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Let's Talk Trauma...

The NCK Trauma Council is a very active committee that seeks to assist our region. Seminars, educational offerings, scholarships, reviews and more are available through the NCK Trauma Council. New leadership for the NCK Council was just selected and includes: Dr. Justin Klaassen, the new Trauma Medical Director, Kerianne Ehrlich, Dana Rickley, Mark Banker, Rachelle Giroux, Mary Gray, Rocky Cramer, James Buller, Dave Garnas and Allen VanDriel. Want to see what the Council has done this past year (and correctly answer Beth's quiz)? Check out their annual report, http://www.kstrauma.org/download/NCKRTC_2020_Annual_Report.pdf. The council also has a new website: http://www.kstrauma.org/nc_council.htm

Does your community know the difference between an ER and Trauma Center? Check out the new trauma posters linked on our NCK HCC website, www.kshcc.com.



Congratulations to Cloud County Medical Center for Level IV Trauma Designation

In the spotlight...

SMITH COUNTY

Smith County, Kansas has had faithful representation in the healthcare coalition for many years! Not only through Laura Hageman, the Smith County Public Health Dept. Administrator, through Allen VanDriel, the Smith County Memorial Hospital Administrator and acting Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, but also through Emergency Management with Chad Myer (via Michelle Barkley) and proxy representation for Patrick Eastes, the EMS Director. Keep up the great work in Smith County!



September Meeting Agenda

The September 11th NCK Meeting is filling-up quickly with a great line-up of presentations that you won't want to miss. The online meeting will be via Zoom from 9:00 am to Noon. In addition to budget updates, workplan deliverables, PPE updates and resources, we'll hear from Ren Morton with the NCK Trauma Council, Jeremiah Brown & Staci Jordon from Ellsworth EMS about the PediEDtrics kit, Corrina Hudsonpillar from Valley Hope with an interactive presentation for you regarding stress and Dr. Rebecca Martin with Salina Pediatric Care will share best practices on COVID & Kids. Please be sure to share the invitation to join the meeting with others in your community. Pre-registration is required on KS.Train and the link for the meeting is on the registration. (As always, if you have any difficulty joining, please contact Beth (nc@hccpkansas.com or 785-472-1247.)

https://www.train.org/ks/course/1092953/live_event

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Online Decontamination Courses to End

Pandemic or not, healthcare facilities in each community can at any point in their day, be faced with a hazmat incident requiring patient decontamination. All of the NCK hospitals were provided with online courses via HazMat DQE to assist in making sure staff and community responders were trained on handling such scenarios. Additionally, several trainers are located throughout the region who have assisted in providing this education. Some of our health departments, EMS agencies and hospitals have taken the courses online or attended in-person training, or blended the formats to create a class that would effectively meet their community's needs.

The HazMat DQE platform will be ending 12/31/2020 and these online courses will no longer be available. If your facility is using this platform for the basis of your education, please schedule your staff now to attend needed courses. If needing assistance for securing in-person training for your staff, please contact Beth Vallier.

Just a reminder from the Department of Labor: "HAZWOPER is a performance-based regulation allowing employers flexibility in meeting the requirements of the regulation, although the level and type of training is to be based on worst-case scenarios. Generally, all the competencies listed in 29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(ii) should be met for hospital employees trained to the First Responder Operations Level designated to decontaminate victims. The competencies may be tailored to fit the tasks the employees are expected to perform." "...Employees who will decontaminate patients must be trained to identify when a hazardous substance is present. They should also receive training on identifying potential contaminants so that the correct decontamination methods are used, selecting proper PPE, controlling the spread of further contamination, and properly handling decontamination chemicals. Employees need to know their capabilities and limitations so they can determine when their training and equipment is not adequate to handle a situation."



The NCK Trauma Council's Annual Report will give you the answers to the following:

- How many Trauma Centers (including the submitted application) are in NCK?
- How many Trauma Centers are there for every county in our region?
 ___Centers / ___Counties
- How many hospital facilities in NCK are not designated trauma centers?
- To what does the acronym PECC refer? _____

Share your correct quiz responses with Beth Vallier, nc@hccpkansas.com by 8/30/20 for a sweet treat!



- Heartland EMS for Children Coalition Pediatric Symposium - Hosting a virtual pediatric two-night symposium, focusing on Human Trafficking. Will be Sept. 17th and 18th from 7:00- 9:00pm. FREE. CME/CNE/CEU will be
- Resource: As part of a contract with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, a virtual workshop, "Keeping Families Safe", will be provided to parents and partners in
- 9/9 10:00 to 11:00 AM - Work Plan and Contract Compliance—Helpful for newer staff to understand forms and submission requirements for Local Health Departments. KS.Train #1092017
- 10/9 10:00 to 11:00 AM—Psychological First Aid with Madison Bush. KS.Train #1092227
- 10/21 10:00 to 11:00 AM—EM Resource—a beginners guide to the data elements, editing and reporting with Jonathon Wood. KS.Train #1093047