Introduction to Healthcare Coalitions

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Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)

An Overview…
Hospital Preparedness Program

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Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)
Hospital Preparedness Program

- Provides leadership and funding to States, territories, and eligible municipalities for building and sustaining health and medical emergency preparedness, response and recovery infrastructure at the local level.

- HPP funding supports:
  - Improving health and medical infrastructure
  - Capability-based approach to planning
  - Development and sustainment of Healthcare Coalitions (HCC)
Hospital Preparedness Program

- Between 2002 and 2012, Florida disbursed over $100 million dollars to hospitals to assist their preparedness measures
  - Training
  - Exercises
  - Equipment
- Since 2012, the HPP guidance has shifted focused on building local healthcare coalitions that are inclusive of other health and medical system partners
Hospital Preparedness Program

Old Way

- Hospital
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New Way

- Hospital
- Local EM
- Other
- Public Safety
- EMS
- Public Health
FEMA Guidance

- A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management (December, 2011)

http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4941
HPP Focus

- Healthcare coalition development is a priority during the existing five-year HPP funding cycle

- Currently in year 3 of a 5 year grant program

- Coalition development is vital to achieving healthcare system preparedness, response and recovery
Defining Healthcare Coalitions

- A collaborative network of health care organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners which serve to assist local response through information sharing, situational awareness and resource allocation for mission support (as requested by ESF8)

- Coalitions may assist Emergency Management and ESF-8 with preparedness, response and recovery, activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations
Healthcare Coalitions and Regional Structure
HCCs in Preparedness

- Plan
- Organize/Equip
- Train
- Exercise
- Evaluate/Improve
Response Support

- Directly assists incident management (e.g., local emergency management; ESF-8) with information supporting decisions and/or missions

- AND/OR, may assist at the local level with coordination of emergency operations planning to guide decisions regarding health and medical support
Key Concepts

**Capability based approach to planning:** Coalitions may enhance healthcare system planning and response at the State, local, regional and territorial levels

- HCCs are **not** response organizations
- Involve member organizations
- May develop naturally through existing partnerships and service delivery patterns
- Collectively plan, organize, equip, train, and exercise.
Formal Recognition

- Formalized by:
  - Bylaws / Charter
  - Formal Agreements with Partners (MOUs, MOAs, etc)
  - Governance Structure
  - Voting Structure
  - Regular meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, business incorporation
Primary Membership

- Hospitals and Health Systems
- **Local Emergency Management** / Public Safety
- Local Public Health (MRC, CHDs, State Labs)
- EMS Providers (Public & Private)
- Long-Term Care
- Behavioral & Mental Health
- Specialty Service Providers (e.g., dialysis, pediatrics, urgent care, etc.)
Primary Membership

- Support Service Providers (e.g., laboratories, pharmacies, blood banks, poison control)
- Primary Care Providers
- Community Health Centers
- Tribal Healthcare
- Federal Entities (e.g., NDMS, VA hospitals, DOD facilities)
- Private entities associated with healthcare (e.g., Hospital Associations)
Additional Members

- Local and State Law Enforcement
- Public Works
- Private Organizations
- Non-government Organizations
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- Faith-based Organizations
Additional Members

- Community-based Organizations
- Volunteer Medical Organizations (e.g., American Red Cross)
- Other Partners (as relevant)
Healthcare Coalition Requirements

- Develop coalition infrastructure
- Perform a local risk assessment with partners
- Perform resource assessment with partners
- Identify and prioritize healthcare assets and essential services
- Identify gaps
Healthcare Coalition Requirements

- Coordinate emergency preparedness activities with HCC partners (Planning, Training, Exercises)
- Assist in developing operational plans in coordination with Emergency Management
- Train and exercise on risk-based objectives
- Demonstrate structure support and performance enhancement for preparedness, response and recovery activities
Florida’s Approach

Healthcare Coalition Task Force

• Diverse representation (includes DEM and FEPA)
• Agency and organization leadership integration and collaboration is on-going
• Provide guidance and recommendation to oversight groups (DSOC and SPOT)
• Set the pace of progress for HCC development and sustainment
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* Some variance in county participation from the traditional RDSTF structure (Regions 1, 2, 3 and 4).
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Engagement and Support

- HCCs need local EM engagement, support, participation and collaboration
- HCCs and the HCCTF are respectful of the traditional EM structure, processes and partnerships
- The Bureau for Preparedness and Response, the HCCTF and HCCs have an acute sensitivity to accomplish HPP requirements by aligning with F.S. Chapters 252 and 943 - elevating local and regional health and medical partnerships
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Thank you!