Hospital Preparedness Program
Priorities for 2013-14

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Federal Definition: Healthcare Coalition

– A collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners that assists emergency management and Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations
Healthcare Coalition
Functions under HPP

- Coordinate healthcare system emergency preparedness activities involving the member organizations.
- Coordinate with emergency management to develop local and state emergency operations plans.
- Identify and prioritize healthcare assets and essential services within a healthcare delivery area or region.
- Perform resource assessments.
- Coordinate training for healthcare responders.
- Coordinate exercises.
- Participate with planning to address at-risk individuals.

Setting Priorities for California

- Federal Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities
- Local Capabilities Workgroup
  - Broad Representation
    - CDPH and EMSA
    - PHEP and HPP Coordinators from each of the mutual aid regions (Local Health Departments)
    - Provider Associations and Facility Representation
    - EMS / RDMHS
Foundational Activities

• Clearly defined and measurable activities under 6 of the 8 Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities
  – Goals, Baseline Deliverables and Required Objectives

• Identification of Gaps under each Capability

• Local flexibility

Defining Healthcare Coalitions in California

• Tier 1
  – Operational Area Coalitions to mirror response structure
  – Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) Program ties together public health and medical response and is represented in each healthcare coalition

• Tier 2
  – Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordinator (RDMHC) Program
Capability 1: Healthcare System Preparedness

- California Operational Area Healthcare Coalitions will reach Stage 3 in their development including:
  - Identification of gaps in coalition membership,
  - Documentation of the coalition governance structure, and
  - Identification of gaps in meeting capabilities needed to perform individual member roles and responsibilities.

Healthcare System Preparedness: Baseline Deliverables

- Documented governance structure.

- Completed matrix identifying member roles and gaps in capabilities needed by coalition members to perform their assigned roles.

- A documented process for engaging public health and medical subject matter experts within local DOCs/EOCs.

- Provision of performance measure data and hospital data elements.
Capability 2: Healthcare System Recovery

Goal:
California Operational Area Healthcare Coalitions will build resiliency in the public health and medical system within the jurisdiction by engaging in continuity planning.

Healthcare System Recovery: Baseline Deliverables

- Documented participation in statewide training webinar on continuity planning templates created by the California Provider Associations.

- Documentation of dissemination of the continuity planning templates to Healthcare Coalition members.

- Documentation that these continuity plan templates are reviewed with members during a Healthcare Coalition meeting and healthcare providers are encouraged to identify facility specific continuity planning teams and to discuss key business functions.
Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination

Goal:
Strengthen the public health and medical response system to ensure all Healthcare Coalition members have 24/7/365 access to the MHOAC Program.

EOC: Baseline Deliverables

- Documentation of process for Healthcare Coalition members to have 24/7/365 access to the MHOAC Program.

- Documentation for dissemination of information to all healthcare coalition members and other response partners.

- Documentation that MHOAC Program plans and procedures for information sharing and resource requesting are tested in a drill or exercise.

- Documentation of ICS/HICS training for Healthcare Coalition members and the MHOAC Program and identification in AARs of any issues identified.
Capability 6: Information Sharing

Goal:
Strengthen interoperable communications systems, vertical and horizontal communication plans, and information sharing among Healthcare Coalition members and the MHOAC program.

Information Sharing: Baseline Deliverables

- Gap analysis of interoperable communication systems among coalition members.

- Horizontal and Vertical Communication Plan including documentation of information sharing procedures from the field level to the Operational Area.

- Testing of interoperable communications and information sharing procedures in a drill or exercise.

- Participation in HAvBED drills.
Capability 10: Medical Surge

Goal:
Develop and update Operational Area public health and medical disaster response plans to strengthen response to public health and medical emergencies.

Medical Surge: Baseline Deliverables

- Develop, refine, and update Operational Area public health and medical disaster response plans to include all MHOAC functions as required under Health and Safety Code Section 1797.153 and each of the following required elements:
  - Triggers for activation of the plan
  - Decompression of Hospitals, preload diversion to other delivery sites including government authorized alternate care sites, and triage protocols and routing of patients.
Medical Surge Deliverables

- Evacuation/shelter in place plans and Operational Area support of facility plans
- Process for engaging behavioral/mental health
- Patient movement, distribution and tracking
- Volunteer management including Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (DHV)
- Policies and procedures for information sharing and resource requesting for healthcare coalition members consistent with standard EOM expectations

Medical Surge Deliverables

• Develop Planning Agreements

• Participate in statewide surge planning trainings

• Assess current surge capacity and develop strategies to maximize surge capacity

• Participate in regional planning efforts to strengthen regional surge capacity
Capability 15: Volunteer Management

Goal:
Sustain the Disaster Health Volunteers (DHV) program software system that allows local system administrators to query the system to generate a list of potential volunteer professions, contact the volunteers, and provide the requestor within 12 hours an initial list of willing healthcare professionals that meet desired criteria.

Volunteer Management Deliverables

- Document outreach and recruitment efforts
- Maintain contact with all registered DHV responders within the Operational Area,
- Maintain local Operational Area system administration of the DHV software
- Documentation that the DHV system has been tested in drills, exercises and real events.
Statewide Technical Assistance

- Tools and Templates
- Training Materials
- Sharing of Best Practices across jurisdictions

Five Year Planning Period

- Build on the foundational activities to strengthen each Capability including required Functions
- Expand to include remaining two Capabilities: Fatality Management and Healthcare Worker Safety and Health
CDPH Updates

• Medical Shelter Guidance

• California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual
  – EOM Train the Trainer
  – CDPH Program Training on EOM
  – Revisions to the EOM

Maintain Stockpiled Assets
CDPH Updates (cont’d)

• Crisis Care

• Emergency Function 8: Public Health and Medical

• HAvBED

• CAHAN