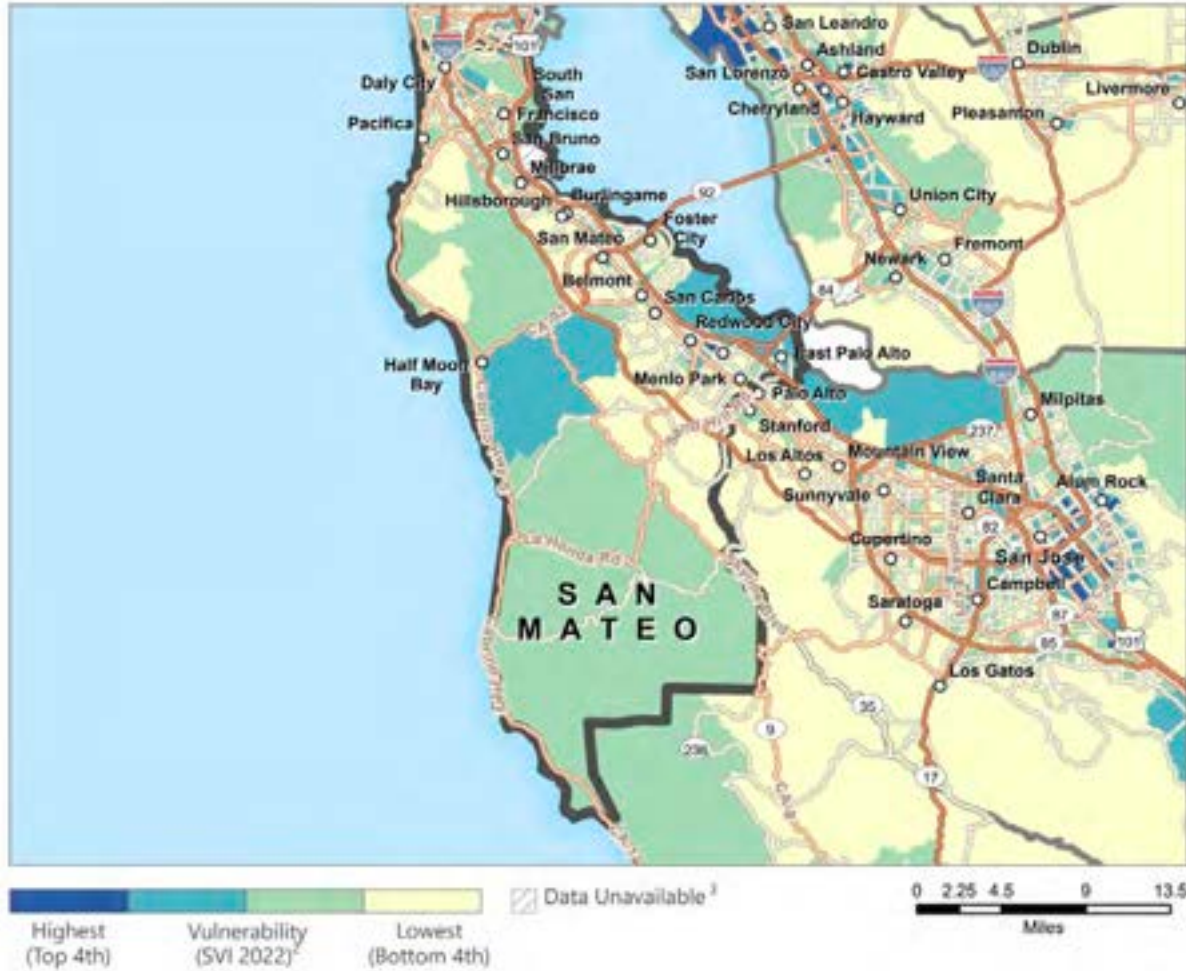


EmPOWER Demographics Analysis by Population

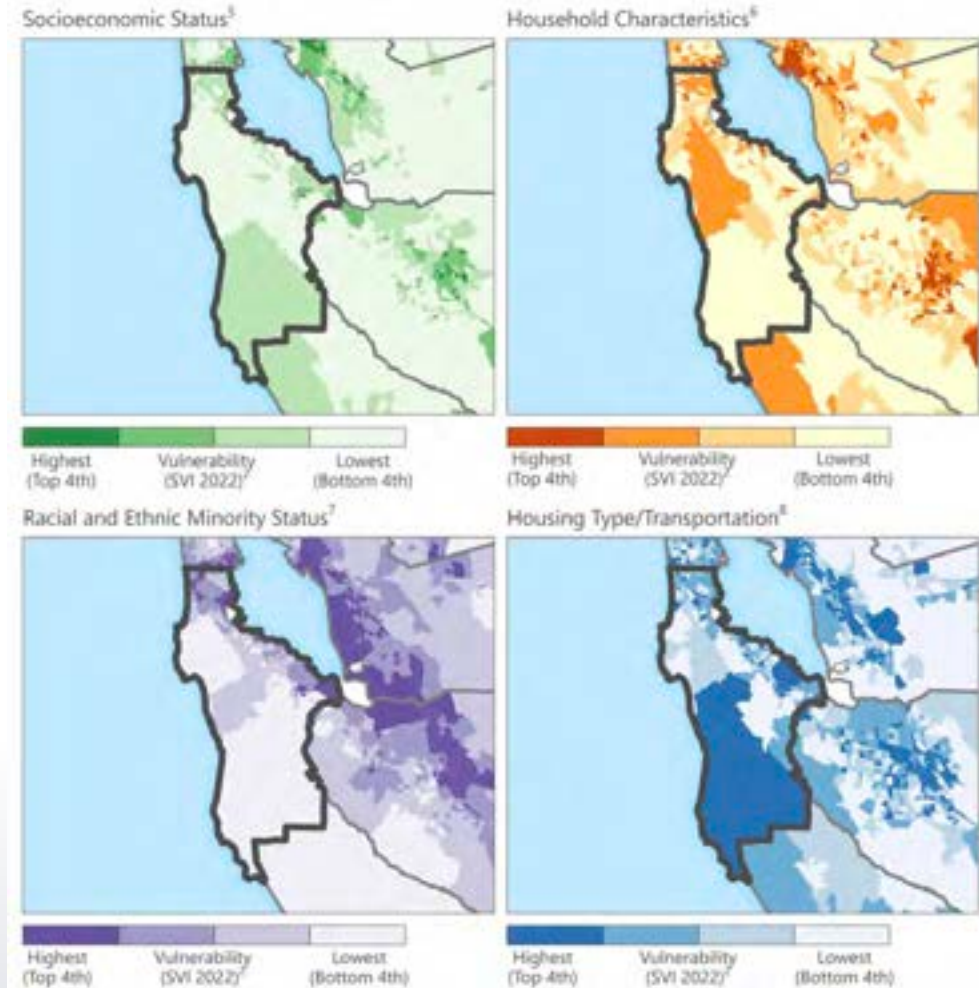


CDC/ASTDR Social Vulnerability Indicators

Overall Social Vulnerability¹



CDC/ATSDR SVI Themes

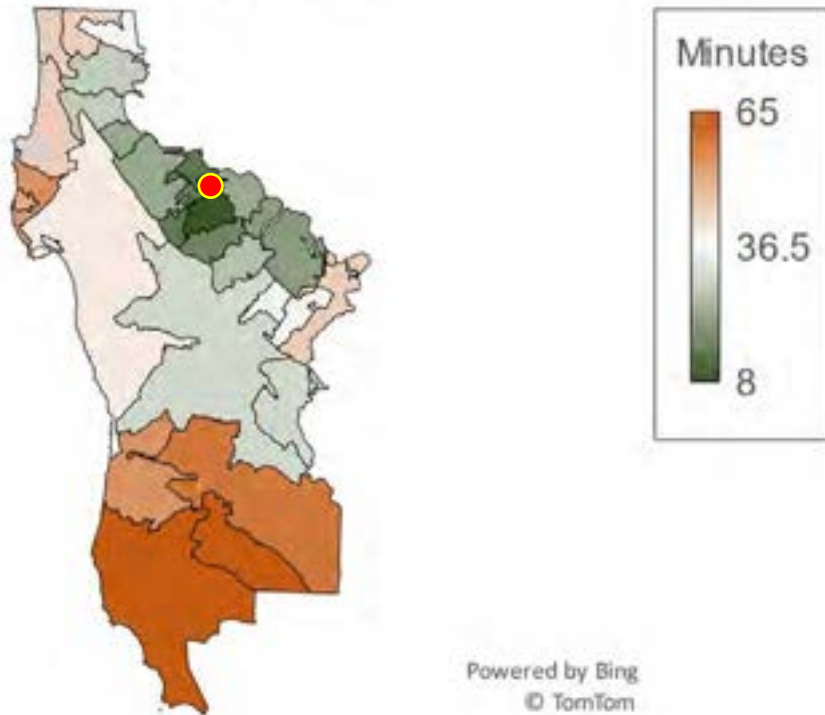


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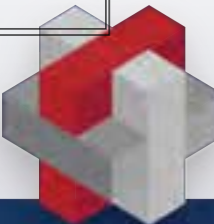
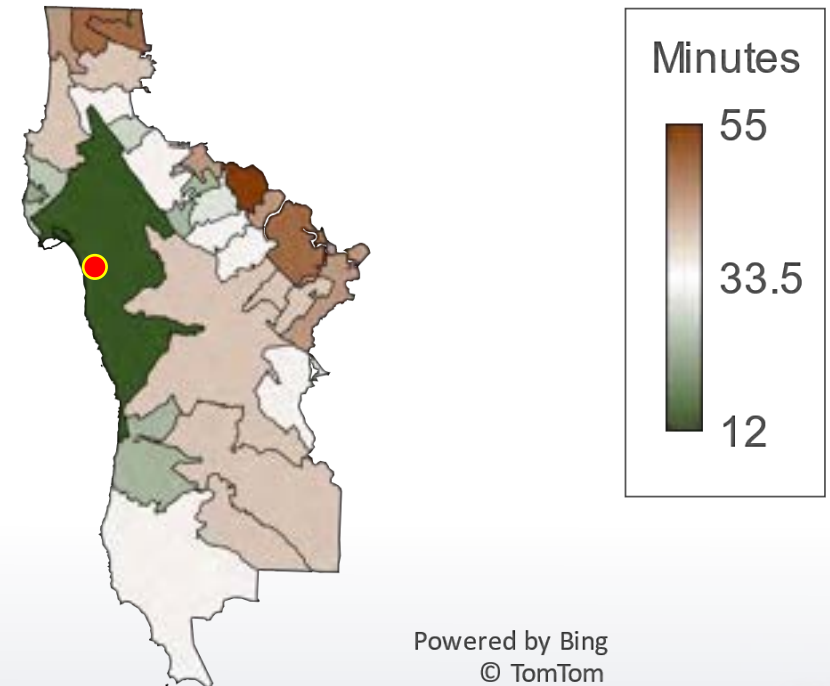


Travel Time Estimations

Peak Travel Time from SMC Event Center



Peak Travel Time from Half Moon Bay



Cache Considerations

Local Caches

- Strategically located based on population density, vulnerability, and unique needs.

Facilities of Interest

- Hospitals
- SNFs
- Gathering/Public Spaces (Event centers, Fire Departments, schools, churches, etc.)

Push Packages

- Rapid Response
- Versatile



SKU Lists

What's Included

- Anything deemed necessary or which may be rapidly needed in an urgent response situation.
- "Must, Should, Could" items from pharmaceutical and medical equipment desk review.

Rapid-Deployment

- Created based on 50-person incidents, easily scalable.
- By having pre-selected lists, it creates less strain on EMS and frees up resources.
- Warehouse can work efficiently to pull what is needed in an organized and logical manner.

Incident-Specific

- General sheltering needs
- Fire
- CBRNE etc.



Pharmaceutical and Medical Supply List

Pharmaceutical Cache Kitting for Small <50 Person Event

MUSTS		SHOULD		COULD	
Product Name	Product Details	Product Name	Product Details	Product Name	Product Details
Acetaminophen	various formulations - infant, pediatric, adult	Acyclovir	30 each: 200mg "2 tablets TID" // 50 each: 800mg 1 tablet 5 times a day	Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Caffeine & Diphen-PH)	3 each: various types
Albuterol sulfate / Ipratropium	0.83 (for neb) DuoNeb	Adenosine, SDV	3 each: SDV 3MG/ML 2ML 10/CT	Acetaminophen Chewable - Children's	1 bottle
Amlodipine	10 mg 1 tab daily	Advil Chewables	1 bottle	Acetaminophen - Infant's	1 box
Amoxicillin	500mg Capsule "1 capsule TID" 30	Albuterol	3 each	Acetaminophen Supposit - Children's	1 bottle
Aspirin	325 & 81 mgs	Albuterol Sulfate	6 each: VL NEB 0.083 2.5MG/3ML UD 25/BX	Amlodipine	30 each: 5mg 1 tab daily
Azithromycin	250mg-z-pack, 500mg, 1 gm packet/powder.	Aleve	1 bottle	Aripiprazole (abilify)	60 each: 10mg (no sig)
Bacitracin // Bacitracin Zinc	Bacitracin Ointment	Alka-Seltzer	1 bag	Beverage, Glu Tol Org	1 each: 50GM PLAS 24/CS
Ceftriaxone	500mg & 1g Inj.	Ambu-Adult	1 each	Bismuth Subsalicylate (Pepto Bismol) tabs	24 each
Cephalexin	500mg Capsules "1 capsule TID"	Amitriptyline Hydrochloride	1BT: 25mg 100TAB	Calcium Chloride, SYR 10	1 each: 100MG/ML 10ML 10/CT 9IMDSY
Cetirizine	10mg tabs. 1 tab PO daily for itching	Atenolol	30 each: 50mg Tablets 1 tab daily	Ivermectin	10 each: 3mg tabs (2 doses)

Medical Equipment and Supplies Cache Kitting for Small <50 Person Event

MUSTS		SHOULD		COULD	
Product Name	Product Details	Product Name	Product Details	Product Name	Product Details
Adhesive Skin Liquiband	1 Pack: 10ct; 0.8g Dome 10ct	AED with extra pads	2 Each (adult & pediatric)	AFN Cots	3 Each
Adhesive Tape (Cloth, Waterproof, Transparent, Surgical types)	1 Case: 12/case	Adult Medication Card	1 Each	Ammonia Inhalants	1 Pack
Airway Kit - Surgical	5 Each	Airway, Guedel (Multiple Sizes)	1 Each	Apron Polyethylene White	1 Pack: 100ct
Alcohol Prep Pads	2 Boxes: HAZMAT	Airway, Nasal Pharynx ID Naso Clear	1 Each	Automizer MAD 300	1 Each
Ambubags (adult & youth)	3 Boxes Each	Airway, Nasopharynx	1 Each	Cutter/Splitter Pill Hand-Operated Blue	2 Each
Applicator Cotton Tip 6" Sterile	2 Packs: 100ct	Airway Nasopharyngeal Clear	1 Each	Electrodes, EKG Monitor	1 Each
Bags - trash & ziplock	20 Each	Airway, Robertazzi Nasopharynx	1 Each	Flu Kit	5 Kits
Bandages	1 Box (100/box) Various sizes and types	Arrow EZ-IO	1 Each	Noro Collection Kit	5 Kits
Biohazard Bags	1 Box	Arrow EZ-IO Vascular Access Power Driver	1 Each	Stapler Wound Sterile SingleUse McKesson	1 Each
Blankets, Emergency	5 Each	Backboard and Straps	30 Each	System Purification WaterBag 2.5gal DEV	1 Each

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SKU Lists

Cache Kitting for Small <50 Person Event

Based on 1:10 medical worker-patient ratio

Product Name	Product Details	Quantity		Product Information
Airway Kit	See AIR - Airway Kit	1		
Bandage-Burn Kit	See BURN - Bandage-Burn Kit	1		
PPE - Medical Staff Kit	See PPE - Medical Staff PPE Kit	1		
Pharma General Kit	See PHARM - Pharma General Kit	1		
Bags - Plastic		1 bag	Y	58-97 POLY BAG W/ZIP LOCK CLOSURE, 100 PER BAG, NA
Caution Tape		1 roll	Y	71-1001 CAUTION TAPE, NA, NA ; CT3YE1/300N CAUTION TAPE, 3 IN, NA, NA ;
Decontamination System		1 each	Y	SYS-IND-10-13-1/WSB250G GRAINGER, INDIVIDUAL DECON SYSTEM, 1 EACH PALLET, NA
Goggles		100 each	Y	1902153 SAFETY GOGGLE, 100 PER CARTON, NA ; IDCF/GAF-100 CLEAR PLASTIC GOGGLES W/ELASTIC STRAP 4630002/4630000, 100 GOGGLES PER CARTON, NA ; LABGOGGLE GOGGLE, NA, NA ; Y30GOOGLE-G SAPPHIRE SAFETY SPECTICLE, NA, NA
Gloves	See PPE - Medical Staff Kit			
Hazmat Spill Cleanup Kit		2 each	Y	17121 SAFETEC, EZ-CLEANS PLUS SPILL CLEAN-UP KIT, 24 KITS PER CARTON, 20 PER CARTON
Safety Glasses		10 each	Y	3130B-400 WEXFORD

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Future Warehouse and Cache Goals

Robust warehousing options

- Alignment with CDC City Readiness Initiative (CRI) recommendation of multiple warehouse options to encourage greater mitigation.
- Enhance emergency response capabilities of warehouse staff and management.

More abundant and better caches

- Using demographics and travel time information to determine best locations for additional medical caches.
- Internal study used to ensure the most critical items to store in cache are included.

Regional and local pharmaceutical rotation

- Prepositioned critical pharmaceuticals in warehouses and caches.
- Agreement with pharmacies/pharmaceutical companies to rotate expiring stock.



Questions?

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Preparing for a Behavioral Health Hospital Evacuation

Considerations, Challenges, and Best Practice

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Learning Objectives



Describe the distinctive characteristics of behavioral health hospitals and the implications for emergency preparedness and response.



Gain insights into the diverse needs and vulnerabilities of patients receiving mental health treatment and the importance of tailoring evacuation plans to address these specific requirements.



Be introduced to a comprehensive framework for preparing for a behavioral health hospital evacuation.



Learning Objectives



We want you to think differently,



and to deliberately identify and mitigate risks



associated with Behavioral Health evacuations.



Empirical Findings

We all have thoughts, experiences, and war-stories but what does the literature teach us about Behavioral Health evacuations?

- Frank & Trinidad, 2007 – Support to victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- Griffies, 2009 – Reestablishing program structure for the LSU/Oschner psychiatric residency following Hurricane Katrina.
- McClain et al., 2007 – Evacuation of 6 veterans following Hurricane Rita.

Previous to Hurricane Katrina...not a lot specific to psychiatric facilities, most assess fire related events.



Empirical Findings

Post Hurricane Katrina... still not a lot, but...



Thomas & Lackey, 2008 – Evacuation of a psychiatric hospital during Hurricane Katrina.



Waitz et al., 2024 – Disaster Preparation and Effects on Inpatient Psychiatric Care (Chapter 6 in Handbook of Evidence-Based Inpatient Mental Health Programs for Children and Adolescents).



Nouri et al., 2022 – Phoenix on Fire: A Phenomenological Study of a Psychiatric Hospital Fire in Iran.



Terui et al., 2021 – Determinants of the evacuation destination for psychiatric inpatients following the Fukushima nuclear disaster.



Differences: Behavioral Health vs. Acute Care



Acute patients are in the hospital by choice. Behavioral Health patients often aren't, so they will leave if they can.



Acute patients can be cohorted. Behavioral Health patients may need to be separated.



Behavioral Health patients' conditions are often exacerbated by stimulus. Evacuating would be a significant stimulus in various ways.



One major difference is that you must distinguish between *disaster preparation for the system* and *disaster preparedness for treating an individual patient or patients* (Waitz et al., 2024).



What Do We Need to Know?



Patient
Condition



Destination



Staffing
requirements



Patient
documentation



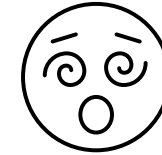
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equipment,
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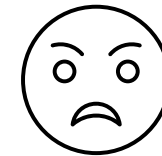
Anxiety

Bipolar



Depressive

Dissociative



Neurocognitive

Personality



Schizophrenia

Trauma and
Stressor
Related



Patient Condition

Typically, patients are cohorted by type of illness and/or age

- Geropsychiatric
- General Adult
- Mood Disorders
- Adolescent
- Transitional Age Youth

Each patient should be assessed prior to movement

Consider pre-medication

Beware makeshift weapons and ligature risks



A Word About Ligature Risks



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Patient Destination



Where is it and how far?



What type of transportation will be required?



Will the trip require food and rest stops?



How long will the patient need to stay?



Staffing Requirements

Staff to Patient ratio?

What about high-risk patients? (1:1)

What if you need to restrain a patient?

Staff needed for movement vs. while in transport?

What mix of staff?

- RN
- Mental Health Worker or Milieu Counselor
- Security

What if you need to use untrained staff?



Patient Documentation



Medical records



Patient identification



Organizational forms (e.g., staffing sheets, flowsheets, etc.)



Patient Equipment, Supplies, & Pharmaceuticals



Personal belongings



Medical supplies & equipment (syringes, CPAP, etc.)



Medications:

Refrigerated vs. non-refrigerated

Sufficient doses



What do you need to do, now?



RISK ASSESSMENT



EMERGENCY
PLAN(S)



TRAINING



EXERCISING AND
EVALUATE

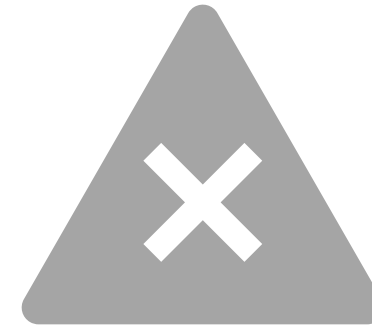
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What do you need to do, now?



You need to be able to demonstrate that you have asked the appropriate questions, and reasonably mitigated risks.



You need to be able to demonstrate that you have thought differently and that you have acted deliberately to identify and mitigate risks.



Evacuation Checklist

Evacuation Element	Primary Considerations
Patient Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Triage (Most Ready to Least Ready)• Ability to cohort• Need to separate
Destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How far?• How long will it take?• How will you transport?• Psychiatric vs. non-psychiatric plant?
Staffing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orientation of non-psychiatric staff• Requirements for 1:1 staffing• Sufficient staffing during transportation (e.g., bathroom breaks)
Patient Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required notifications• Notification to payors• Medical Records
Patient Equipment, Supplies, and Pharmaceuticals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal belongings (patients and staff)• Medical supplies and equipment



Questions and Discussion

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Preparing for the Operational Consequences of a Cyber Attack:

Strategies and Best Practices

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*Visions of Progress: Sustainable Strategies for
Emergency Preparedness & Resilience*

Presented By:





“Every incident has narratives with victims, villains, and heroes.”

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Learning Objectives

01

Understand the potential impact of cyber attacks on healthcare operations.

02

Describe key elements of an effective preparedness strategy.

03

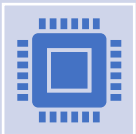
Enhance an organization's preparedness for the operational consequences of a cyber attack.



Discussion Points



How likely is it that your organization will experience a cyber attack in the next five (5) years?



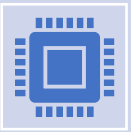
How disruptive would a cyber attack be to your normal operations?



Discussion Points



How likely will your organization experience a cyber attack in the next five (5) years?



How disruptive would a cyber attack be to your normal operations?



What has your organization done to prepare for a cyber attack?



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How likely will your organization experience a cyber attack in the next five (5) years?

How disruptive would a cyber attack be to your normal operations?

What has your organization done to prepare for a cyber attack?

Has the risk of your organization being hit by a cyber attack changed?



Discussion Point

How likely will your organization experience a cyber attack in the next five (5) years?

How disruptive would a cyber attack be to your normal operations?

What has your organization done to prepare for a cyber attack?

Has the risk of your organization being hit by a cyber attack changed?

How has your organization's preparedness changed to reflect that increased risk?





We underestimate risk: we believe negative events are less likely to happen to us (Optimism Bias).

We overestimate preparedness: we believe we are prepared for crises and that the risks are fully manageable when, in reality, their complexity often exceeds our abilities (Illusion of Control).

Nassim Nicholas Taleb

The Black Swan

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So, what is an effective preparedness strategy?

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A Preparedness Strategy

Risk Reduction is primarily an IT function. Although EM/BC should be an active participant, it is NOT the “lead” – for obvious reasons. IT identifies and coordinates strategies to decrease the risk of cyberattacks (e.g., implementing Multi-Factor Authentication, keeping IT systems updated and patched, Employee Awareness, and Training Programs).



A Preparedness Strategy

Consequence Management is primarily an EM/BC function.

Developing strategies and plans, training key stakeholders on those plans, and exercising the plans to evaluate them are all responsibilities of EM/BC.



A Preparedness Strategy

Develop Consequence Management Strategies and Plans:

- Map out the organization as a system.
- Identify potential disruptors to the system.
- Ask “what ifs”. Boldly explore worst-case, not best, scenarios.

Use this information to inform Scenario-based Planning.



A Preparedness Strategy

Consequence Management Strategies and Plans

Develop a Cyber Attack Playbook for Incident/Organization Leaders

- Immediate Actions Checklist
- Description of Crisis Response Phases and Roles/Responsibilities/Authority
- Legal Workflows and Timing (e.g., Hiring a Negotiator, Engaging the Threat Actor, Engaging Law Enforcement, Reporting and Notification Obligations)
- Ransom Payment Guidelines



A Preparedness Strategy

Consequence Management Strategies and Plans

- Strategies
 - Ensure patient safety
 - Minimize disruption to normal operations
 - Protect patient, employee, and organization information
 - Protect the organization's reputation
 - Recovery priorities (e.g., software/function, organizational geography)
- Plans
 - Clinical management plans (e.g., EMR, imaging, pharmacy, case management)
 - Staffing management plans (e.g., scheduling, payroll, employee assignments)
 - Facility management plans (e.g., security/access, HVAC systems, alarm monitoring systems)
 - Financial management plans (e.g., accounts receivable, accounts payable, pre-authorizations)



A Preparedness Strategy

Training and Exercising

- Training is essential
 - Different people will need to be trained on different plans.
 - Different people will need different levels of sophistication and competence.
 - Training programs must be developed to combat knowledge decay and staff turnover.
- Exercising is also essential
 - The purpose of an exercise is to evaluate the plan (and, to a lesser extent, the responders).
 - The exercise program should have increasing complexity (e.g., severity, duration, and co-morbidities).
 - The exercise program should stress-test the system (e.g., stress till failure and then build back stronger).
 - The exercise program should always identify opportunities that are then leveraged improvements.



Case Study: Hartford HealthCare



Hartford HealthCare is one of Connecticut's most comprehensive health care networks.

Fast Facts:

- President & CEO: Jeffrey Flaks
- Licensed Beds: 2,488
- Colleagues (incl. employees and contingent staff): 27,701
- Physicians on Staff: 5,847
- Operating Revenue: \$5,403,735,000





“While an initial crisis may not have been preventable, the secondary crisis of a bungled response is avoidable.”

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Questions



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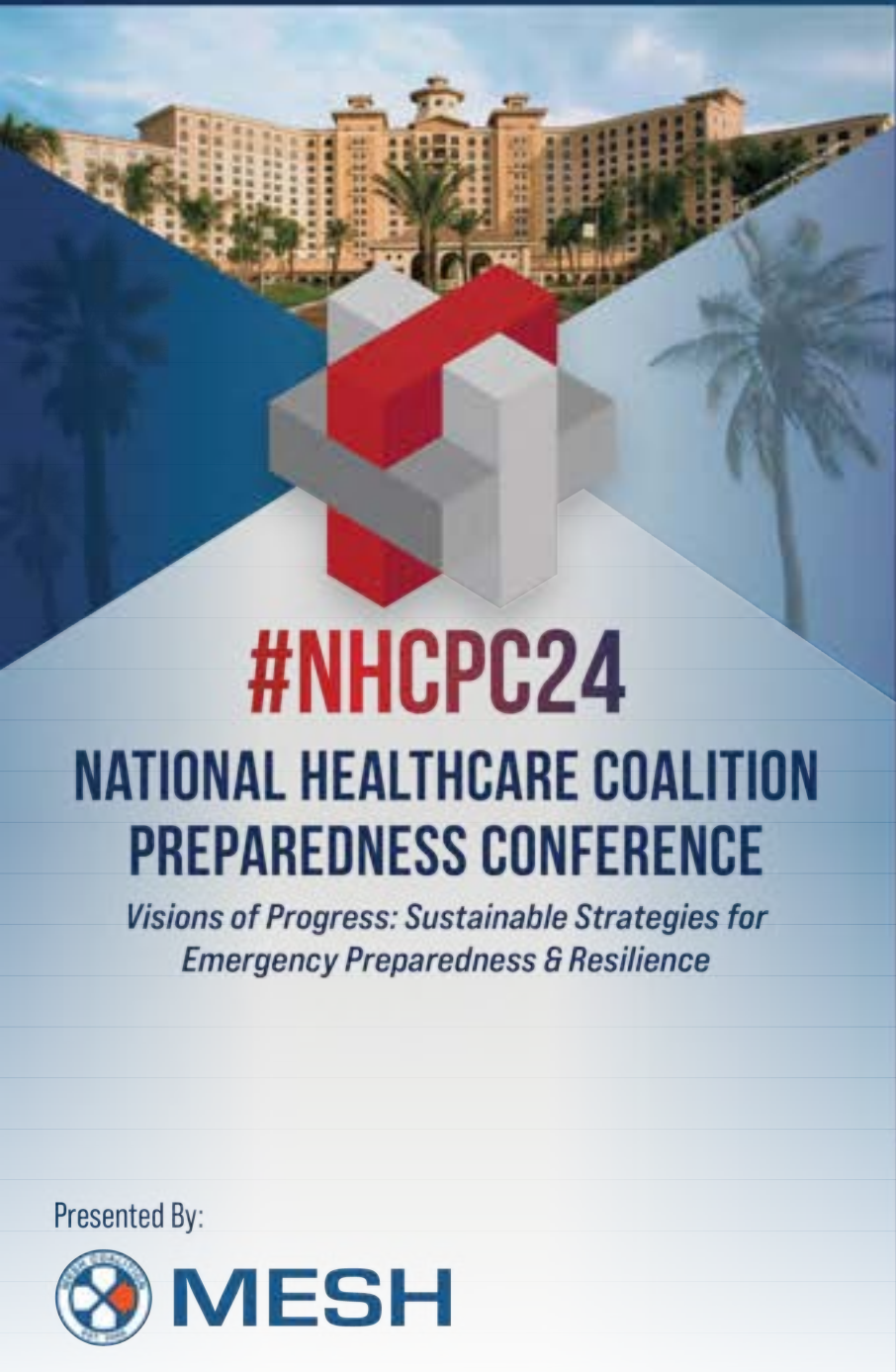
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Ready and Resilient

Best Practices in Healthcare Business Continuity
Program Development

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Agenda

- Introduction and Overview
- Establishing Governance
- Identifying and Validating Essential Functions
 - Business Process Analysis (BPA)
 - Business Impact Analysis (BIA)
- Developing the Continuity Plan
- Sustaining the Continuity Program



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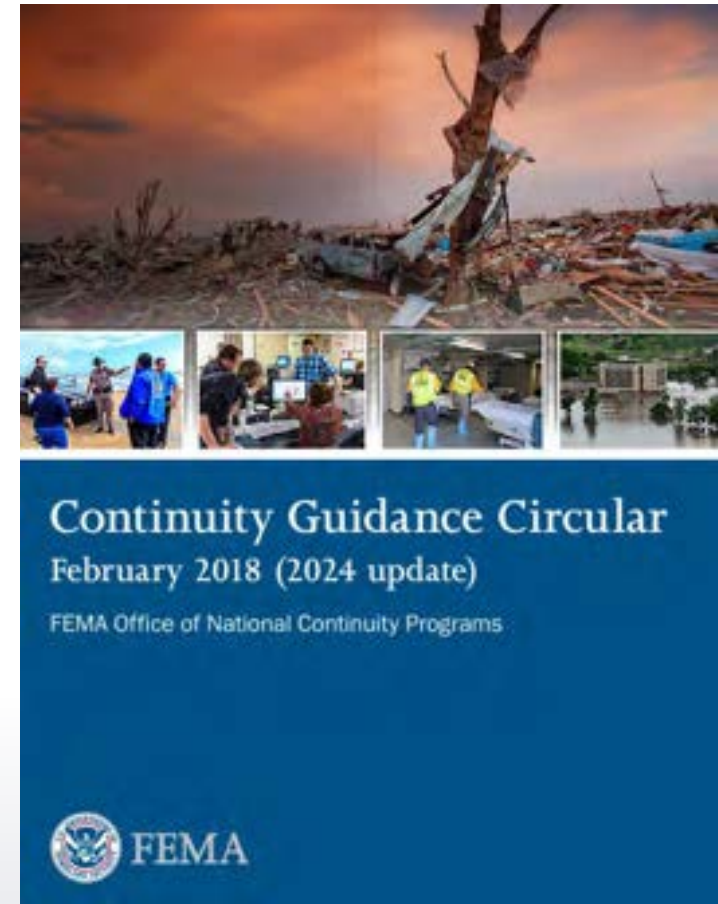
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Continuity of Operations vs. Business Continuity

- **Continuity of Operations (COOP):** An effort within individual organizations to ensure that essential functions continue to be performed during disruption of normal operations
- **Business Continuity (BC) Plan:** Outlines the processes that enable an organization to continue its essential functions following a disruption to normal operations. [They] focus on key variables that recover the delivery of products and services...to minimize lost revenues and maximize profits

Source: Continuity Guidance Circular (CGC), Feb 2018 (2024)



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Continuity Requirements

The Joint Commission (EP 13.01.01) says:

- The hospital has a Continuity of Operations Plan
- The [plan] identifies how and where to continue to provide essential business functions
- The hospital has a written order of succession plan
- The hospital has a written delegation of authority

The CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule says:

- “Continuity of business” incorporates all continuity of operations and business continuity
- Continuity is the facility’s ability to continue operations or services related to patient care and to ensure patient safety and quality of care is continued in an emergency event
- Emergency plans will address continuity of operations, including delegations of authority and succession plans
- Considers elements such as essential personnel, essential functions, critical resources, vital records and IT data protection, alternate facility identification and location, and financial resources



Continuity Capability Elements



Source: IS-1300.a, Introduction to Continuity, June 2024

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Overview- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

- Three acute care hospitals (789 licensed beds)
 - 446-bed Arthur M. Blank Hospital (AMBH) opened September 2024
- Marcus Autism Center
- Two (2) Surgery Centers
- Outpatient Services
 - Eight (8) Urgent Care Locations
- Over 12,000 Staff



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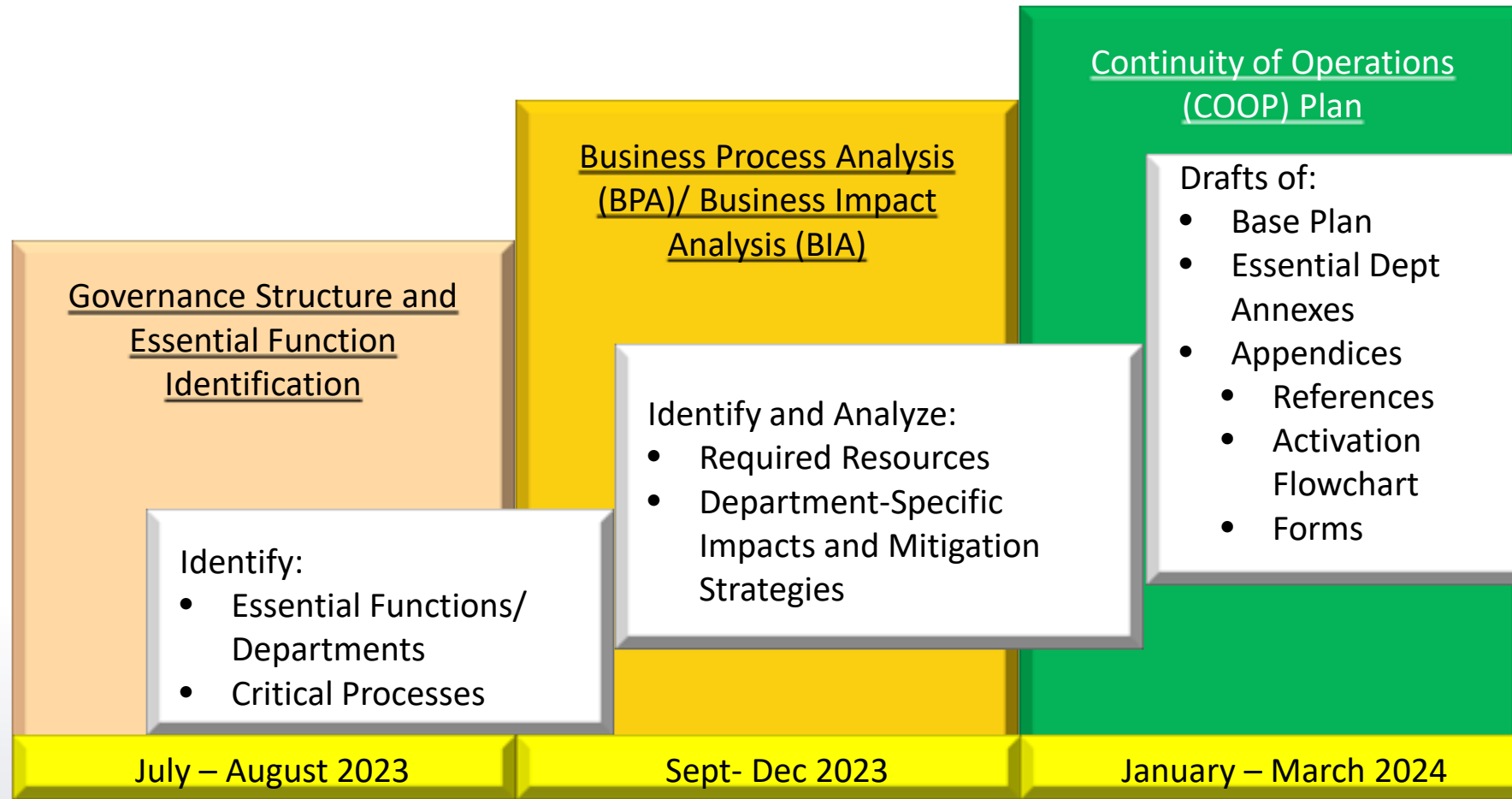


Project Scope

- Designed to better prepare the healthcare system and meet TJC requirements
 - 3-year approach, building to an internal capability
 - Year 1 – Plan Development
 - Year 2 – AMBH incorporation and staff training
 - Year 3 – Test, Training & Exercise (TT&E) implementation and transition continuity program to Children's staff



Year One: Project Overview and Deliverables

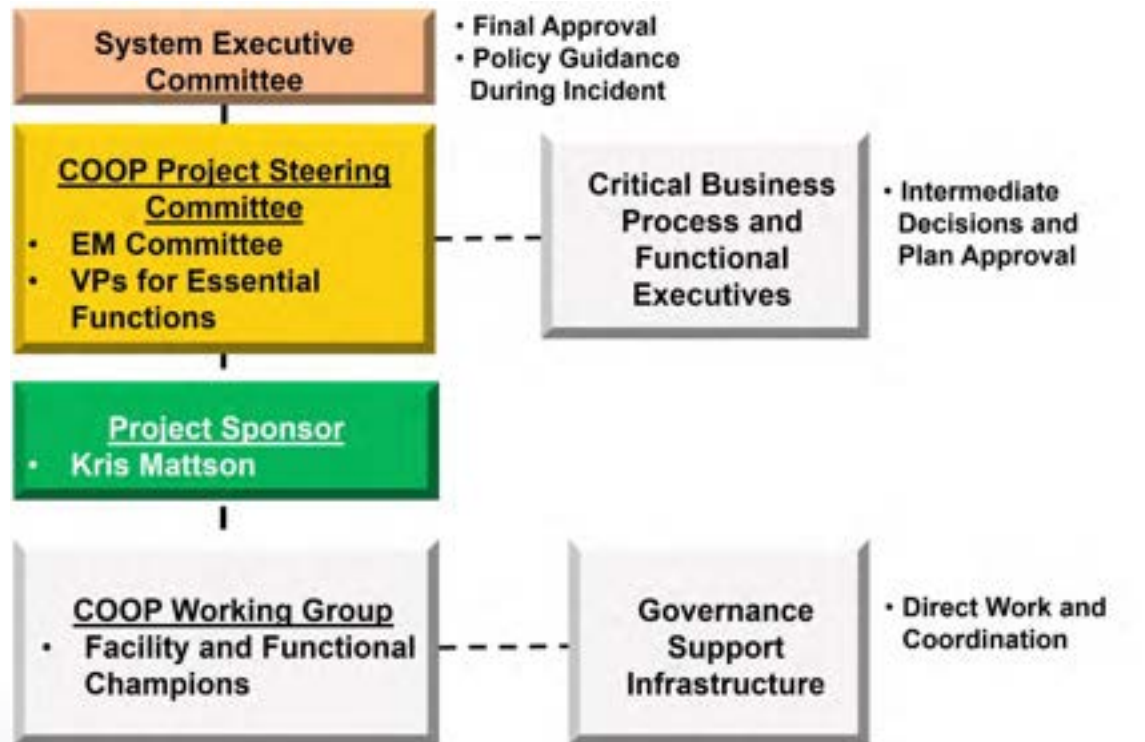


Immediate Challenges

- **Virtual Approach**
 - Intent to minimize impact on already stressed staff
 - Primarily by email and videoconferencing at start of project
 - Data security: initially used file sharing site; moved to MS Teams for BIA and plan/annex submissions (first external partner with internal Teams access)
- **Timing**
 - Post-pandemic recovery / Tripledemic height (Surge Emergency Oct 2023- March 2024)
 - New hospital build – 24 months until open (strategic priority)
- **Staff issues in understanding of COOP and BC**
 - Preconceived notion that BC is IT-based only
 - Understanding of “Essential Functions” versus “Important”



Establishing Governance- Start of Planning



- Concept:

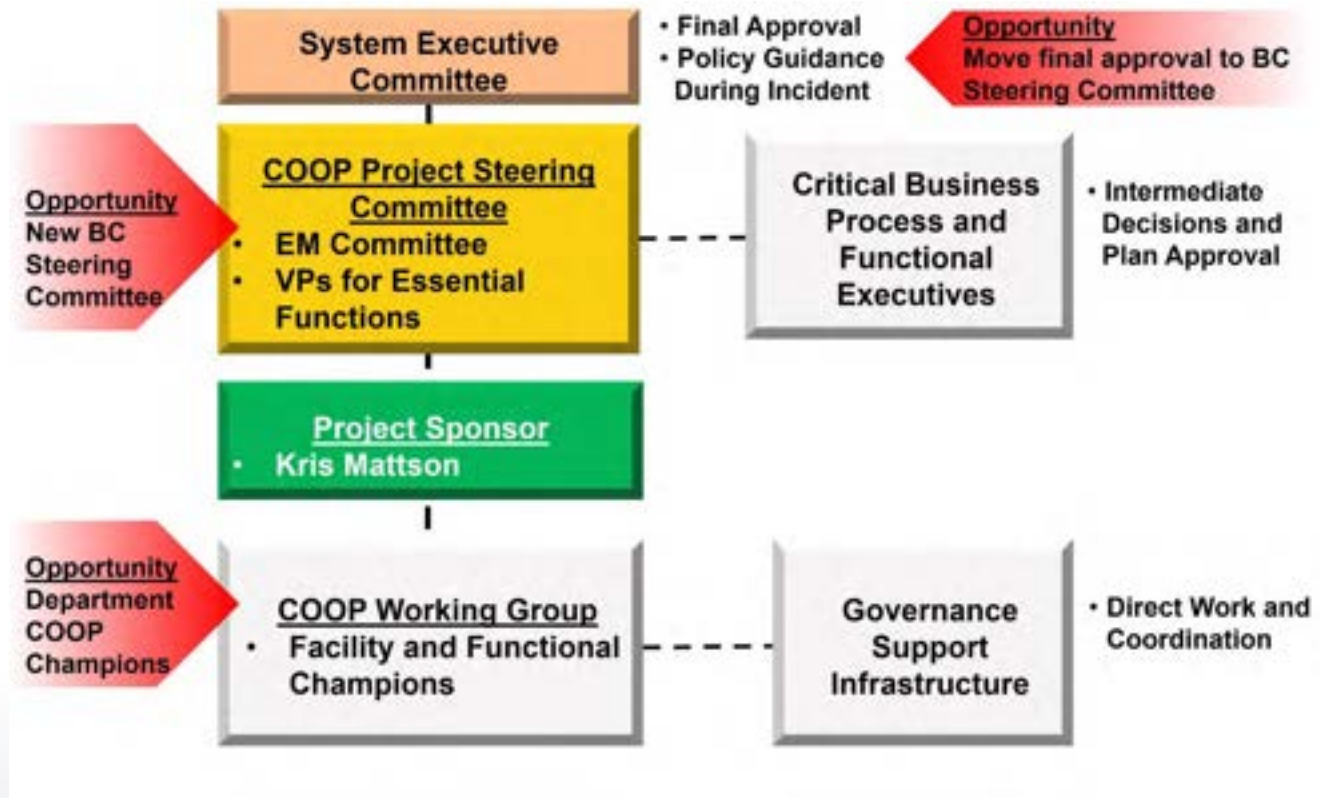
- Department Continuity Champions provide direct input
- Steering Committee (Systemwide EM Committee) reviews products and approves key decisions
- Executive Committee provides final approval of plan

Issues:

- Continuity Champion availability and delegation below appropriate level
- EM Committee meeting frequency and EM Department capacity created review bottleneck
- February 2024 healthcare cyberattacks



Establishing Governance- End of Year One



- Increased emphasis on Department Continuity Champion participation
- Creation of Business Continuity Steering Committee
- Delegation of final approval authority for the plan to the BC Steering Committee



Best Practice: System BC Steering Committee

Children's BC Steering Committee Members

- Chief Information Officer
- Chief Information Security Officer
- Senior VP, Facilities
- Senior VP, Clinical Operations
- VP, Healthcare Campus
- Director of Finance
- Director of Information Technology
- Director of Internal Communications
- Director, Safety & Emergency Management



Identifying Essential Functions (EF)

- **CGC (2024) Definition:** “A subset of organizational functions that are determined to be critical activities.”
 - “[Identifies] supporting tasks and resources that must be included in the organization’s continuity planning process.”
- Healthcare Practice: define EFs as Departments
- System EFs versus Department EFs
 - Need to identify critical processes within Departments
- Approach:
 - Created Essential Functions worksheet for departments to self-assess
 - Identified 38 Departments as Essential Functions
 - 22 Clinical
 - 16 Non-Clinical/Support Services
 - Reviewed and approved by Steering Committee (EM Committee)

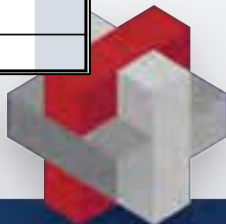


Department Essential Functions Worksheet

Worksheet Elements

- Department (EF) Title
- EF Description (Output Statement)
- Location in Health System
- Point of Contact
- Clinical Capacity (# beds, OR tables, etc.)
- Department Critical Processes and Minimum Staff Requirements

Essential Function: NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT																								
EF Description:	Scottish Rite NICU provides the highest level comprehensive, advanced care for critically ill newborns and premature infants requiring medical, surgical, or other complex care needs.																							
Location:	Scottish Rite																							
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Email:																								
Clinical Capacity:	39																							
Comments:																								
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Critical Process and Minimum Staffing Identification																								
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Business Process Analysis (BPA)

- Identifies for each EF*:
 - The workflow and steps necessary for critical processes
 - Critical staff, equipment, and other resources
 - Dependencies with other departments and organizations
- Department BPAs accomplished through:
 - BPA Worksheets sent to Department Continuity Champions at each hospital
 - Step-by-step written instructions and training video
 - Virtual interviews and email follow-up as required

BPA Sections

- Critical Business Processes
- Critical Equipment or Resources
- Information Technology (IT) Applications/Critical Processes
- Staffing Positions
- Critical Records
- Departmental Dependencies
- Function or Critical Process Workflow

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CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

Staffing Positions

Position	Department	Staffing	Priority	Notes
...

*Source: FEMA BPA/BIA User's Guide (July 2019)

Department BPA Worksheet

Business Process Analysis			
NICU - Scottish Rite			
Section 1: Critical Business Processes			
	Business Process	Priority	RTO Tier #
1	Admissions	1	0-2 Hours
2	Treatment	1	0-2 Hours
3	Discharge	3	0-2 Hours
9	Transfer	1	0-2 Hours
10	Diagnostic Testing	1	0-2 Hours
11	Bedside Procedures	2	0-2 Hours
12	Stocking Supplies	3	12-24 Hours
13	Cleaning Beds/Equipment	3	12-24 Hours

Section 2: Critical Equipment or Resources													
	Equipment	Quantity / Normal Level	Minimum Necessary Quantity for Operations	Alternate Equipment	All Equip. Quantity Available	Tier 1 0-2 Hrs	Tier 2 2-12 Hrs	Tier 3 12-24 Hrs	Tier 4 1-3 Days	Tier 5 4-7 Days	Tier 6 8-14 Days	Tier 7 15-30 Days	Tier 8 31+ Days
1	Infant incubator / warmer	20	20		20								
2	Blood pressure monitor	20	20		20								
3	Temperature probe	20	20	portable thermometer	20	10							
4	Pulse oximeter	20	20		20								
5	Cardioid E-cis machine	5	5		5								
6	Infusion pump (all)	20 each size	20 each size		20 each size								
7	Respirator or mechanical ventilator	20	20		20								
8	High frequency oscillating ventilator	20	20		20								
9	Arterial blood pressure monitor	20	20		20								
10	Respirator	20	20		20								
11	Endotracheal tube	20	20		20								
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RTO							
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- Based on California Hospital Association Hospital Continuity Toolkit <https://www.calhospitalprepare.org/continuity>
 - *Output Statement* and Critical Processes
 - Critical Equipment and Staff
 - Required IT Applications
 - Essential Records
 - *Department and External Organization or Vendor Dependencies*
 - *Critical Process Workflow*
- Resources described by Recovery Time Objective (RTO), or how quickly access to the resource or system must resume to support EF performance

Business Impact Analysis (BIA)

- A method of identifying and evaluating the effects of various threats and hazards and the impact they may have on the ability of an organization to perform its EFs
- Steps:
 - Identify likely hazards
 - Determine vulnerability of EFs (Departments) to disruption
 - Consider operational *and financial* impacts
 - Identify mitigation measures



Source: FEMA BPA/BIA User's Guide (July 2019)

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Department BIA Worksheet

- Hazards (13) based on current Children’s Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)
- Impacts described by BPA categories (Staff, Equipment/Supplies, IT and Critical Records, Facilities, Dependencies)
- Mitigation Strategies based on current policies/procedures or recommended practices

Threat or Hazard Facility/Location	Threat or Hazard Operational Impacts		Mitigation Strategy
Tornado <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egleston • AMBH • Scottish Rite 	Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury to on-shift staff and patients, particularly near windows • Inability for next shift staff or surge employees to reach hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital activates EOP and Labor Pool (See 4.13: Code Green) • Evaluate dept capabilities, needs, and report to Hosp Command Center • Hold current shift as surge staff or runners • If power or IT outage occurs, follow manual timekeeping procedures/forms
	Equipment/Supplies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment inoperable due to power outages or direct damage • Consumable supplies damaged by direct facility strike • Insufficient red outlets for all NICU Services equipment • Omnicell access impacted (power outage or damage) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate equipment capabilities and needs and report to Hosp Command Ctr • Plug critical equipment into red (generator) power outlets; prioritize equipment for red outlets based on patient care needs • Use bedside monitors; follow downtime patient monitoring procedures • Ensure Omnicell is in default mode and accessible • Transfer patients to different units or campuses through Patient Transfer Center if unit unable to support patient census
	IT and Crit Record Impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of access to Epic, API, and other applications due to power outage or server loss • Loss of comms and comms between care sites and with Pt Transfer Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access through EPIC SRO, or use BCA computers to print census, patient facer sheets and reports • Coordinate with physicians to recreate medical records for patients • Coordinate with House Supervisor for downtime bed placement • Submit manual requests to EVS, Supply Chain, Lab, Rad, Patient Transport



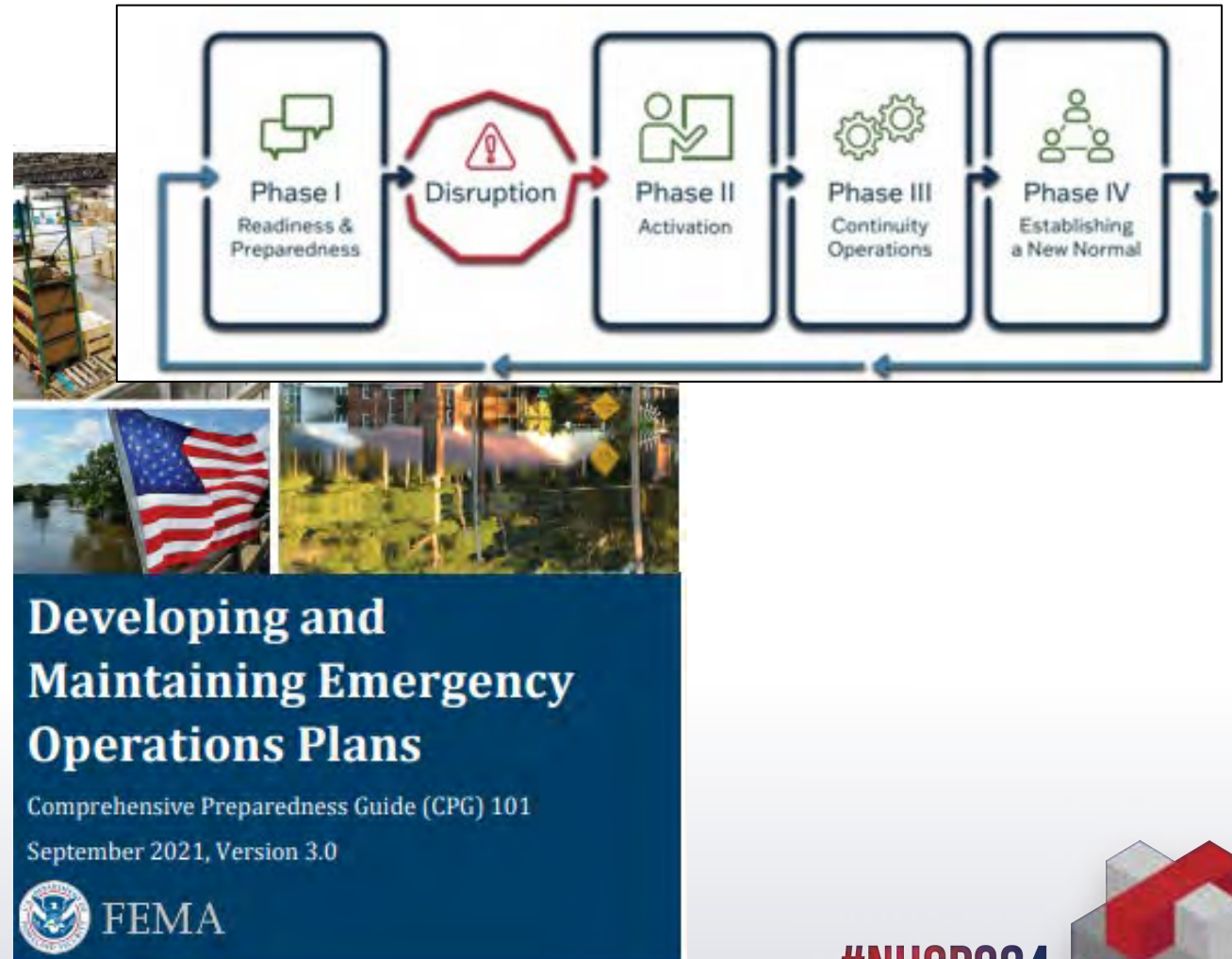
Developing the Continuity Plan

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Organizing the Base Plan

- Base Plan
- Situation
- Concept of Operations
 - Continuity Phases
- Department Responsibilities
- Direction, Control, and Coordination
- Supporting Continuity Elements
- Continuity Communications
- Test, Training, and Exercises
- Plan Maintenance



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Department Annexes

- Checklist and Reference Based
 - Output Statement
 - Critical Business Processes (with RTOs)
 - Recovery Team
 - Key Impacts and Capability Gaps
 - By-Phase Actions
 - Checklist Format
 - Includes Existing Procedures and BIA Mitigation Measures
 - Required Resources (from BPA)

Annex T (Continuity of Operations) - Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

VI. DEPARTMENT CONTINUITY PROCEDURES

Readiness and Preparedness (Action Plan)

□ **DAILY/EACH SHIFT:**

- Print unit census and Face Sheet
- Verify critical equipment is plugged
- Verify battery-powered backup are charged and accessible to staff
- Verify required department downtime available and accessible to staff

□ **WEEKLY:**

- Test unit Business Continuity (BCA) properly

□ **MONTHLY:**

- Review and update unit/department
- Review Policy 7.24 (Telecommunications) ensure they understand which pho and in other facility departments a outage
- Ensure unit has an updated medical record recreation
- Review Emergency Management, and Evacuation plans and policies procedures for service outages, ut within the department
- Identify critical staff positions for staff
- Ensure individual staff have updated workday (instructions on Careforce Children's Healthcare of Atlanta)

Notification and Activities (Articles 9-2.1)

- Contact unit/department director or manager if not present
- Assess if department remains safe for occupation by patients and staff and report to House Supervisor
- Identify immediate life safety hazards (fire, flood, building penetration, etc.)
- Immediately move patients and staff away from identified hazards (within unit if possible; conduct immediate horizontal or vertical evacuation if necessary and in accordance with EC 4-14 Evacuation/ Shelter in Place Plan procedures)

III. CRITICAL BUSINESS PROCESSES

The following are the critical services:

Critical Business Process	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Admissions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diagnostic Testing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transfer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Treatment	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bedside Procedures	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Discharge	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cleaning Beds/Equipment	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Stocking Supplies	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

IV. RECOVERY TEAM

The following are the critical department recovery team members and should be notified upon identification of a service disruption leading to a continuity incident. Recovery Team members identified below will identify and contact additional System and facility-specific representatives as needed.

Annex T (Continuity of Operations) - Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

CRITICAL STAFF

Scottish Rite Hospital (Minimum Per Shift; shows total number required)

Role	#	Day	Night	Week	1-11 AM	12-24 AM	2-5 AM	6-7 AM	8-11 AM	12-1 PM	2-3 PM	4-5 PM	6-7 PM	8-9 PM	10-11 PM
APP	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nat. Manager	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Case Manager	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Charge Nurse	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director Coordinator	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Manager	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Nurse/Physician	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
RN	20	20	20	40	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Respiratory Therapist	5	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Medical Social Worker	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transport Mgr	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transport RT	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Unit Secretary	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

CRITICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

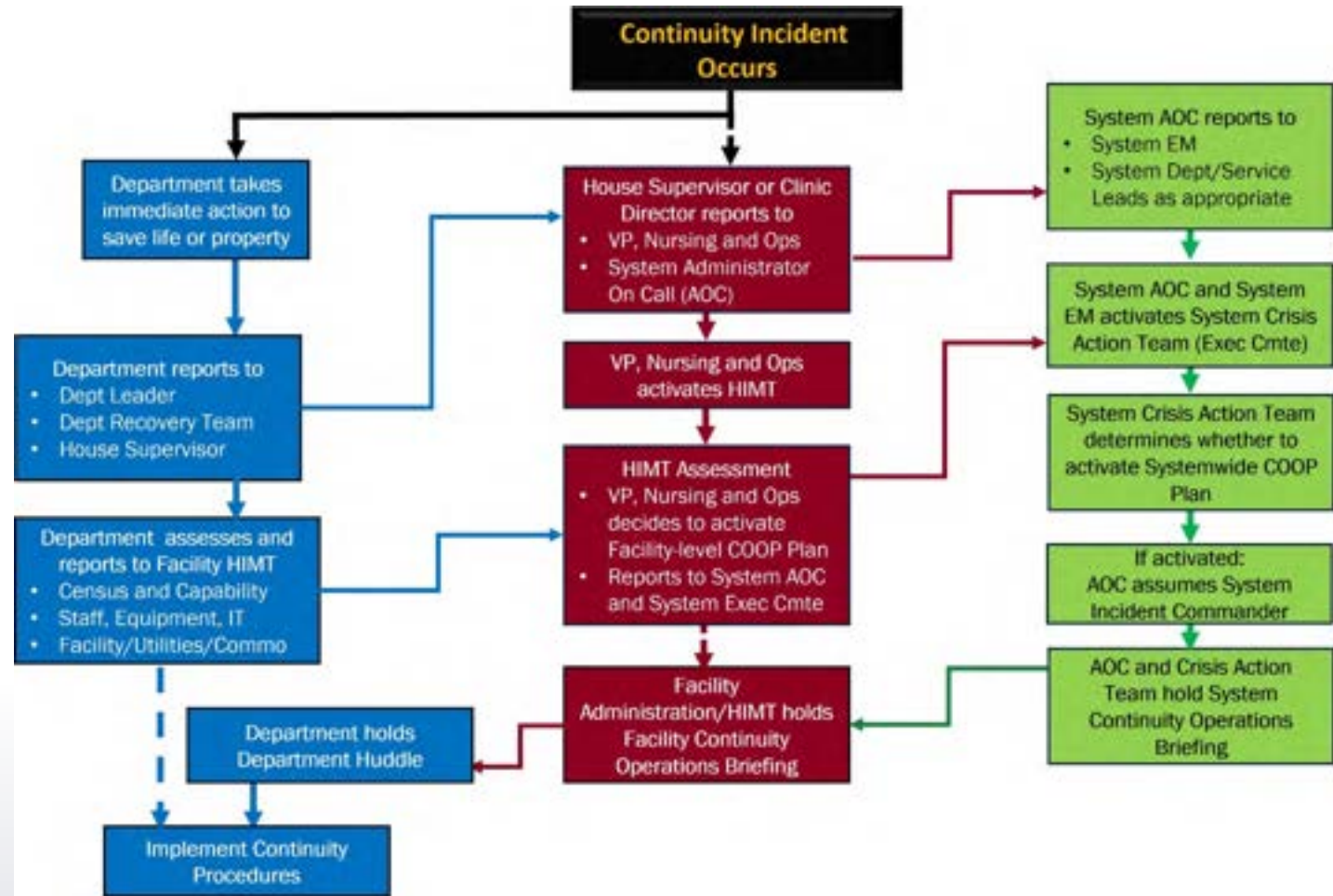
Scottish Rite Hospital (Minimum Items/Supplies; shows total number needed)

Item (Unit of Issue)	Normal #	Min #	1-11 AM	12-24 AM	2-5 AM	6-7 AM	8-11 AM	12-1 PM	2-3 PM	4-5 PM	6-7 PM	8-9 PM	10-11 PM
Admission printer	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Artificial heart pressure monitoring	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bar Human blood	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bedding - Sheets/Blankets	30	30	30	60	60	180	300	100	140	140	140	140	140
Blanket warmer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CPAP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Medical pressure monitor	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Medical Station Printer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cardiac monitor	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Wave monitor - CPM	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Crash Cart	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



Direction, Control, and Coordination

- Assessment and Plan Activation
- Notification
- Department Recovery Team
- Orders of Succession and Delegation of Authority
- Alternate Facilities
- Devolution of Control and Direction




Human Resources

- Labor Pool for Surge Staffing and Courier Runner Requirements
- Attendance Policy
 - PTO Policy
- Manual Timekeeping and Payroll Procedures
- Employee Assistance Program



Essential Records and Processes

- Department-Specific (per BPA)
 - Downtime Form Standardization
- Timekeeping/Payroll
- Medical Record Reconstruction Process
 - Census Printouts Each Shift
 - Care Team Involvement
 - Integration After Downtime
- Supply Chain/Ordering
- Charge Capture Process



Annex T (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU))

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ESSENTIAL RECORDS
All NICU Facilities (vital documents required and time to access following disruption)

Critical Record Title	Recovery Time Objective to Access	Backup Record Source
Code cart instructions	0-2 Hours	BC Computer
Discharge Instructions	2-12 Hours	Paper
Downtime Procedures	0-2 Hours	
Medical Records	0-2 Hours	
Pharmacy Forms		
Standard Operating Procedures		

IT/ESSENTIAL RECORDS DOWNTIME FORMS:
Departments at each facility will maintain the following downtime forms for continued essential record documentation and operations when primary IT systems and records are unavailable

Egleston NICU Downtime Forms

- Form 223301 Procedure Flowsheet
- Form 22334-03 Sedation Flowsheet
- Form 85420-33 ED Procedure Record
- Form 22334-05SR Consent for Moderate to Deep Sedation
- Form 21405-05 RN pre-assessment record Moderate to Deep Sedation
- Form 21405-01 Sedation Physician Evaluation and Plan
- Form 22334-06 Etomidate, Propofol, Fentanyl, Midazolam sedation orders
- Form 18052 Admission History and Physical Examination
- Form 18094 Physician Orders/ Admission Orders
- Form 21404-01 Radiology Downtime Requisition
- Form 6580-05 Laboratory Downtime Requisition

Scottish Rite NICU Downtime Forms

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Continuity Communications

- PACE Methodology
 - Primary: Desk Phones, Wi-Fi Phones, Virtual Conference Tools
 - Alternate: Downtime-Capable Phones
 - Contingency: Personal Cell Phones/Texting, Satellite Phones
 - Emergency: Couriers, Handheld Radios, High-Frequency Radios
- Internal Communications Planning
 - Department and Facility Critical Communications Directory
 - Systemwide Emergency Alerts
 - Employee Information Line
- External Communications
 - Information to Patients and Family Members
 - Patient/Family Call Center
 - Appointment Rescheduling or Cancellation



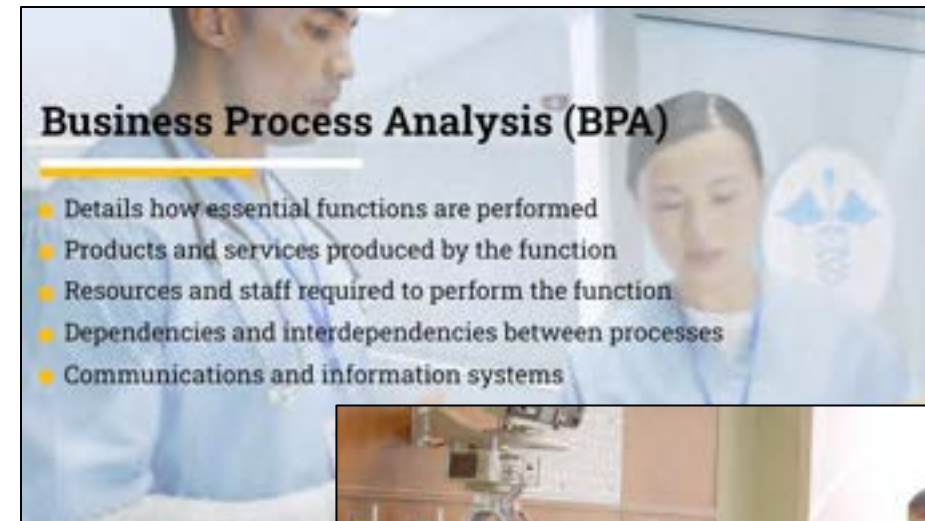
Where Are We Now?

- **Phase 1 (April 2024 – December 2024): Complete Draft Plan**
 - Initial draft plan completed for BC Committee review
 - Internal focus on downtime procedure standardization and hospital move
- **Phase 2 (January 2025 – July 2025): Plan Validation and Revision**
 - Post-hospital move, the systemwide strategic priority shifts to continuity
 - Conduct department-level workshops to validate BPA/BIA data and annex procedures with Continuity Champions and incorporate new facility into plans
 - Computer-Based Training and TT&E program development
- **Phase 3 (Summer 2025 – 2027)**
 - Launch Computer-Based Training and begin TT&E delivery



TT&E Program: Continuity Training

- Initial and Cyclic COOP Orientation and Awareness
 - Computer-Based Training Model
 - Plans, Roles, and Responsibilities
 - Front-Line and Leader-specific
- Department-Level Training
 - Department Annex Checklist Orientation
 - Department Procedures Review (link to existing EM Training)
 - Hands-On Downtime Procedures



Business Process Analysis (BPA)

- Details how essential functions are performed
- Products and services produced by the function
- Resources and staff required to perform the function
- Dependencies and interdependencies between processes
- Communications and information systems

The slide features a background image of two healthcare professionals in a clinical setting. A yellow horizontal line is positioned below the title.



COOP Plan

- Extension of hospital Emergency Operations Plan
- Describes essential organization functions and services
- Assessed using Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)

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TT&E and Continuity Program Sustainment

- Tests

- Alert and Notification Systems
- Continuity Communications
- IT Application Downtime Procedures
- Facility Backup Systems

- Exercises

- Leadership Discussion-Based Exercises (Tabletops and Games)
- Facility and Department Operations-Based Exercises ([link to EM Exercises](#))

- Plan Sustainment

- Cyclic Review Schedule
- Transition to Children's Business Continuity Department



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Overall Lessons Learned

- **Vendor Use:** Allowed for the project to continue moving forward, BUT you will need a dedicated staff person from the hospital/health system
 - Planning skillsets brought to the facility far exceeded our internal capability, but department leader involvement needed for valid BPA/BIA analysis
- **Emphasis:** Senior Leaders must make BC a systemwide priority for department leaders
- **Education:** Orientation and training for department leaders and Continuity Champions at each step (videos, facility presentations, etc.)
- **Virtual vs. In-Person:** Advantages to initial virtual/reduced footprint approach, but still need dedicated time with department leaders to design procedures
- **Timing:** There is never a good time to undertake a BC project, but also never a good time to not have a validated plan
- **Dedicated Business Continuity Staff:** Needed for project handoff from vendor



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CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

Consequence management occurs through the consideration of the wider ramifications of an extended downtime event on regional healthcare delivery. This approach moves the focus from the specific hospital victim, to broader consequences that may affect patient care delivery in the region if there is a catastrophic degradation of patient care regionally or nationally.

-  Large healthcare systems affected by a cyber-attack that have a significant market footprint in your area
-  3rd Party providers to the health sector affected by a cyber-attack cause cascading disruptive effects to many competing hospitals
-  Cyber-attack on power grid and/or water distribution systems that affect healthcare critical infrastructure in your region, triggering hospitals to initiate continuity plans for backup power and water



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MEDICAL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

mEEI

Any critical medical intelligence information required by reporting agencies that collect, analyze, and disseminate EEIs to create situational awareness for the emerging event

- 🔒 mEEIs are specific to a health sector cyber event that may trigger a regional or national disruption of patient care
- 🔒 The Cyber EEIs are written out in advance as questions by consumers of the EEI information
- 🔒 Expressing complex medical intelligence requirements as a collection of essential elements of information provides the ability of healthcare response stakeholders to create situational reports to support health sector response activities







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REGIONAL EXTENDED DOWNTIME EEIS

-  Is the affected hospital(s) diverting/evacuating patients to other healthcare facilities within the regional healthcare delivery system? Is the affected hospital(s) considering extended diversion and/or evacuation? *(To include forecasted disruption in healthcare delivery in the next 24-48hrs)*
-  Are sufficient local, regional medical transportation systems in service to accommodate patient diversion and placement to other healthcare facilities in the region? *(To include forecasted availability of medical transportation in the next 24-48hrs)*
-  Can the regional healthcare delivery system absorb patient care in critical medical service areas such as Emergency Care, Surgery, Cardiac Care, Stroke Care, Burn Care, Trauma Care, Cancer Care, Dialysis Care, Pediatric Care, Labor & Delivery, and Imaging Diagnostics? *(To include forecasted disruption of healthcare delivery in the next 24-48hrs)*
-  Are there any other concurrent operational issues that could affect the regional healthcare delivery systems ability to care for diverted patients from affected hospital(s)? *(Severe weather, nursing strike, higher than normal census, pandemic medical surge, mass casualty event, staffing shortage etc. To include forecasted disruption of healthcare delivery in the next 24-48hrs)*



EEIs WE ARE NOT TRACKING

- 🔒 Exposure of personally identifiable information that may result in HIPAA violations on the victim hospital(s)
- 🔒 CMS regulatory issues that may require enforcement actions on the victim hospital(s)
- 🔒 FDA regulatory issues that may require enforcement actions on the victim hospital(s)
- 🔒 Details of the cyber criminal's tactics, techniques and procedures
- 🔒 Details of mitigation strategies that the victim hospital is deploying. Disabling VPNs, remote access, and single sign-in services



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REASONABLE WORST CASE SCENERIO

So, let's talk about what could happen. The scenario that we will discuss in the following slides are what we consider a possible and reasonably worst-case scenario of a major incident that affects approximately 25% of your region's bed capacity.

**WHILE LISTENING
CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

How would your HCC respond?

What resources does your region have for movement of many patients?

What if this incident occurs during a severe weather event, flu season, nursing strike, large special event, or a mass casualty incident?



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SCENARIO

In today's digital age, where technology is integral to healthcare operations, the importance of robust cybersecurity cannot be overstated. Cyber threats are evolving, and our healthcare infrastructure is a prime target. A breach can not only disrupt services but also compromise patient safety and public trust.



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RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Metropolitan Statistical Area

1,300,000 People United States

1,400,000 People Mexico

2,700,000 Total Population

12 Hospitals

2 Level I Trauma Hospitals

~ 2,700 Licensed Beds

102°F / 84°F Average Summer Temperature



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SETTING THE STAGE

105°F

Heat Index

95%

2,500 of 2,700 Beds

Bed Capacity



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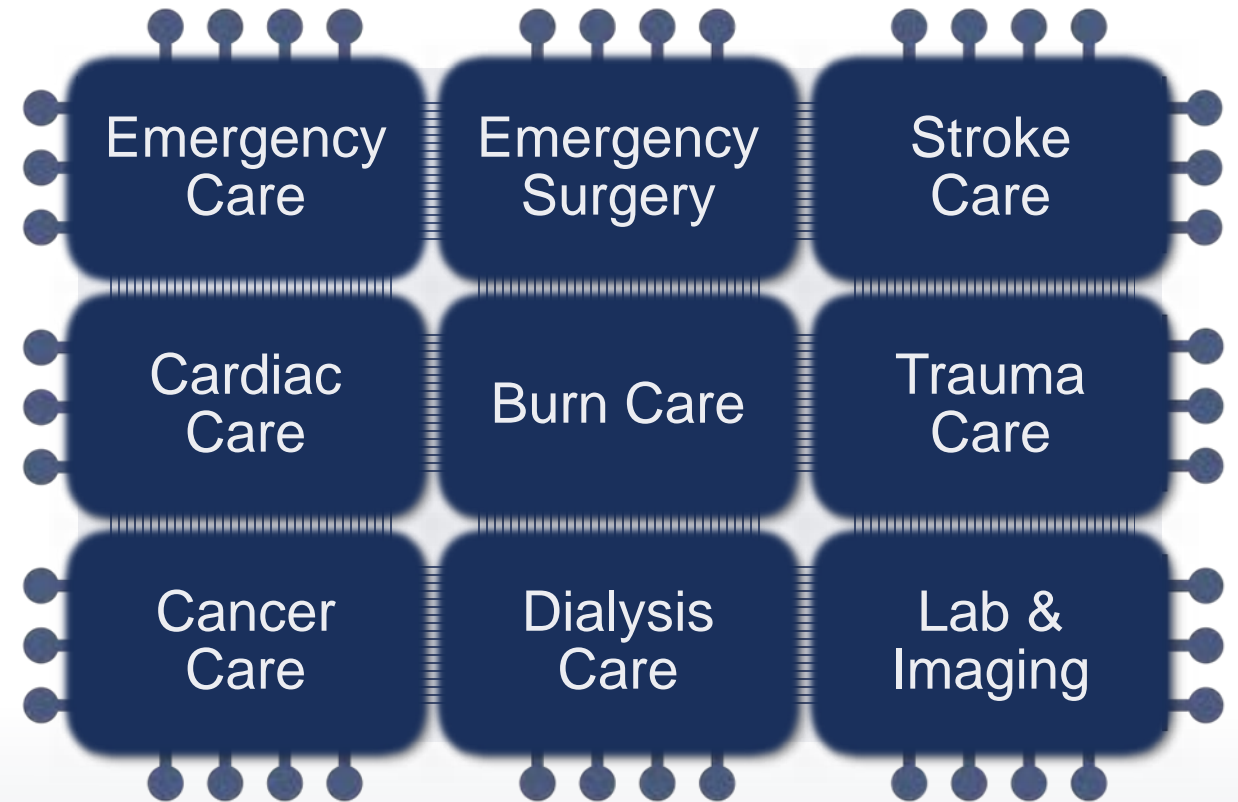
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REGIONAL HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

What types of patient care are disrupted?

(mEEI) Can the regional healthcare delivery system (other hospitals) absorb patient care diverted from the targeted hospital(s)?



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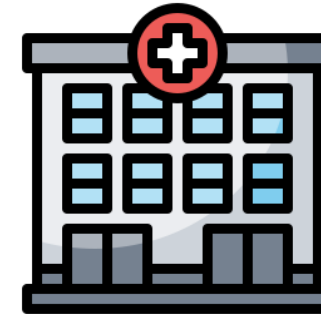
CONCURRENT ISSUES

- 🔒 **Successful cyber-attacks on healthcare were up 25% during pandemic**
- 🔒 **Cyber-attacks and severe weather are the most concerning combination events to hospital emergency managers**
- 🔒 **(mEEI) Are there concurrent operational issues that could affect the regional healthcare delivery systems ability to care for diverted patients from affected hospital(s)?**

Severe Weather

Nursing Strike

Mass Casualty Event



Higher Than Normal Census

Pandemic Surge

Staffing Shortage



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SETTING THE STAGE

HVAC	Hospital abruptly lost access to function of HVAC / Chiller systems throughout the hospital. All other systems are functioning normally.	Upon assessment, the SCADA systems that control all HVAC / Chillers have been encrypted and are not functional. The vendor notified the facility that full replacement with new equipment would take approximately 3 days.	SCADA
UTILITIES	Upon review of systems all utilities, generators, and electrical functions are normal, but HVAC / Chillers are not functioning.	No manual controls for the complex HVAC / Chiller systems. Temperatures inside the hospital is rising at a rate of 15 degrees / hour from a starting average internal temperature of 71 degrees.	TEMP
		Threat actor is asking for 15 million in crypto for decryption keys. The decision was made to pay... but even with keys technical issues prevented restoration of system and the complex environmental system were permanently damaged from the improper shutdown and loss of cooling. Timeline for HVAC / Chiller repair is approximately 15 – 20 days.	RANSOM



MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

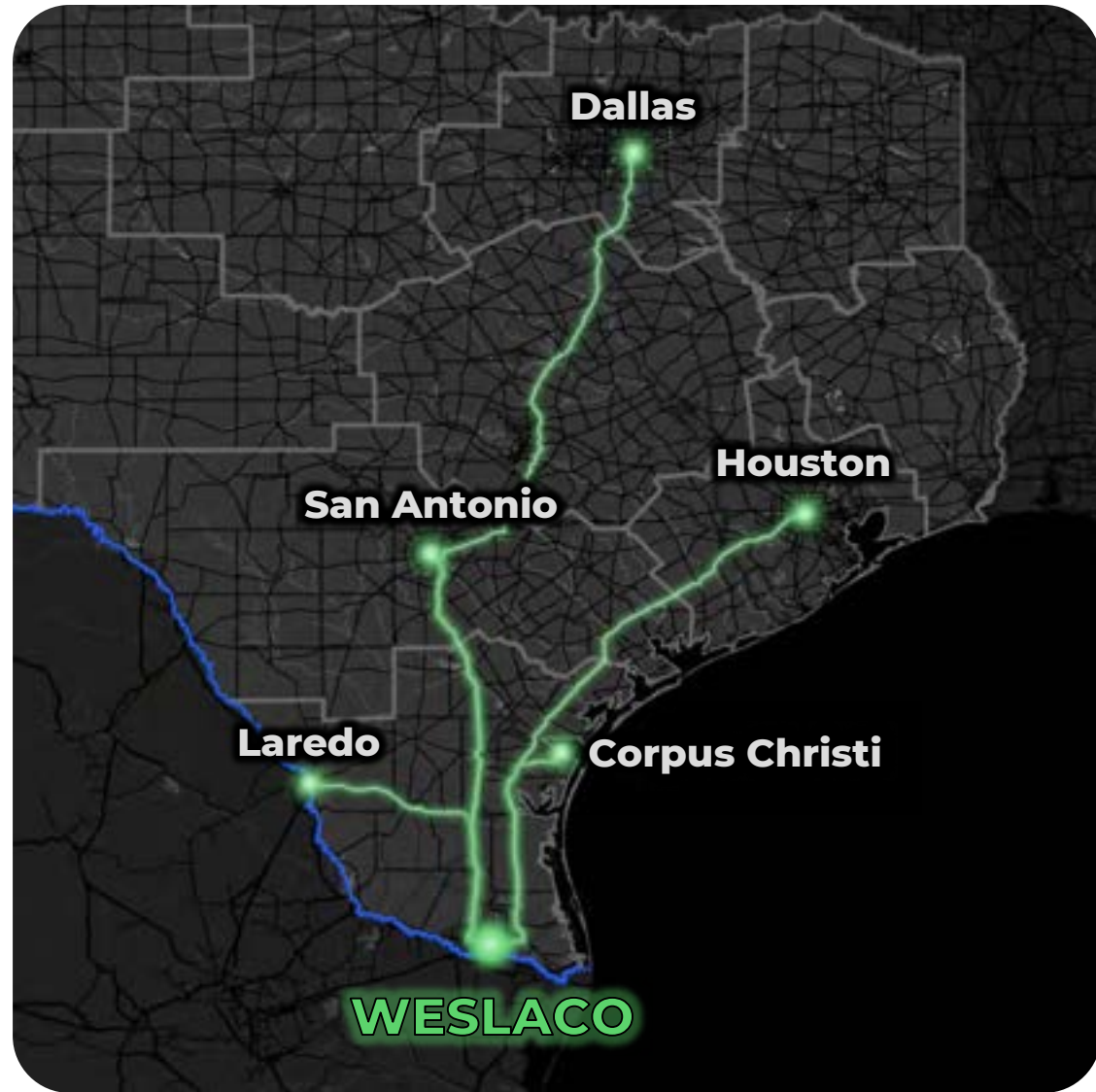
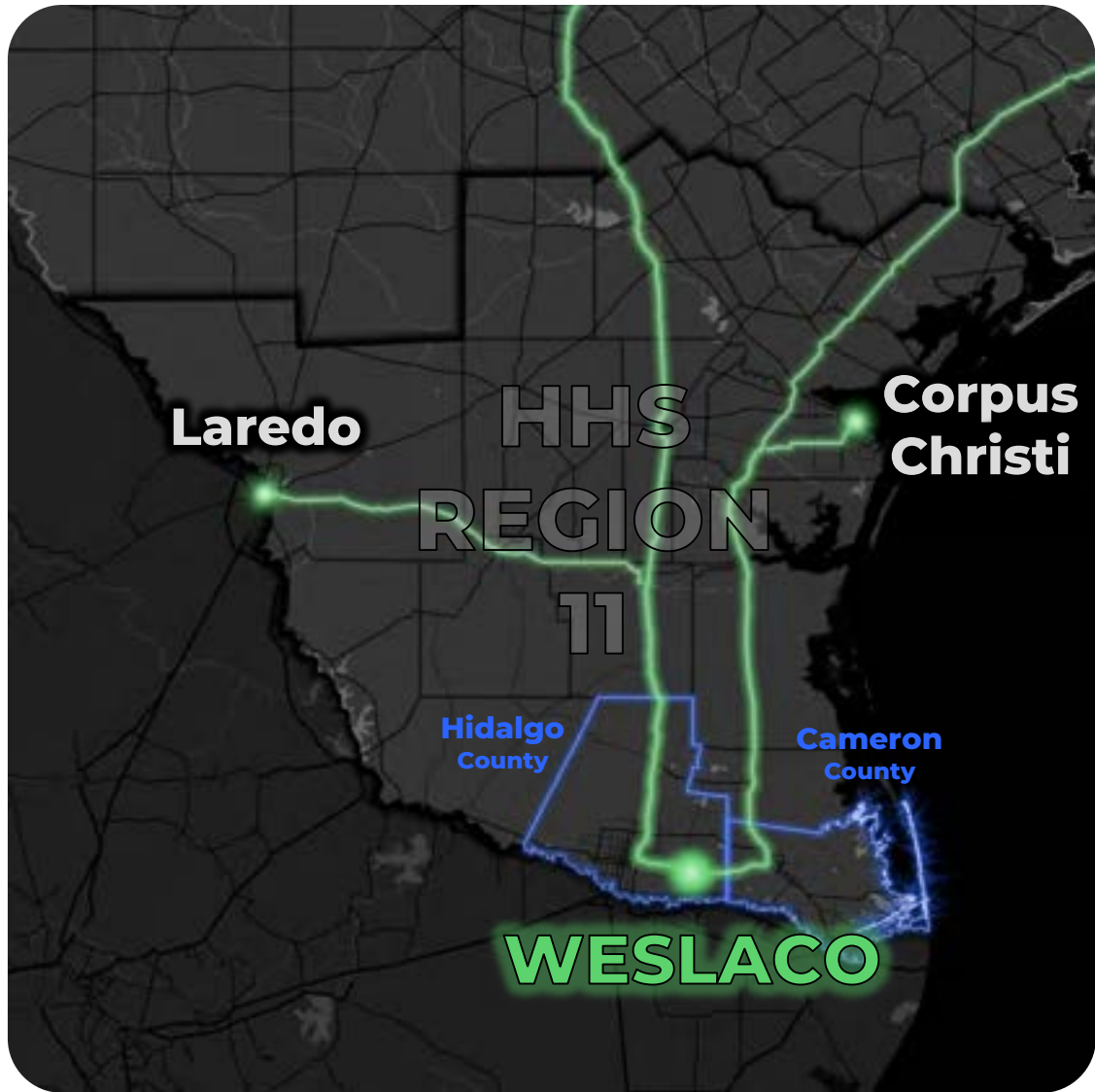
- 🔒 Are there enough medical transportation assets available to transport diverted patients to other facilities?
- 🔒 Is diverted patient flow distributed evenly to available receiving facilities?
- 🔒 Does EMS know that the hospital may be experiencing an extended downtime event and may be on divert longer than usually expected?
- 🔒 (mEEI) Is the affected hospital(s) diverting/evacuating patients to other healthcare facilities within the regional healthcare delivery system? Is the affected hospital(s) considering extended diversion and/or evacuation?
- 🔒 (mEEI) Are sufficient local, regional medical transportation systems in service to accommodate patient diversion and placement to other healthcare facilities in the region?



HOSPITAL DIVERSION / EVACUATION

- 🔒 May be difficult to assess how long the hospital will be on diversion at the beginning of the event
- 🔒 Monitoring the affected hospital status, in the beginning, is crucial even if they activate their continuity plan, decompress patient load, and implement downtime procedures
- 🔒 Is this cyber event impacting hospital critical infrastructure, power, and/or water distribution?
- 🔒 (mEEI) Can the regional healthcare delivery system absorb patient care in critical medical service areas such as Emergency Care, Surgery, Cardiac Care, Stroke Care, Burn Care, Trauma Care, Cancer Care, Dialysis Care, Pediatric Care, Labor & Delivery, and Imaging Diagnostics?





EVACUATION TIMES FROM WESLACO



Discharge

<10% of Patients



Ambulance
TRIP TIME

CC: 2 hr
LAR: 3 hrs
SA: 4 hrs
HOU: 6 hrs
DAL: 9 hrs

CAPACITY 2



Rotor Wing
TRIP TIME

CC: 1 hr
LAR: 1 hr
SA: 2 hrs
HOU: 2 hrs 30 mins

CAPACITY 1



Fixed Wing
TRIP TIME

CC: 1 hr
LAR: 1 hr
SA: 2 hrs
HOU: 2 hrs 30 mins
DAL: 4 hrs

CAPACITY 1-2



AMBUS
TRIP TIME

CC: 4 hrs
LAR: 3 hrs
SA: 5 hrs
HOU: 8 hrs
DAL: 11 hrs

CAPACITY ~20



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The medical one-way transport times displayed are estimates based on typical travel conditions and may vary due to weather, traffic, airspace restrictions, or patient acuity. Capacity limits and trip durations are subject to change depending on resource availability and real-time operational circumstances.

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EVACUATING 25% OF THE REGIONS BED CAPACITY

Worst Case Scenario

- 🔒 Loss of facility function
- 🔒 Compromise to patient and staff safety
- 🔒 The dreaded cyber/physical sentinel event

Minimize Patient Risk

- 🔒 Early identification and communication of the incident
- 🔒 Quick implementation of extended downtime procedures and other relevant critical response plans
- 🔒 Up-to-date and trained / exercised response plans



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WHAT CAN WE DO?



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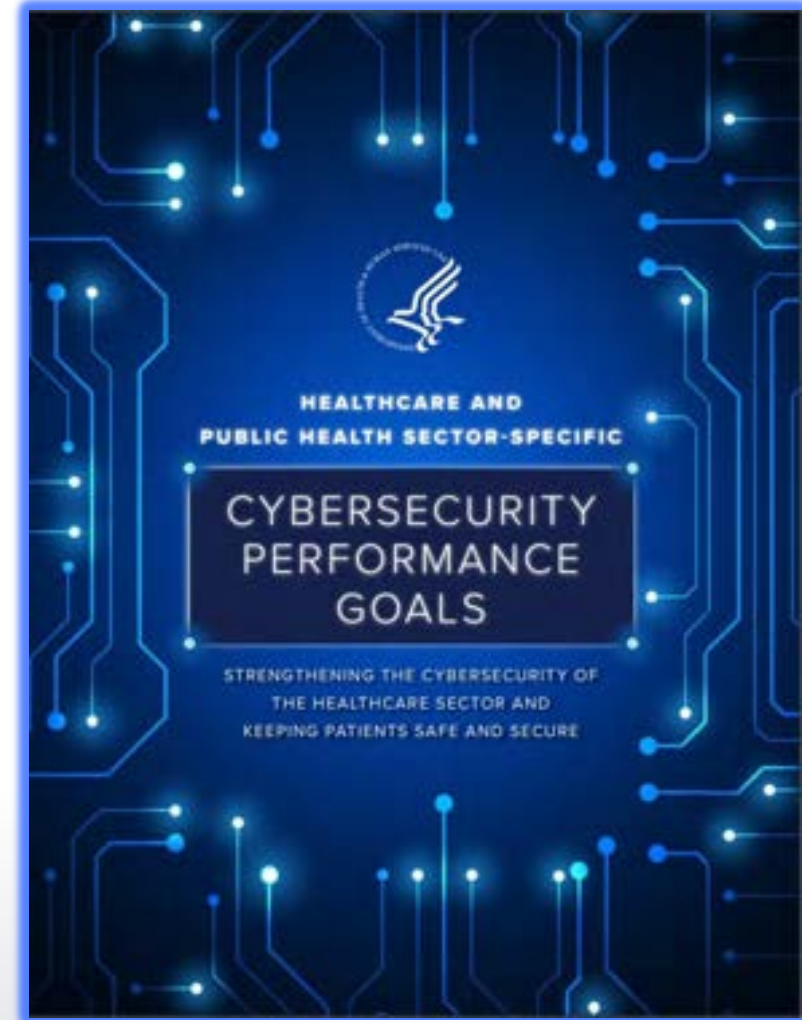
CYBERSECURITY PERFORMANCE GOALS

ESSENTIAL GOALS

help healthcare organizations address common vulnerabilities by setting a floor of safeguards that will better protect them from cyberattacks, improve response when events occur, and minimize residual risk.

ENHANCED GOALS

help healthcare organizations mature their cybersecurity capabilities and reach the next level of defense needed to protect against additional attack vectors.



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CYBERSECURITY PERFORMANCE GOALS

ESSENTIAL GOALS	
Mitigate Known Vulnerabilities	Revoke Credential for Departing Workforce Members
Email Security	Basic Incident Planning & Preparedness
Multifactor Authentication	Unique Credentials
Basic Cybersecurity Training	Separate User & Privileged Accounts
Strong Encryption	Vendow / Supplier Cybersecurity Requirements



INFORMATION SHARING

The best way to understand the threat, is to get involved!

MS-ISAC **FREE**

- 🔒 SLTT Government
- 🔒 <https://learn.cisecurity.org/msisac-registration>

Public Safety Threat Alliance **FREE**

- 🔒 EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Management, PSAP's, FSLTT Government
- 🔒 <https://namrinfo.motorolasolutions.com/join-the-psta>

Health-ISAC

- 🔒 Nominal Fee
- 🔒 <https://health-isac.org/join-h-isac/>

CISA Cyber Intelligence Center HSIN COI **FREE**

- 🔒 Critical Infrastructure CISO / CSO / CIOs and SLTT Government
- 🔒 <https://www.dhs.gov/how-join-hsin>

InfraGard **FREE**

- 🔒 All 16 Critical Infrastructure Sectors
- 🔒 <https://www.infragard.org>

HHS CIP Email Distribution List **FREE**

- 🔒 <https://stg-aspr.hhs.gov/cip/Pages/CIPInquiry%20Form.html>

Fusion Center Liaison Programs **FREE**

- 🔒 <https://www.dhs.gov/fusion-center-locations-and-contact-information>

EMR-ISAC HSIN COI **FREE**

- 🔒 Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Emergency Management
- 🔒 <https://www.dhs.gov/emergency-services>



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TRAINING OPPURTUNITIES

Personal Training

- 🔒 ISC2 CC – Certified in Cybersecurity
- 🔒 TALON CWG Webinars (Coming Soon!)
- 🔒 Health Sector Coordinating Council
- 🔒 Emergency Services Sector Coordinating Council

Coalition Training

TEEX – CDP

- 🔒 Information Security for Everyone
- 🔒 Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks
- 🔒 Cybersecurity Risk Awareness for Officials and Senior Management
- 🔒 Demystifying Cyber Attacks
- 🔒 Cybersecurity Incident Response and Management



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HOW TO GET DHS/FBI INVOLVED

HOW TO BRING HEALTHCARE IT/IS TO THE TABLE AND GET CISA/FBI INVOLVED IN YOUR COALITION

- 🔒 Coordinate with DHS Cybersecurity Advisors and Protective Security advisors to conduct a webinar for your coalition. If you don't know your CSA/PSA <https://www.cisa.gov/audiences/find-help-locally>
- 🔒 Work with your CSA/PSAs to determine if an in-person meeting would be beneficial to your region and invite your regional IT/IS personnel.
- 🔒 Contact your regional FBI Field Office and ask for the Private Sector Coordinator (every FBI field office has one) and ask for a virtual introduction meeting to discuss the purpose and function of your HCC.
- 🔒 Depending on your regional hazards and threats (large chemical plants or petrochemical some coalitions may want to consider engaging with CISA's Chemical Security Inspectors and FBI's Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinators to discuss healthcare specific capabilities and responses to major incidents. (I know this is not related to Cyber, but it is a way to build a relationship with DHS/FBI)









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INCIDENT RESPONSE & BUSINESS CONTINUITY WORKING GROUP

-  **Tactical Crisis Response Guide (HIC-TCR)**
-  **Matrix of Information Sharing Organizations (HIC-MISO)**
-  **Coordinated Healthcare Incident Response Plan (CHIRP)**
-  **Operational Continuity – Cyber Incident (OCCI)**
-  **Healthcare Executive Checklist for Cyber Incidents**
-  **Cyber Incident Response – Executive Checklist**



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OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY CYBER INCIDENT (OCCI) CHECKLIST

This OCCI Checklist aims to provide organizations of all sizes with key actionable and vetted steps that can be implemented at the first sign of a cybersecurity incident.



ACTION DRIVEN

Provides operational tasks for the first 0-8 hours of an incident.



SCALABLE

Applicable for all healthcare settings.

Critical Access
to
Large Health Systems



ROLE-BASED

Aligned with the hospital incident command system.



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OCCI ELEMENTS



Editable Collection of Incident Response Guides



Priority actions for the first 8 hours of a large-scale Cyber Security Event



Actionable items that allows HICS respond quickly

Version 2.0 released soon through a partnership between HSCC and 405(d) Program and HHS

Version 3.0 will also be released soon and is a printable operational document that can be filled out and provide areas for written notes

Response Guideline	
Cybersecurity/Technology System Prolonged Massive Disruption or Outage	
<i>This checklist outlines recommended initial (first 12 hours) actions and considerations during cybersecurity incidents</i>	
Command positions should be activated as they are needed. If a command position is not activated, actions fall to the incident Commander and can be delegated as appropriate. Position activation may depend on staff availability or the size and scope of the incident.	
Based on assessment by CIO, CISO, and senior leadership, incident command may be activated Threshold for activation:	
A prolonged massive disruption meets or has the potential to meet any of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Patient safety and/or member service impacts b. Large-scale clinical workflow, patient care, and/or member service impacts c. Implementation of preventative defenses that could impact clinical workflow 	
Incident Commander	
Role: Provides overall strategic direction on all site-specific response actions and activities.	
1.1	Identify Incident scope and obtain situational awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Scope – One site/multiple sites/Isolated outage/full network outage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Assume it is a malicious (cybersecurity) incident until proven otherwise • Situational awareness – operational, business, and clinical impacts
1.2	Establish a cadence and process for coordination with IS/IT and Cyber Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider command center coordination or unified command based on organizational structure (<i>Hospital, IS/IT, and Cybersecurity Command</i>)
1.3	Activate applicable continuity and downtime plan(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If plans do not exist or are not functional, rapidly identify critical services and create a plan to continue/sustain services
1.4	Communicate activation of downtime plans to inform operational changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider use of overhead paging, mass notification system, etc.
1.5	Approve recommendations from Operations relative to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaling services • Pausing services • Initiating diversionary status
1.6	Address incident need by activating additional resources
1.7	Understand upstream and downstream impact(s) to partner organizations. Communicate as appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Connect • Other health systems • Community partners (e.g., SNF, LTAC, EMS)
1.8	Establish cadence for ongoing impact assessment and briefing (e.g., operational periods)



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Response Guideline	
Cybersecurity/Technology System Prolonged Massive Disruption or Outage	
<p><i>This checklist outlines recommended initial (first 12 hours) actions and considerations during cybersecurity incidents. Please use this workbook and its findings to inform your Incident Action Plan.</i></p> <p><small>Command positions should be activated as they are needed. If a command position is not activated, actions fall to the Incident Commander and can be delegated as appropriate. Position activation may depend on staff availability or the size and scope of the incident.</small></p>	
<p>Based on assessment by CIO, CISO, and senior leadership, incident command may be activated Threshold for activation:</p> <p>A prolonged massive disruption meets or has the potential to meet any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Patient safety and/or member service impacts Large-scale clinical workflow, patient care, and/or member service impacts Implementation of preventative defenses that could impact clinical workflow 	Initially Impacted Systems:
<p>Incident Commander</p> <p><small>Role: Provides overall strategic direction on all site-specific response actions and activities.</small></p>	<p>Name:</p> <p>Non-VOIP Phone:</p>
<p>1.1 Identify Incident scope and obtain situational awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Scope – One site/multiple sites/Isolated outage/full network outage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assume it is a malicious (cybersecurity) incident until proven otherwise Situational awareness – operational, business, and clinical impacts 	<p>Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Completed by:</p> <p>Time:</p>
<p>1.2 Establish a cadence and process for coordination with IS/IT and Cyber Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider command center coordination or unified command based on organizational structure (Hospital, IS/IT, and Cybersecurity Command) 	<p>Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Completed by:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Where has this cadence been posted?</p>

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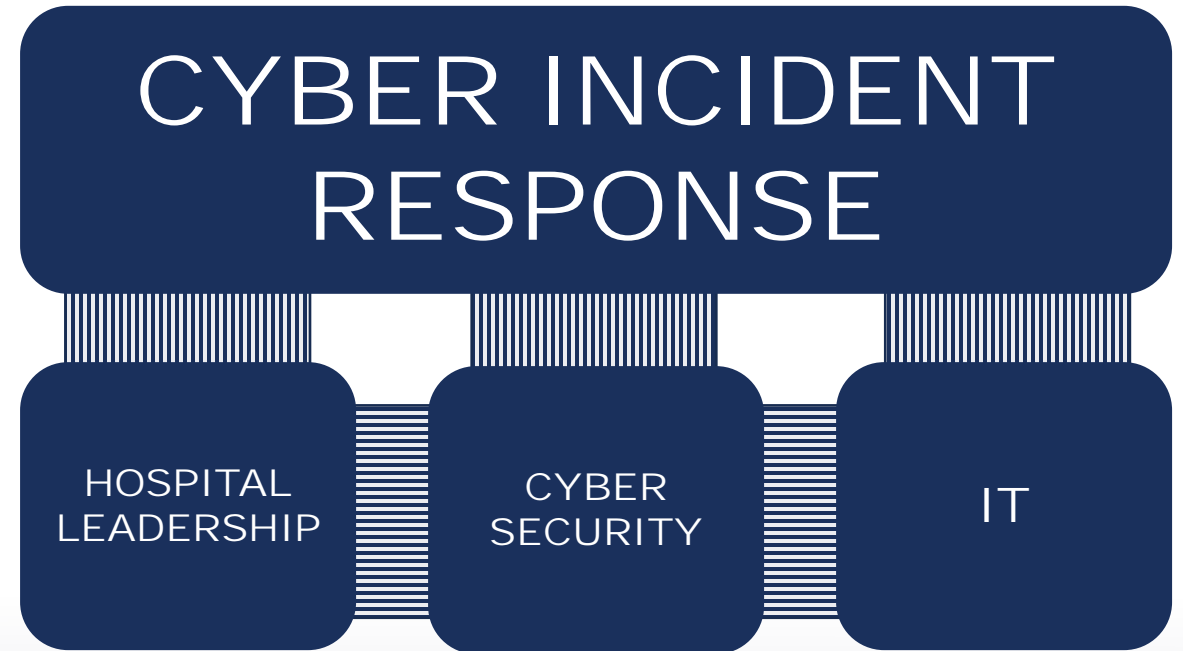


**Editable and Printable
Collection of Incident Response Job
Action Sheets**

Operations Section Chief	
<p><small>Role: Develop and recommend strategies and tactics to continue clinical and non-clinical operations for the duration of the incident response and for recovery.</small></p>	
<p>Name:</p> <p>Non-VOIP Phone:</p>	
<p>6.1 Activate downtime procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify safe, alternative processes for patient care based on technical outage Initiate downtime processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilize business continuity or downtime computers if available Build paper charts for all patients using information printed from downtime computers or paper downtime forms. Print critical service delivery information (e.g., patient charts, staff schedules, patient schedules) Establish patient and specimen label process Note: this could be an extended downtime (days or weeks) – address downtime procedures that need to be refined to support extended downtime Establish or implement back charting criteria Deploy strike teams to provide just-in-time training and regulatory requirements on downtime charting and documentation 	<p>Task:</p> <p>Leader Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Task:</p> <p>Leader Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Task:</p> <p>Leader Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Task:</p> <p>Leader Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Task:</p> <p>Leader Assigned to:</p> <p>Time:</p>

COORDINATED HEALTHCARE INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN CHIRP

- 🔒 Plan template to guide the response to a large-scale cybersecurity incident
- 🔒 Platform to unite Cyber Security / Information Technology response plans and Hospital EOPs
- 🔒 Leveraged as a stand-alone document or a supporting document to other supplemental plans



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FROM PANIC TO PLAN

EXECUTIVE STRATEGIES FOR HANDLING CYBERSECURITY EVENTS

Executive Checklist Outlining key recommendations for hospital executives to effectively prepare for and respond to large-scale cybersecurity attacks

Incident Response Actions



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Communication Recommendations



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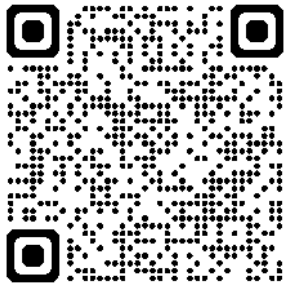


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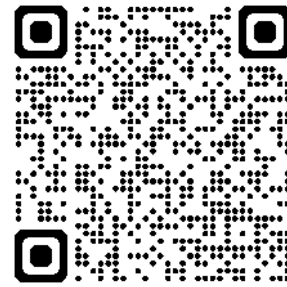
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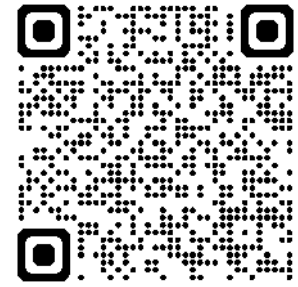
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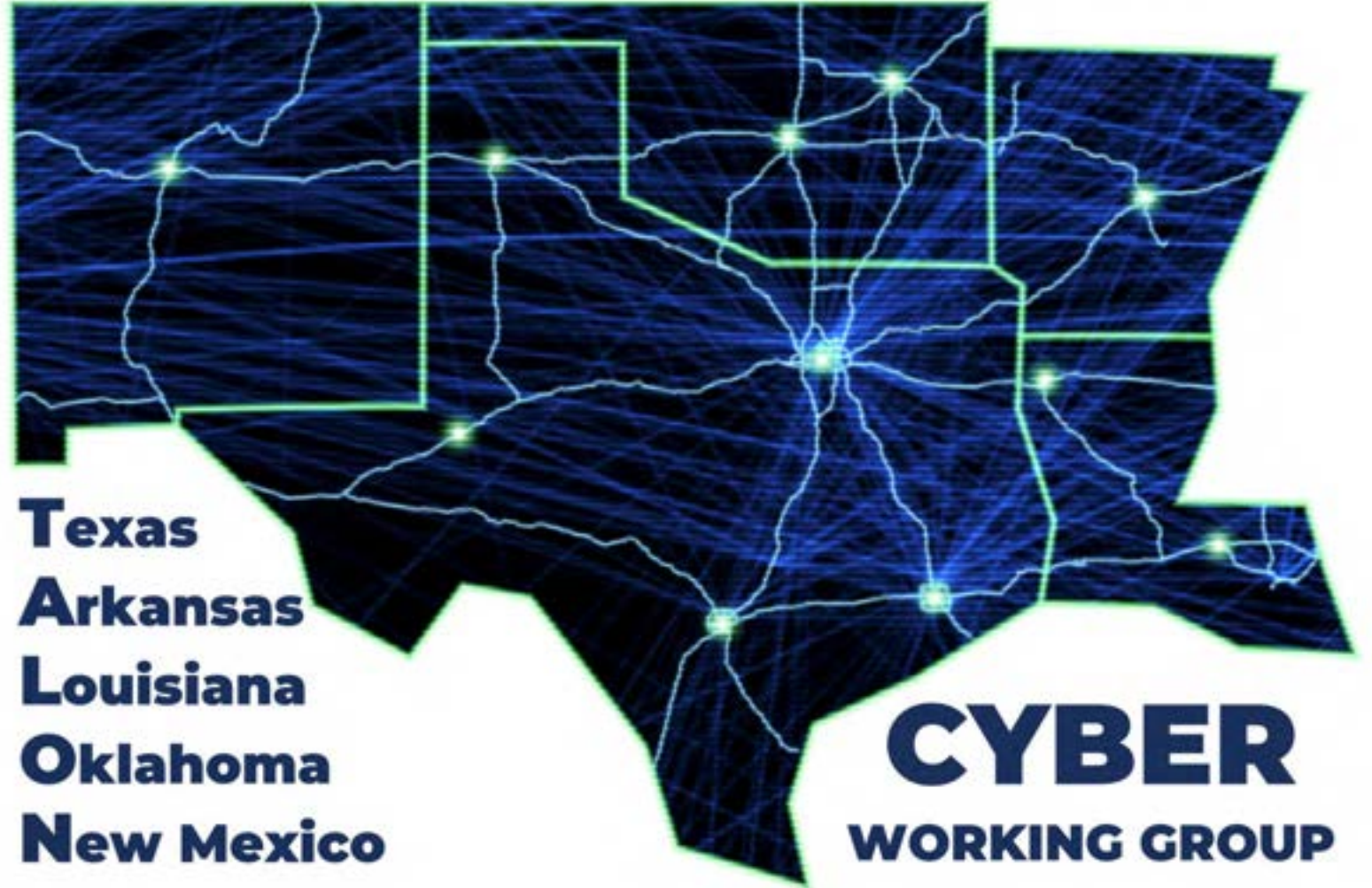
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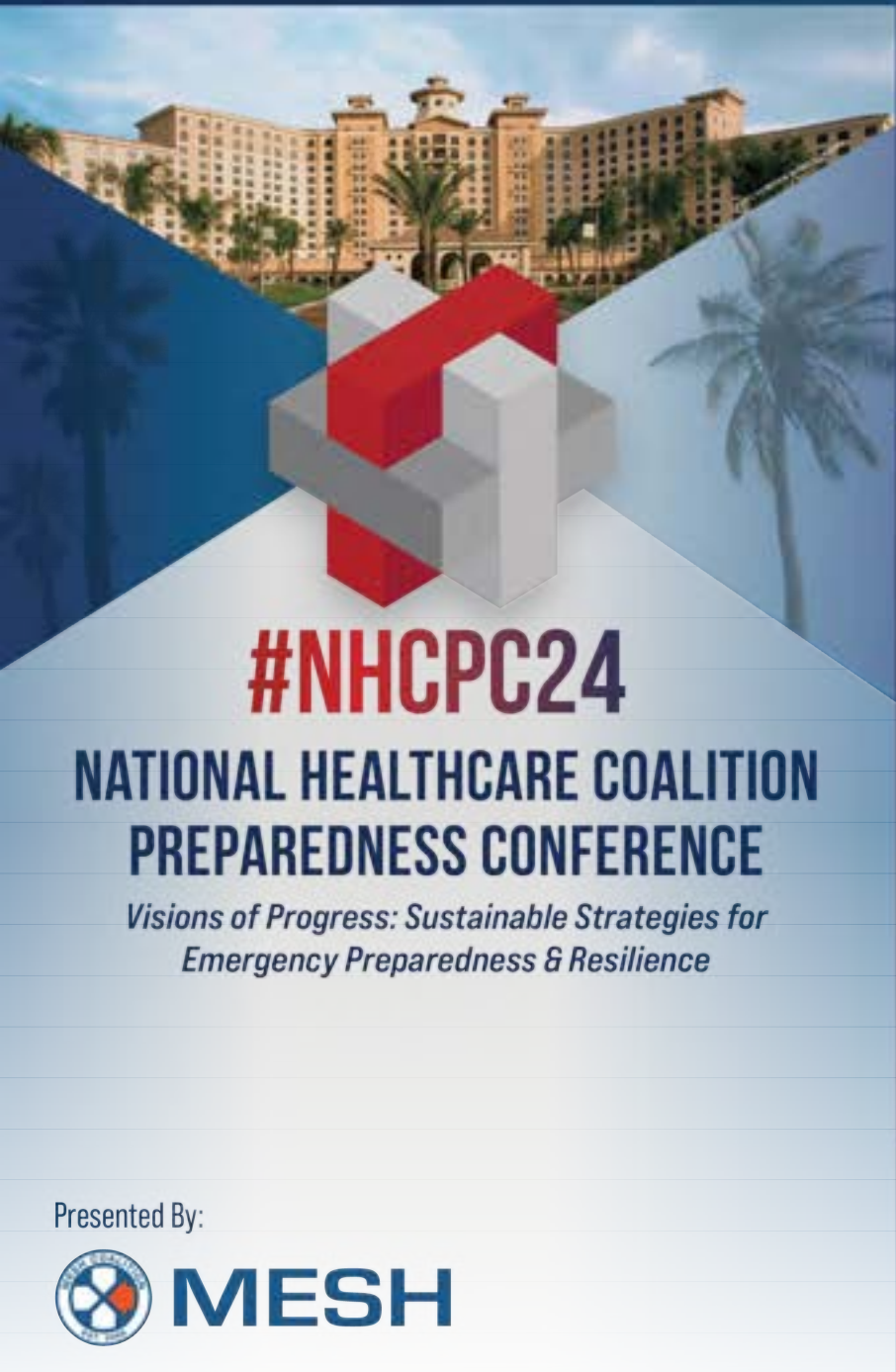
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Surge Scramble

Adapting CDC's Pan Flu Scramble to Six Functional MRSEs

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Southeast Nebraska Healthcare Coalition

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University of Nebraska Medical Center

Introduce the Pan Flu Scramble

- CDC activity to flood the community healthcare sector with patients represented by 5X7 cards

#1

Emergency Department

Round 1

- 8 month old female
- Temperature of 104°F (40°C)
- Increased work of breathing with retractions
- Poor muscle tone
- Cyanosis
- No previous medical history

Vital signs upon evaluation:

Temp–104°F, Pulse–130, Respiration–32, Blood Pressure–80/48

Round 1

- Keep this patient for treatment
- Release this patient to go home
- Seek to transfer this patient to _____ who:
 - Accepts transfer request
 - Rejects transfer and returns patient to ED

Round 2


- Keep this patient for treatment
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Other Call Centers




9-1-1 Call Centers



Emergency Medical Services



ED/ICU



VA Medical Center/Clinic



Public Health Department




Facilitator



Home Care Site




Pharmacies



Fatality Management Services




Local Gov/ EMA/ EOC



Long -Term Care




Home Health/ Hospice Care



Urgent Care Centers



Outpatient Walk-in Clinics



Primary Care Providers

Tasked with 2023/4 MRSE functional exercise

- Chemical Event (new annex)
- ASPR's evaluation tool
 - We needed to collect all that data
- Agencies present/invited
- Conducted a day after Symposium (focus on Chemical events)
 - Overview of Annex and Chempack program
 - Hazmat on-scene procedures
 - Treatment protocols for organophosphates



PowerPoint with instructions

- 1.All your instructions will come from us. We'll project the scenario up on this PP
- 2.We are going to direct you to Victim Cards when it's time
- 3.Then we are going to give you time to process the incoming victims. But not too much time.
- 4.Then we'll stop the activity and check in with you as a large group and ask you to update your numbers. More to come
- 5.Then we'll ask lots of questions, some specifically aimed at hospitals and EMS, but others may be to the entire room
- 6.If you have an answer....raise your flag, pick up your microphone and wait to be called on



Scenario

At approximately 9:00 AM, a chemical tanker truck carrying organophosphates overturned near a major intersection (90th and Dodge), leading to a catastrophic release of toxic chemicals. The incident has affected a hundreds of people in the vicinity, including pedestrians, motorists, and residents/occupants in nearby buildings as the plume drifts southeast. The following facilities are in the path





Emergency
Medical Services



Hospital 1



Hospital 2



Public Health
Department



Facilitator



Local Gov/
EMA/ EOC



Long -Term
Care



Home Health/
Hospice Care



Outpatient
Walk-in
Clinics

Items on each table



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20% of staffed beds and 85/15/rule

Revised Patient Cards

Emergency Department Victim Card

1

One adult victim, ages 20 to 35, arrives at your Emergency Department via ambulance with severe symptoms of Organophosphate poisoning.

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Symptoms

- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness
- Excessive salivation and drooling
- Blurry vision
- Muscle weakness
- needs airway management (ventilator)

Category Severe: Admit to ICU

Sector: Emergency Department Adult Victim Card

1

One Victim, 25-35 years old, arrives at your Emergency Department via ambulance with moderate symptoms of Organophosphate poisoning.

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Symptoms

- Muscle twitching and fasciculations
- Nausea and vomiting
- Excessive sweating

Category Moderate: Admit to Med/Surg

Sector: Emergency Department Adult Victim Card

1

One Victim, 25-35 years old, self-presents to your Emergency Department with mild symptoms of Organophosphate poisoning.

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Symptoms

- Muscle twitching and fasciculations
- Excessive sweating

Category Mild: Decon, Treat and Release

Data collection forms for MRSE evaluation

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Intravenous Fluids		Yes No
Oxygen		Yes No
2-pam Chloride		Yes No
Infusion Pumps		Yes No
Ventilators		Yes No
Bedside Monitors		Yes No
Airway Suction (Adult & Pediatric)		Yes No
Supplies Needed to Administer Pharmaceuticals, Blood Products		Yes No

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Data collection forms for MRSE evaluation

Bed Type	Number of open beds at the beginning of the exercise (call your facility for this information).	Did your facility have enough to respond to the incident?	
Emergency Department Beds		Yes	No
General Medical Unit Beds		Yes	No
ICU Beds (SICU, MISU, CCU)		Yes	No
Post Critical Care (Monitored/Stepdown) Beds		Yes	No
Surgical Unit Beds (Pre-op., Post-op., and Procedural)		Yes	No
General Pediatric Unit Beds		Yes	No
Pediatric ICU Beds		Yes	No

Please complete the following questions related to patient movement at the end of each round.

Hospital Census at the beginning of the exercise	
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Patient Movement	Number at end of exercise
Surge patients received and admitted	
Transfer patients received and admitted	
Number of existing patients discharged to accommodate surge	
Number of patient transferred to another facility to accommodate surge	
Number of existing and surge patients that did not receive an appropriate staffed bed at your facility and/or transport to another facility (i.e. patients awaiting admission)	



Data collection forms for MRSE evaluation

Hospital Name:

Existing patients transferred out

Surge patients transferred out

Existing patients discharged

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Email sent before exercise

- Hospitals given a list of current day info needed based on HCC test objectives
 - Bed counts by type
 - Supplies on hand
 - Personnel on hand
- Instructed to bring phone numbers of colleagues at facility
- This becomes a functional exercise!



Played 2 Rounds at 10% for each

- Experts in the room
- Updated tally/data collection sheets at the end of each round
- Reported out
 - First hospitals
 - Then all partners in room



Evaluation Overview

- Participant feedback
- Healthcare Coalition Coordinator feedback
- Future considerations

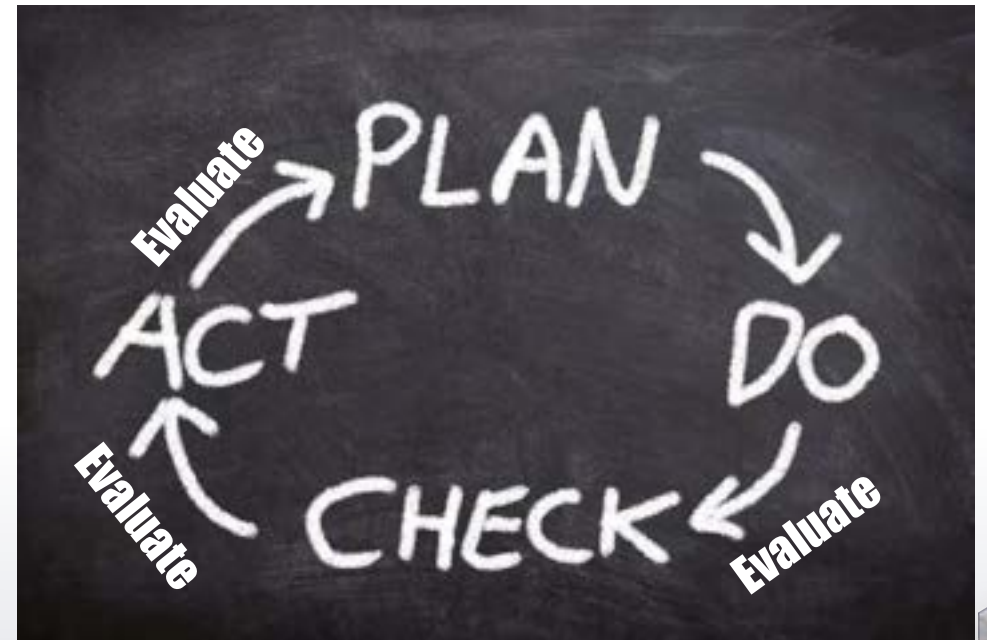


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Participant Feedback Collection Methods

Healthcare Coalition Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)

Please complete the following questions as part of the Healthcare Coalition MRSE evaluation.

1. What is your organization? _____
2. Are you an executive for your organization? Yes No

Please fill in the bubbles below to indicate your level of agreement with each statement about the exercise objectives.

3. The Coalition engaged coalition members and their executives to participate in the MRSE and the After Action Review (AAR).

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

4. The Coalition effectively notified members of the exercise and modeled how information sharing would be facilitated during a community-wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

5. The Coalition demonstrated its ability to assess and meet the critical personnel and resources needs (supplies, personnel, etc.) to manage a patient surge during a community wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

6. The Coalition exhibited its ability to assess and meet the critical EMS personnel and resource needs to manage patient surge during a community-wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

7. The Coalition displayed its ability to reduce patient morbidity and mortality through appropriate patient placement during a large-scale patient surge by assisting with the identification and coordination of available patient care resources.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

8. The Coalition showcased its ability to successfully coordinate and execute all relevant response plans during a community-wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

9. The MRSE evaluated the readiness and response capabilities of hospitals in handling a mass casualty event caused by chemical contamination.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Participant Feedback Collection Methods

10. The MRSE assessed the coordination and communication among the HCC, healthcare facilities, first responders, and public health agencies.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

11. The MRSE determined the ability of hospitals to surge by at least 20% of their staffed beds and initiate Crisis Standards of Care.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

12. The MRSE identified areas for improvement in the emergency response plan and resource allocation during a chemical incident.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Please fill in the bubbles below to indicate your agreement with each question in relation to the format of this exercise.

13. The Scramble (in-person functional exercise with an opportunity to discuss between rounds of events) is an effective format for the MRSE.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

14. The 20% staffed bed surge was an effective number of patients to test the exercise objectives.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Please answer the following questions and consider the exercise format and design, the scenario, the events that played out during the exercise, and the actions of exercise participants.

15. What is one area for improvement from your participation in the MRSE?

16. How do you think the area for improvement from question #15 could be addressed?

17. What is one strength you identified playing in the MRSE?

Participant Feedback Collection Methods

- Hot wash
 - What went well with exercise operations?
 - What could be improved with exercise operations?
 - What went well with exercise design?
 - What could be improved with exercise design?



Participant Feedback Average Ratings

Agency	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	# of Respondents	
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Hospital	4.62	4.56	4.48	4.34	4.31	4.47	4.52	4.49	4.37	4.54	4.56	4.15	121	
Long term care	4.36	4.42	4.31	4.32	3.96	4.26	4.24	4.10	4.42	4.20	4.65	4.10	19	
Public health	4.39	4.48	4.25	4.00	4.24	4.19	4.19	4.07	4.08	4.38	4.30	3.74	23	
Other	4.41	4.47	4.37	4.32	4.28	4.34	4.36	4.36	4.14	4.30	4.28	4.11	47	
Composite	4.52	4.44	4.46	4.26	4.17	4.25	4.33	4.34	4.19	4.36	4.45	4.09	219	

Highest Average by Organization Type

Lowest Average by Organization Type

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Participant Feedback Average Ratings - Highest

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Participant Feedback Average Ratings - Lowest

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Coalition Coordinator Feedback

- Level of agreement with each statement:

1. The 20% surge of hospital staffed beds effectively tested the HCC's response plans.
2. The 85/15 rule (85% of patients are treat and release, 15% are critical and require admission) was an effective format for the severity of the patients.
3. The patient cards were an effective way to simulate patients for the in-person functional MRSE.
4. The hospital data collection forms were an effective tool to collect the required data for ASPR.
5. The EMS data collection forms were an effective tool to collect the required data for ASPR.
6. Partnering the Symposia and MRSE was an effective way to engage members and provide education on emergency preparedness topics.
7. I felt engaged during the MRSE planning process.
8. The MRSE helped meet the coalition and partner's emergency preparedness needs.
9. The topic (chemical) of the MRSE was a good topic for a surge exercise.
10. The facilitation of the MRSE was engaging and effective.
11. The in-person functional, as opposed to a functional with a Simulation Cell, was a good format for the MRSE.



Coalition Coordinator Feedback

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Participant Exercise Design Themes

Good:

- Diversity of Attendees
 - Networking
 - Brainstorming
 - Engagement
 - Collaboration
- Room setup
 - Microphones
 - Homogenous tables
- Patient cards
 - Cards themselves
 - Envelopes – “the unknown”
- Real-time information



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Participant Exercise Design Themes

Areas for Improvement:

- Hospital-centric
 - Disengaged: LHD, LTC, non-hospital healthcare
- Attendees
 - **Needed:**
 - **EMS**
 - **Emergency management**
 - Hospital
 - Clinical
 - Administration
 - Desired:
 - Law enforcement
 - Dispatch
 - Weather service



Participant Exercise Design Themes

Areas for Improvement:

- Introductions
- Room setup
 - Homogenous tables
- Surge not stressful
- Scenario
 - Chemical
 - On-scene details
- Exercise run time



Future Considerations

- EMA and EMS participation
 - Survey, discussion if unable to attend
- More surge
 - >20% (if using 85/15)
 - Time of year
 - Patient acuity
- Scenario:
 - Not chemical
 - More details for first responders
 - Recovery
 - Public health activities
 - Prolonged stress
 - Length of patient stay on card
- Inject: Non-hospital healthcare needs patients
- Test the information-sharing system
- Fewer objectives



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Anticonvulsant Drugs		Yes No
Antidotes (e.g. Atropine, Hydroxocobalamin)		Yes No
Intravenous Fluids		Yes No
Oxygen		Yes No
2-pam Chloride		Yes No
Infusion Pumps		Yes No
Ventilators		Yes No
Bedside Monitors		Yes No
Airway Suction (Adult & Pediatric)		Yes No
Supplies Needed to Administer Pharmaceuticals, Blood Products		Yes No

Bed Type	Number of open beds at the beginning of the exercise (call your facility for this information).	Did your facility have enough to respond to the incident?	
Emergency Department Beds		Yes	No
General Medical Unit Beds		Yes	No
ICU Beds (SICU, MISU, CCU)		Yes	No
Post Critical Care (Monitored/Stepdown) Beds		Yes	No
Surgical Unit Beds (Pre-op., Post-op., and Procedural)		Yes	No
General Pediatric Unit Beds		Yes	No
Pediatric ICU Beds		Yes	No

Please complete the following questions related to patient movement at the end of each round.

Hospital Census at the beginning of the exercise	
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Patient Movement	Number at end of exercise
Surge patients received and admitted	
Transfer patients received and admitted	
Number of existing patients discharged to accommodate surge	
Number of patient transferred to another facility to accommodate surge	
Number of existing and surge patients that did not receive an appropriate staffed bed at your facility and/or transport to another facility (i.e. patients awaiting admission)	

Hospital Name:

Existing patients transferred out

Surge patients transferred out

Existing patients discharged

Healthcare Coalition Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)

Please complete the following questions as part of the Healthcare Coalition MRSE evaluation.

1. What is your organization? _____
2. Are you an executive for your organization? Yes No

Please fill in the bubbles below to indicate your level of agreement with each statement about the exercise objectives.

3. The Coalition engaged coalition members and their executives to participate in the MRSE and the After Action Review (AAR).

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

4. The Coalition effectively notified members of the exercise and modeled how information sharing would be facilitated during a community-wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

5. The Coalition demonstrated its ability to assess and meet the critical personnel and resources needs (supplies, personnel, etc.) to manage a patient surge during a community wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

6. The Coalition exhibited its ability to assess and meet the critical EMS personnel and resource needs to manage patient surge during a community-wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

7. The Coalition displayed its ability to reduce patient morbidity and mortality through appropriate patient placement during a large-scale patient surge by assisting with the identification and coordination of available patient care resources.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

8. The Coalition showcased its ability to successfully coordinate and execute all relevant response plans during a community-wide emergency or disaster.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

9. The MRSE evaluated the readiness and response capabilities of hospitals in handling a mass casualty event caused by chemical contamination.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

10. The MRSE assessed the coordination and communication among the HCC, healthcare facilities, first responders, and public health agencies.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

11. The MRSE determined the ability of hospitals to surge by at least 20% of their staffed beds and initiate Crisis Standards of Care.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

12. The MRSE identified areas for improvement in the emergency response plan and resource allocation during a chemical incident.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Please fill in the bubbles below to indicate your agreement with each question in relation to the format of this exercise.

13. The Scramble (in-person functional exercise with an opportunity to discuss between rounds of events) is an effective format for the MRSE.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

14. The 20% staffed bed surge was an effective number of patients to test the exercise objectives.

Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Please answer the following questions and consider the exercise format and design, the scenario, the events that played out during the exercise, and the actions of exercise participants.

15. What is one area for improvement from your participation in the MRSE?

16. How do you think the area for improvement from question #15 could be addressed?

17. What is one strength you identified playing in the MRSE?



Sustainable Medical Operations Coordination Centers (MOCCs): Making them Work for You

December 12, 2024



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ASPR Key Priorities



ASPR TRACIE: Three Domains



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- Area for password-protected discussion among vetted users in near real-time
- Ability to support chats and the peer-to-peer exchange of user-developed templates, plans, and other materials



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Session Objectives

1. Describe how jurisdictions can incorporate Medical Operations Coordination Centers (MOCCs) for daily, specialty, and mass casualty surge incidents.
2. Learn how MOCCs can incorporate pediatric and burn considerations for specialty care.
3. Describe ASPR TRACIE resources that can help support MOCC operations.

What is a Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC)?

- Regional hub for healthcare capacity management
- Backstops, does not replace usual referral mechanisms
- Monitors regional healthcare capacity
- Key functions
 - Transfer management
 - Load-balancing
 - Single point of contact for all hospitals when usual referral mechanisms overloaded

Why Use a MOCC?

- Gets patients to the right resources as quickly as possible
 - Reduces time to transfer during periods of surge
 - Can reduce mortality caused by delays and overcrowding
- Maintains equity of access to care
- Supports consistent regional standard of care
- Ensure patients in community hospitals have access to emergent specialty care
- Facilitates “care-in-place” consultation when transfers are not possible
- Prioritizes transfers during high volume periods when not all requests can be met
- Can interface with EMS to arrange transfers

ASPR TRACIE MOCC Toolkit, Version 3

- Original version created during pandemic by NRCC Healthcare Resilience Task Force
- Updated twice
- Incorporates wide variety of SME input / lessons learned

<https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/fema-mocc-toolkit.pdf>



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- MOCC Operations

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- Pediatric Considerations for MOCCs
- Burn Considerations for MOCCs
- MOCC Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment (PSMA) Template
- MOCC Patient Transfer Workflow

Key Points

- MOCC will have varied constructs depending on the area
- Basing MOCC on daily operational constructs likely much more effective than “disaster-only” function
- Many jurisdictions face daily capacity / transfer management issues that a MOCC can help mitigate (strain rather than surge)
- Legal protections and regulatory environment may differ substantially during non-disaster operations
- Funding issues
- Access to SMEs
- Integrate with “next level” of distribution (IMOCC, sub-specialty care)

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ABA Disaster Region Review

- Five U.S. ABA Disaster Regions
- One Canadian Region
- Don't match FEMA or RDHRS regions
- Regional Example: Western Region Burn Disaster Consortium (WRBDC)
 - 28 Burn Centers & multiple partners
 - 13 states/11 with Burn Centers
 - WRAP-EM/PPN
 - 469 + Regional burn beds
 - 185 (avg.) immediately available beds
 - 259 (avg.) surge capacity
 - Coordinator on call /BMCI MedPic app
- **Burn Bed Counts - Nevada Watchboard**



Response to Burn Surge – Within the State & Beyond

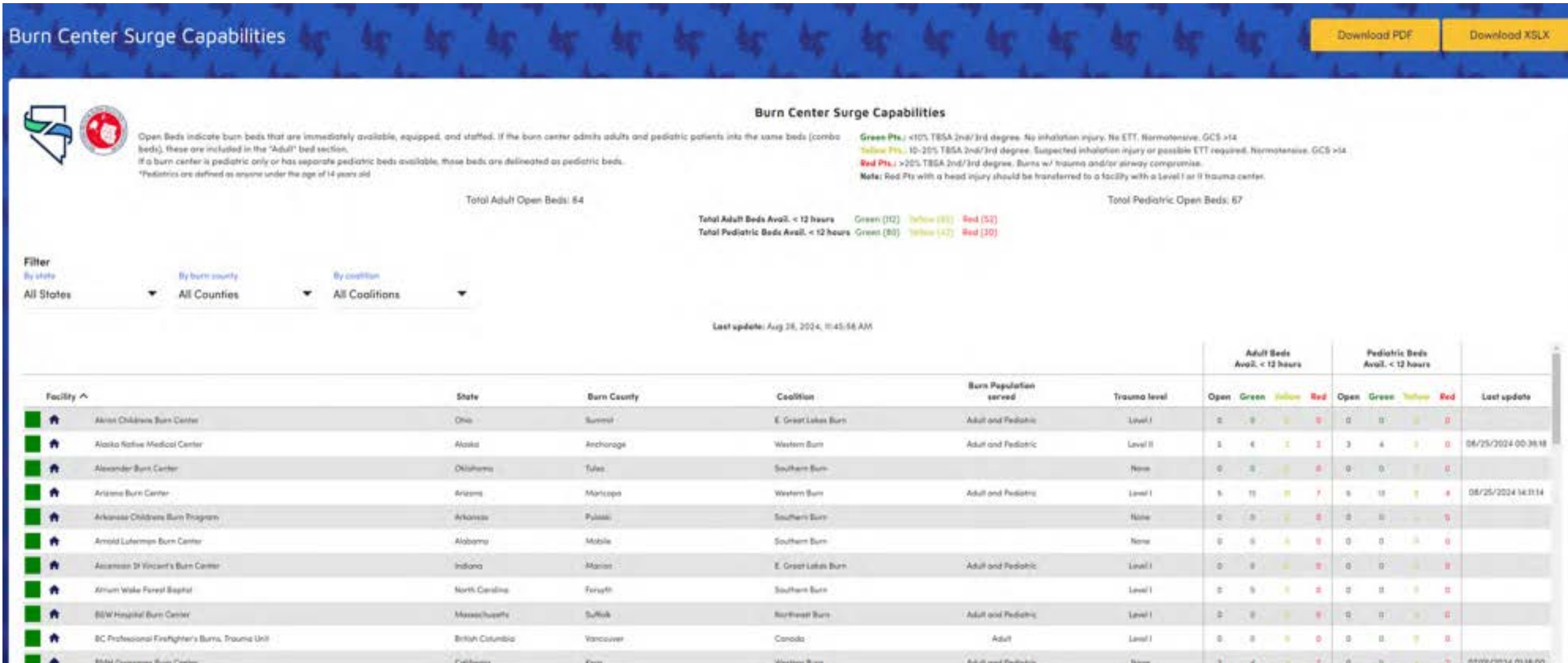
Activate and respond
to a no-notice burn
mass casualty incident
(BMCI)

Provide just in time
situational awareness
to local and state
agencies to inform
BMCI response

Support and assist with
the **coordination of**
care at non-burn
centers prior to transfer
to a burn center

Partnership Benefits: MOCC augmentation / not limited by typical geographic boundaries

Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) Burn Watchboard: Nowcasting Situational Awareness

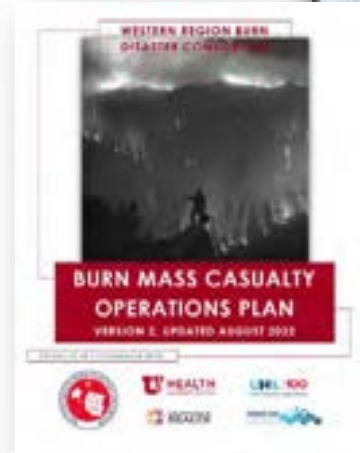


Partnership Benefits: Regional view of open beds (pediatric & adult) and surge capabilities

Sub-specialty Considerations: Standardization

Partnership Benefits

- Standardized language
 - Optimal communication
 - Infers specific resources
 - Staff/stuff/space/systems
 - Blue sky education
- Mirrors existing traffic light protocol
 - Pre-hospital
 - START, JumpSTART
 - In hospital
 - Crisis, contingency, conventional



Definition of BURN Patient Condition
Green (minor): <10% TBSA 2nd/3rd Degree Burn. No Inhalation Injury, not intubated, normotensive GCS >14
Yellow (serious): 10-20% TBSA 2nd/3rd Degree Burn. Suspected Inhalation Injury or potentially requiring intubation, normotensive GCS >14
Red (critical): >20% TBSA 2nd/3rd Degree Burn. Burns with multiple trauma, burns with definitive airway compromise
Pediatrics are defined as anyone under the age of 14 years old
Priority for red patients/patients with a head injury will be transferred to a level 1 or 2 facility

Burn Center Surge Capabilities

Green Pts: <10% TBSA 2nd/3rd degree. No inhalation injury. No ETT. Normotensive. GCS >14
 Yellow Pts: 10-20% TBSA 2nd/3rd degree. Suspected inhalation injury or possible ETT required. Normotensive. GCS >14
 Red Pts: >20% TBSA 2nd/3rd degree. Burns w/ trauma and/or airway compromise.
 Note: Red Pts with a head injury should be transferred to a facility with a level 1 or 2 trauma center.

Total Adult Open Beds: 105
 Total Adult Beds Avail. < 12 hours: Green (136) Yellow (31) Red (13)
 Total Pediatric Beds Avail. < 12 hours: Green (65) Yellow (18) Red (11)

Total Pediatric Open Beds: 49

Filter: By state: All States | By burn county: All Counties | By coalition: Western Burn

Last update: Jun 16, 2024, 8:57:13 AM

Facility	State	Burn County	Coalition	Burn Population served	Trauma level	Adult Beds Avail. < 12 hours				Pediatric Beds Avail. < 12 hours				Last update
						Open	Green	Yellow	Red	Open	Green	Yellow	Red	
Alaska Native Medical Center	Alaska	Anchorage	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	Level II	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	6/3/2024 6:15:00 PM
Arizona Burn Center	Arizona	Maricopa	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	Level I	16	20	10	0	7	12	0	0	6/3/2024 9:00:00 PM
Banner UHC Burn Center	Arizona	Pima	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	Level I	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	5/29/2024 11:54:00 PM
BMH Grossman Burn Center	California	Kern	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	None	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	6/3/2024 10:10:00 PM
Beikin Burn Center	California	San Francisco	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	None	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5/20/2024 7:03:00 PM
Children's Hospital CO Burn Center	Colorado	Adams	Western Burn	Pediatric	Level I	0	0	0	0	7	4	1	0	6/3/2024 7:30:00 PM
Eastern Idaho BMC Burn Center	Idaho	Bonerville	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	Level II	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	6/3/2024 8:18:00 PM
Hirschman Burn Center ABMC	California	San Bernardino	Western Burn	Adult and Pediatric	Level I	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	6/3/2024 6:44:00 PM
Kapiolani MC Pediatric Trauma	Hawaii	Honolulu	Western Burn	Pediatric	None	0	0	1	2	10	0	0	0	5/22/2024 1:48:00 AM

Maui Wildfire: Case Study

- Climate change
 - Wildfires larger, more frequent & more widespread
 - Wildland-urban interface (WUI)
- <1900 Burn beds in the US
 - Scarce resource
 - Doesn't take many burn patients to overwhelm hospital systems
 - **Situational awareness of available beds & surge capability is imperative**

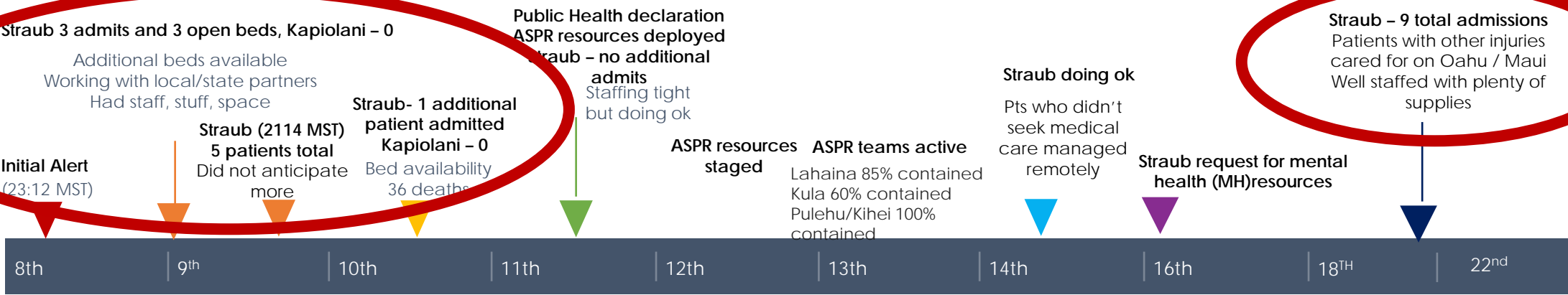
* Partnership Benefits: Sometimes just knowing that there is enough resources brings the intensity of the situation down a little



Lahaina, Hawaii, scene of the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than 100 years, photographed on Aug. 14

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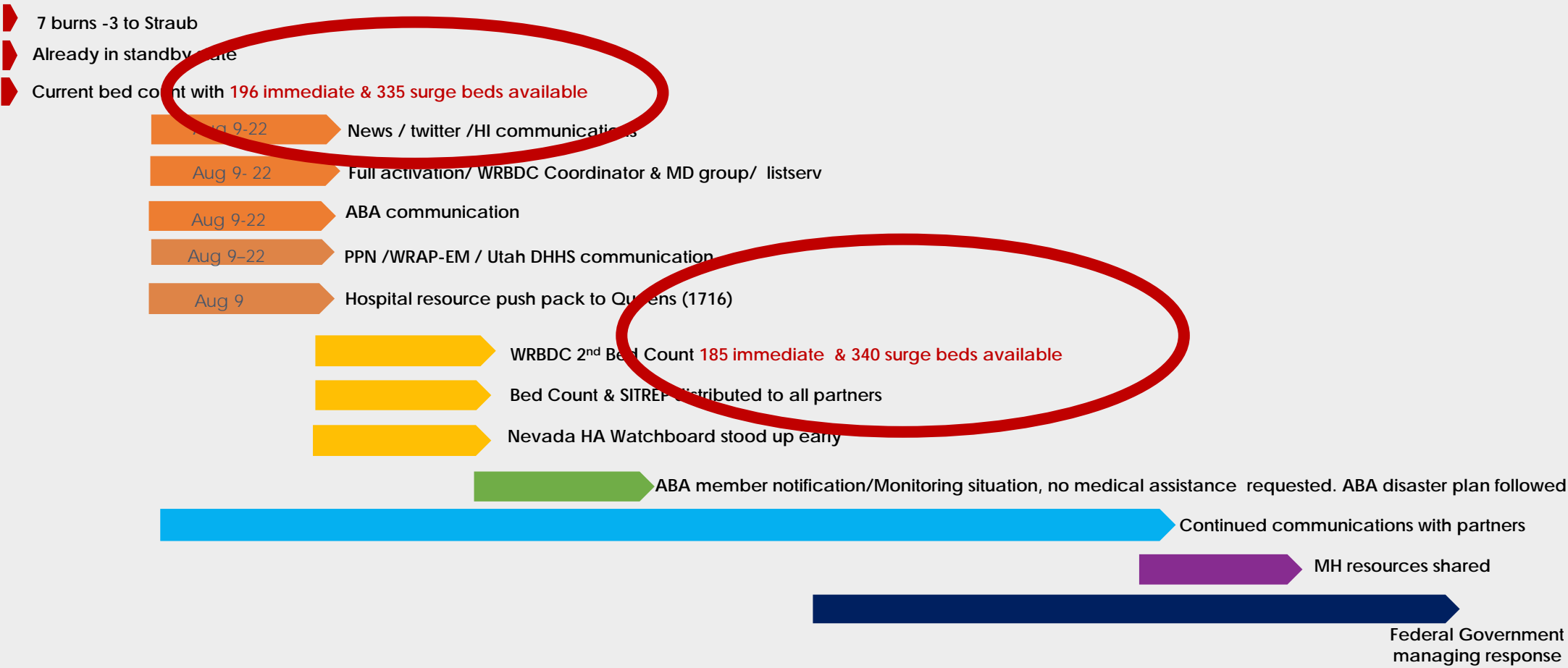
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WRBDC: Activation & Response (CONOPS)

Provision of Situational Awareness

Support Coordination of care at non burn centers



Sub-specialty Considerations: Data Entry and Incorporation of Real World Lessons

- Data easily entered from within the portal
- Appears on either the Surge or Status Boards for situational awareness
- Based on AAR and lessons learned during real events and exercises
 - Time variance between time zones – challenging for sit rep
 - Patient aggregated data reporting (TBSA, intubated, ages)
- Can be queried to gain insights into burn center operations or research purposes
- * **Partnership Benefits: Situational report updates inclusive of aggregated patient information**

Burn Status Board

Burn Centers that are involved in any major incident are asked to post status updates and provide situational awareness to other burn facilities and partner agencies. A major incident is defined as five or more burn patients from the same incident. Note: Multiple burn centers may be involved in the same major incident, in which case all involved centers are asked to provide status updates. TBSA, Ages, and Number of patients and patients requiring intubation refer to patients received from the major incident.

Filter: By state: All States | By burn center: All Counties

Last update: Aug 27, 2024, 1:58:03 PM

Facility	State	County	Burn Beds	Census	TBSA		Patient Age		Patients		Timestamp
					Highest	Lowest	Youngest	Oldest	From Incident	Intubated	
NHA Burn Center_Demo Facility	New Jersey	Test County	15	12	10	70	12	60	40	10	08/27/2024 12:58:03
Updates: Mass Gathering, Explosion, Unknown, Conflict / Military / Terror Comments: Burn Center Referrals, Burn Center Discharge, Burn Decompressors, Burn Care for Adult or Pediatric Additional Notes: Test This would be a VERY BAD day of burning Month!											
NHA Burn Center_Demo Facility	New Jersey	Test County	14	14	0	31	0	55	0	1	08/06/2024 12:27:10
Updates: Status Update -- Information, Internal Disaster Comments: Other Diagnostic, Limbs Additional Notes: Test											
Eastern Idaho, EMAC Burn Center	Idaho	Bonneville	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	08/06/2024 10:23:49
Updates: Wildfire, Internal Disaster											
University of Utah Health Burn Center	Utah	Salt Lake	15	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	07/31/2024 10:05:47
Updates: Status Update -- Information											

Status Update for NHA Burn Center_Demo Facility

Is this activation part of an exercise or drill?

Are you in:

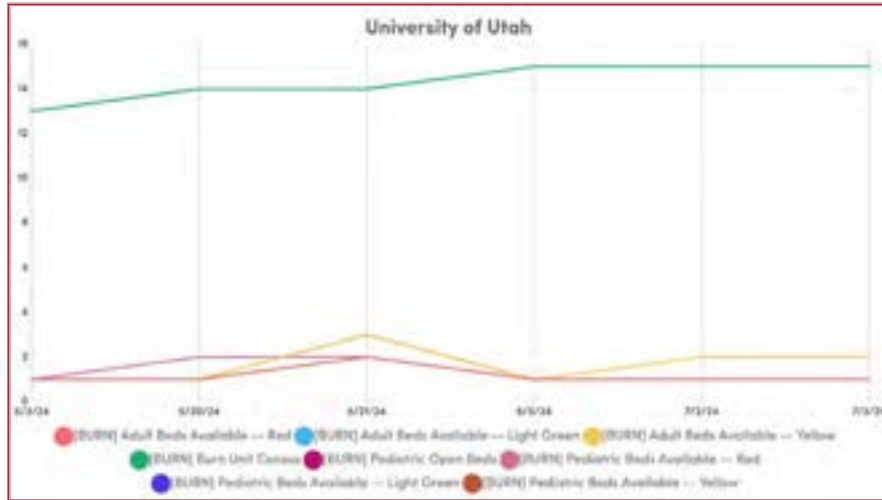
- Conventional**
Hospital is operating in a normal manner, under normal conditions.
- Contingency**
Hospital is operating using various mitigation methods. These methods could include: team staffing or irregular staffing patterns, mutual aid agreements activated, surge plans activated, internal disaster or emergency team diversions are necessary, etc.
- Crisis**
Hospital is overwhelmed or has physical damages to the structure or systems within the facility which make it near impossible to provide the normal standard of medical care. Examples include: extreme surge of patients, loss of water or other major utility, loss of oxygen, etc.

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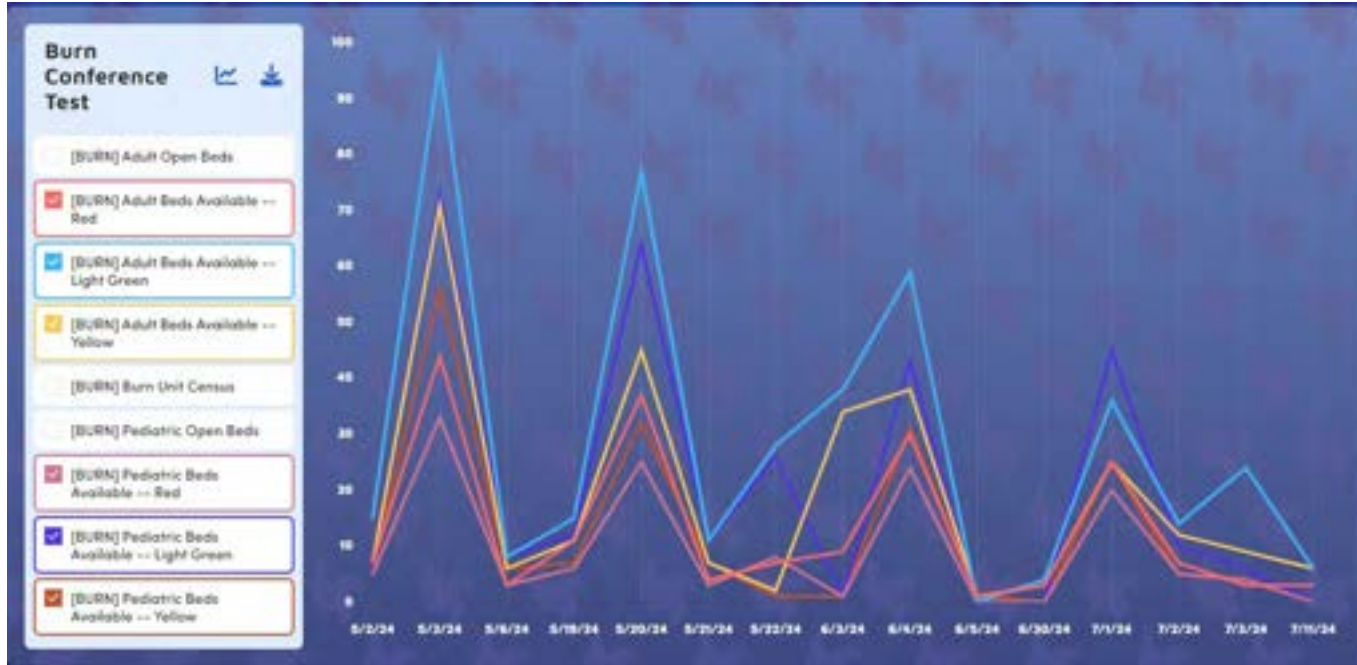
- Status Update -- Information
- Wildfire
- Structure Fire
- Mass Gathering
- Explosion
- Aviation
- Car / Bus / Truck
- Maritime
- Electrical
- Chemical
- Radiological
- Conflict / Military / Terror
- Internal Disaster
- Unknown

Current Census

Sub-specialty Considerations: Accessibility & Research



- All data accessible from within the portal.
- Reports can be generated based on facility, ABA region(s), or county.
- Data can be entered as frequently as desired
 - Some Regional Coordinators have a minimum cadence
- Data can be displayed in the portal as a graph, exported as a .png picture or Excel file



*** Partnership Benefits: sharable reports & aggregated trend monitoring**



Photo credit: Keith Bedonie

- 146 Burn Centers across the United States & Canada
 - Represents 100% of the nation's burn beds
 - Verified & non-verified
 - 43 States & 5 Canadian provinces
 - Official watchboard of the American Burn Association
 - Used by HHS, DHS, FEMA, and ASPR governmental agencies
- * Partnership Benefits: Specialty surge is a team sport!! Working with each other enhances response and saves lives**

Summary

What we can assist with:

- Effective communication and coordination among healthcare facilities.
- Optimization of resource utilization and patient care.
- Streamlined patient transfer processes.
- Supporting local and regional emergency response efforts.
- Planning, training and exercises - Whole community
- Evaluation and improvement
 - Rapid cycle
 - Incorporation of evolving best practices

*Not a patient movement entity

*** Partnership Benefits: Leveraging relationships & technology for human centered care**



ABA Coordinators and Burn Watchboard

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To gain access to the Burn Watchboard:

Send an email requesting access that includes:

Name

Title

Hospital / Burn Center

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

To: **watchboard@nvha.net**

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do.”
- Goethe

MOCC Adaptations During a Pediatric Surge

Statewide Pediatric Patient Load Balancing During the Tripledemic

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Northwest Healthcare Response Network (NWHRN)

We lead regional healthcare collaboration and coordination to effectively prepare, respond and recover from emergencies and disasters so that our communities get the care they need.

- Established 2005 within local public health
- Independent non-profit corporation (501c3) since 2013
- 15 counties and 25 Tribal Nations
- Largest concentration of critical medical specialty services in Pacific Northwest



NWHRN: About Us



Western Washington Coalition



Washington State PICUs

• **115** beds per 1.64 million children <18 yrs = 7 beds per 100,000 kids

- **Central WA** **96**
 - Seattle Children's 64
 - Mary Bridge 16
 - Swedish 6
 - Madigan 4
 - Harborview 6 (trauma only)
- **Eastern WA** **19**
 - Sacred Heart 19
- **Northern WA** **0**



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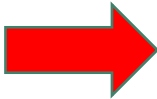


WA Medical Coordination Center

Disaster Medical Coordination Center



Regional COVID Coordination Center (RC3)
Harborview Medical Center/King County
Northwest Health Response Network



Washington Medical Coordination Center (WMCC)



WMCC Coordination Strategies

- **Coordination across all aspects of Washington hospital leadership**
 - **Governmental/regulatory**
 - Governor, DOH, Sec of Health, WA State Health Officer
 - **Hospitals**
 - WA Hospital Association (WSHA), Health System Executive Leadership
 - **Healthcare coalitions**
 - Northwest Healthcare Response Network, REDI Network



Washington Medical Coordination Center
Operational Framework



Guaranteed Acceptance Policy

WMCC - Washington State Hospital Association

- *WMCC will determine when a guaranteed acceptance rotation system is necessary. WMCC will notify WSHA when this goes into effect and WSHA will notify the major hospital CEOs.*
- *“IF the WMCC says they need to come to us – they come”*
 - *Worked only with trusted PICU level triage SME’s*



3 Major Challenges – Viral Respiratory Surge “Tripledemic”

1. Rapidly Expand Pediatric Health System
2. Pediatric triage support for our RNs (Adult Critical Care RNs)
 - Stay in place with support
 - Acute care bed at hospital with no PICU
 - Send to tertiary hospital with a PICU
3. Provide expert “support” for hospitals requesting assistance



Solutions: Pediatric Bed Expansion

1. Rapidly expanded use of acute care peds beds in community hospitals

1. “OK to take transfers”
2. Expanded acute care areas and stretched staff ratios

2. PICU in the MICU

1. Primarily teens with overdose

3. Neonatal ICU Expansion

1. Some limited success
2. Resistance from community groups (academic med centers more malleable)

4. Support in Place

1. Assistance from PICU consultant at tertiary referral center



Solutions: Subject Matter Experts

1. Utilized “On-call” PICU Attendings as Subject Matter Experts

1. PICU Faculty from Harborview > during their “off-season”
2. Provided triage support in decision making
 1. Became trusted resource for referral hospital AND receiving hospitals
 2. Clinical support for referring ERs
 3. Supported triage RN in determining fit between child resource need and bedspace



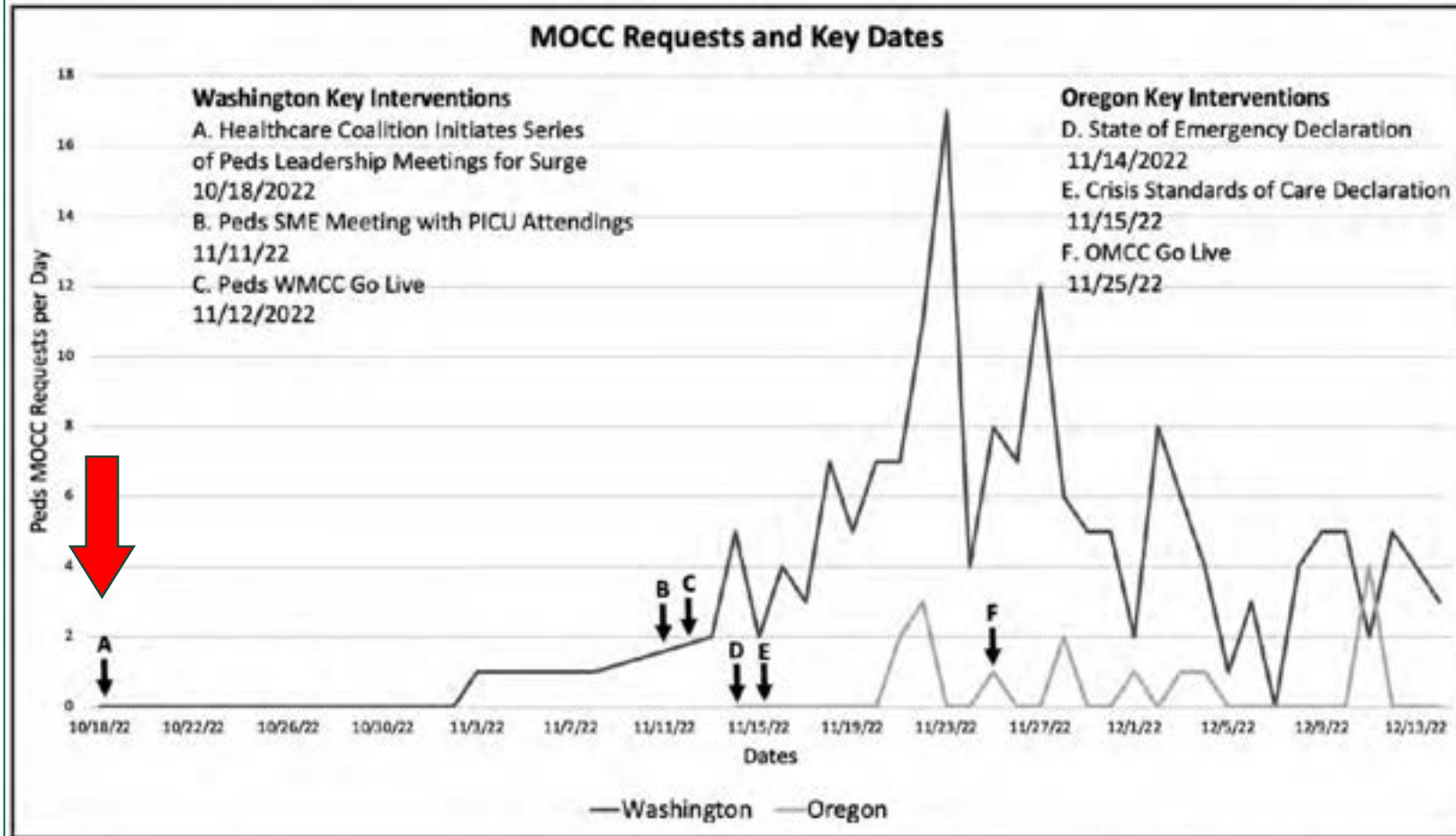


Figure 1. Key dates and summary of Washington and Oregon Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC) requests. Key interventions in pediatric MOCC development and pediatric hospital requests for assistance by date in Washington and Oregon. Region 1 = region within the Oregon Health Authority Emergency Response Plan encompassing the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area, SME = subject matter expert, WMCC = Washington Medical Coordination Center.



Results Summary

November 1, 2022 - December 14, 2022

- All pediatric acute and critical care beds over capacity (~135-150%)
- WMCC Managed:
 - 171 pediatric requests
 - 16% for ≤ 3 months old
 - 37% <1 one year old
 - 17% from Critical Access Hospital
 - 58% were critically ill children
 - 100% “accepted” with mean time of acceptance 3 hours in WA



PMOCC Bed Placement Trends Observed

- Most less sick kids placed in community hospital beds without PICUs (low HFNC)
- Some sick babies placed in NICUs who don't typically take readmits (HFNC, CPAP)
- Some sick teens placed in adult ICUs (ingestions)
- Sicker kids placed at Peds hospitals with PICUs (high HFNC, CPAP/BIPAP, ETT)



PMOCC Lessons Learned

- RNs need to know **pediatric-specific resource capability limitations** at each hospital (such as flow level of HFNC allowed on a given pediatric ward)
- **Pediatric transport** must be integrated
- **NICUs** should be included in pediatric MOCC planning/response
- **Established relationships** between Pediatric and HCC leaders allowed for teamwork
- **PICU SME was highly utilized** (~25% of cases) and changed dispo in 38% of these



Resources for Developing PMOCC Capability

WRAP-EM Surge Playbook:

<https://wrap-em.org/index.php/jit-resources/pediatric-surge-playbook>

Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Article:

Using Two Statewide MOCCs to Load Balance in Pediatric Hospitals During a Severe Respiratory Surge in the United States

https://journals.lww.com/pccmjournal/fulltext/2023/09000/using_two_statewide_medical_operations.8.aspx#



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