

NJHCC Statewide July Healthcare Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025



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HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

Sign-in
Sheet



Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Partner Agency and Clinical Advisor Presentations
 - NTSB Transportation Disaster Assistance Division (TDA)
 - Lessons Learned from the 2025 LA Wildfire
 - Clinical Advisor Discussion: Observations From the Field
- Coalition Initiatives, Projects, & Updates
 - BP2 Update and Discussion
 - HVA Discussion
 - MRSE 2025 AAR/IP Progress Update
 - FIFA CWC & FIFA WC Preparedness
- Technical Support Reminders & Upcoming Meetings
- Closing Remarks



NTSB Transportation Disaster Assistance Division (TDA):



California Hospital Association (CHA): Mary Massey



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2025 Los Angeles Wildfires Lessons Learned

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Multiple Wildfires at the Same Time

There were a series of 14 wildfires across
LA Metro and San Diego Counties

- Drought
- Low Humidity
- Vegetation Buildup
- Hurricane Force Winds that reached 100mph



Fire Impacts

More than 200,000 people evacuated

Destroyed more than 18,000 homes and structures

Burned over 57,000 acres

Killed at least 30 people
\$65 Billion in damages

The Eaton and Palisades Fires
are the second and third most
destructive fires in California's
History

Eaton Fire in
Altadena and
Palisades Fire
in Pacific
Palisades

California Building Codes

California Building Codes require homes built in fire risk areas to use more fire resistant, but many of the homes in these areas were build in the 1950's and 1960's so were not compliant and burned much easier

Water Supplies

- Water storage tanks in residential neighborhoods in the high-elevation areas pumping stations were designed for urban fires, not wildfires, and couldn't keep up with the demand and water had to be brought in
- After a 1961 wildfire in Bel Air that burned 500 homes, they build a new reservoir for 1117 million gallons for upper Pacific Palisades, and had emptied it January 7th to repair a tear in its cover

PSPS: Public Safety Power Shutoff

PSPS stands for Public Safety Power Shutoff. It's a preventative measure used by utility companies, particularly in areas with high fire risk, to temporarily turn off power during severe weather conditions to reduce the risk of wildfires. These conditions often include strong winds, low humidity, and dry vegetation

Hospital Evacuation

- Four hospitals were in varied stages of preparing to evacuate.
- No hospitals had to evacuate.
- Certain hospitals did transfer certain patients as a precaution.

Challenges to Health Care Services

- There were challenges with access, especially when patients needed to cross county lines.
- For example, if a patient on Medi-Cal needed to be discharged to a skilled nursing facility in another county, placement should not be delayed because the facility was out of network.
- The fires reduced capacity, hospitals needed the space to care for acute care patients

Negative Effects

- School Closures
- Air Quality
- Water Contamination
- Loss of homes
- Price Gauging
- Looting



Fire Evacuations

- The Terraces at Park Marino you saw pictures in the media of abandoned wheelchairs on street corners, evacuated 95 senior citizens

Challenges and Helping Staff

- Housing, not only where to live now but challenges with rebuilding
 - Permits
 - Costs
 - Toxic cleanup
- Transportation
- Loss of neighbors/friends/relatives nearby
- School/childcare
- Psychological Effects

2025 California Wildfires

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Questions

Clinical Advisor (CA) Presentation: Alexander Kuc, M.D.



CA Slides (If applicable)

Coalition Initiatives, Projects, & Updates:

BP2 Overview

- Budget Period 2 (BP2): July 1st,2025 – June 31st,2026
- Funding: Presently being determined by state officials
 - Note: Federal funding cuts, and uncertainty, has been seen nationwide across ASPR & CDC Programs including HPP and PHEP
- Deliverables: Pending*
 - Note: When available a full breakdown of deliverables for BP2 and future BPs
 - * = HVA & MRSE are annual requirements
- Proposed Meeting Focus Shift:
 - BP1 (2024-2025) Meetings Focus: Information delivery and feedback
 - BP2 (2025-2026) Meeting Focus: Increasing cross-agency collaboration & informed deliverable development via regional conversations

Coalition Initiatives, Projects, & Updates: HVA Discussion

- Historical HVA Assessments (BP1 & Prior BPs):
 - Kaiser Permanente Model with slight modifications to take into account regional and state niches (Paper-based and digital)
 - Administered at regional HCC meetings with digital submission options
 - HVA submissions remained open for 1 ½~ months
- Proposed HVA Assessments (BP2 & Future BPs):
 - Established workgroup to determine baseline and regional/state niche risks
 - E.g., Eliminating volcanoes, adding patient elopement
 - Administered via an electronic form (E.g., eICS OR Excel Spreadsheet)
 - Breakdown by member type, region, and state
 - Tentatively HVA submissions remain open for 2 months

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Coalition Initiatives, Projects, & Updates: Operation Lights Out AAR/IP

- In-Progress
 - Increase participation of non-traditional healthcare stakeholders in HCC activities
 - Leverage and optimize NJHCC's existing incident/event notification platforms and their templates
 - Regular user and user permissions audits for Juvare EMResource for critical staff
- Scheduled
 - Standardizing and updating divert & data collection element definitions
 - Regular incident management software (IMS) market reviews
- Completed
 - Addressing knowledge gaps via instructor-led sessions
 - Sessions are available via email, phone call, etc. & via focused/scheduled education sessions (E.g., NDMS Drills)

Coalition Initiatives, Projects, & Updates: FIFA CWC 2025

- EM Team Actions
 - Partial activation of NJHCC EM Team to support information sharing and situational awareness
 - Daily situation reports (SitReps) distributed via Juvare EMResource
 - Cooperating agency with CWC 2025 Medical Division
 - MCI bed capacity survey via Juvare EMResource



Coalition Initiatives, Projects, & Updates: FIFA World Cup (WC) 2026

- EM Team Preparedness Activities
 - FIFA WC 2026 page added to NJHCC website
 - Match schedule
 - Map of team base-camps (BCs)
 - Resources to prepare for fan fests and matches
 - Engagement with FIFA Medical Lead and continued advocacy for healthcare stakeholder engagement in the planning and preparedness process



Upcoming Meetings

- North HCC Meeting (In-Person)
 - 09.18.2025/10 AM – 12:00 PM
- Central HCC Meeting (In-Person)
 - 09.22.2025/10 AM – 12:00 PM
- South HCC Meeting (In-Person)
 - 09.25.2025/10 AM – 12:00 PM
- EP&EHT Meeting (Virtual) – Featuring Acting NJDOH Commissioner Jeff Brown
 - 10.09.2025/10 AM – 11:00 AM

Reminders...

- The New Jersey HealthCare Coalition Emergency Management Team is always available 24/7 to assist with any item you may need such as...
 - COOP Plan Development
 - EOP Development
 - NIMS Compliance
 - Exercise Development Support
 - Regulatory Information Gathering
 - Current Industry Practice Information (“Colleague Questions”)

Post-Meeting Feedback Survey & Linktree to Future Events

Post-Meeting Feedback Survey



NJHCC Linktree

