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A Kansas Metro Healthcare Coalition Publication

Work Plan Activities

Currently, Healthcare Coalitions in each region throughout Kansas are working diligently on several workplan items. The following are activities we are addressing.

KSMHCC BP2 Work Plan. Our BP2 Work Plan is finalized and available for review on the KSMHCC webpage. We have lots of upcoming projects and activities that will benefit and strengthen the coalition. View on our website.

KSMHCC BP2 Budget. Our BP2 Budget has been adapted based on member survey and can be reviewed on our website.

Governance. Our coalition's governance must be reviewed and approved by the coalition. Please review it [here](#). Note highlighted changes which will need a vote for approval.

Response Plan. Our coalition's draft response

plan is with the Executive Committee for initial review and input. A final response plan is due December 1.

Communications Plan. On August 12, we conducted a Redundant Communications Drill to test our coalition's abilities to communicate with each other via email and 800 MHz radio. This test was the first step in our development of a communications plan. Skye will be contacting members to discuss their individual radio use, strengths, and needs.

Hazards Survey & Hazards Vulnerability Analysis Tool. The Hazards Survey was due September 11. The top ten hazards for the KS Metro HCC Region can be viewed on the tool.

The HVA tool is live, due September 25. The HVA is due October 1 to KDHE and this will give our Clinical Advisor a few days to review it. *Prizes for each member*

who completes the Hazards Tool and HVA Survey!!

[Complete the HVA Tool here!](#)

Mini Grants. After the HVA Tool is completed and analyzed, Mini Grant applications will be available. We have 5 Mini Grants available to active members for \$4,550 each. The application is ready and pending the approval of our HVA. The mini grant application will be embedded on our KSMetroHCC website (login/registration required). Mini grant applicants agree to serve on our HCC Planning Committee. [Review Application >](#)

Statewide Coalition Website & Library. The Kansas Coalition website provides information about the coalition and the community we serve as well as regularly updated information, resources, tools, and library on COVID-19. Register now: [www.kshcc.com!](http://www.kshcc.com)

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Member Spotlight

I have been an emergency manager for 30+ years and with Johnson County Emergency Management for 7.5 years as an Assistant Director responsible for all emergency planning. We continue to move forward with innovative and sustainable ways to make a better prepared and

more resilient community for all of our residents and visitors. I hope the coalition also continues to work together to bring the Healthcare community into a new age of disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. The group has come a long way and

has much to offer moving forward.

As for me, I love spending time at home with my dog, Sophie, taking long road trips around the Southwest and continuing to work on my PhD in Innovation and Leadership. ~Cary Gerst



Disaster Preparedness at Home and at Work

Several years ago, I worked as a translator for an Early Head Start company over a summer college break. The leadership took employee and company preparedness to heart. At each of our desks was a complete go-bag with a first-aid kit, water, granola, whistle, laminated phone numbers, and a few other safety items. At orientation, we were to bring a backpack and a provided list of items to create our own home go-bag. I was given a one-page form to create a simple communications plan. Did you know most phones won't be able to make a call during a disaster? Did you know the best resource is to text an out-of-town friend or relative? I sure didn't.

This company and their leaders understood very well the concepts of being prepared both at home first and at work as well as the sense of calmness if faced with an emergency. I never needed to use that go-bag but there was always a sense of security about having it ready.

Would your staff be more likely to return to work in the face of a disaster if they knew their family was prepared and safe? Would they panic and focus on finding them if they

had no plan in place or resources? Would your organization survive without your staff?

September is the National Preparedness Month. Take advantage of this time to help your employees and family prepare.

Federal Emergency Management Agency is encouraging communities across the nation to prepare for all types of emergencies and disasters which can occur, often with little notice.

As we continue to respond to COVID-19, disasters don't wait and being prepared makes the difference in how we respond.

This year's theme is "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today." During NPM 2020, take time to prepare for the emergencies you may experience, from the unexpected to the unavoidable.

In addition to the "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today" theme, four weekly themes can help individuals, businesses, communities, and others to prepare for emergencies:

Week 1: Sept. 1-5 - [Make A Plan](#): Know how to prepare for disasters that include how you will communicate with family and friends during disasters, reviewing insurance papers, and much more.

Week 2: Sept. 6-12 - [Build A Kit](#): You'll need items to survive during a disaster that includes supplies you may need at home as well as a go kit of items you may need if you must evacuate quickly to a safer location.

Week 3: Sept. 13-19 - [Prepare for Disasters](#): Find out the best way to limit the impacts a disaster may have, like having the right insurance coverage or what can you do to your home to make it stronger and more resilient.

Week 4: Sept. 20-26 - [Teach Youth About Preparedness](#): Take the time now and talk with your children to reassure them. Teach them lessons on preparedness. Make family preparedness a fun annual event.

NPM provides a great opportunity to talk with your family, co-workers and employees, and community at large about preparing for emergencies.

~ Skye R. Paige & FEMA Press Release

Resources

CDC Natural Disasters & COVID-19: Resources for Professionals & Emergency Workers [Read More >](#)

National Incident Management System (NIMS): EMI works in collaboration with the whole community to provide training in support of the NIMS Training Program. The Preparedness Branch coordinates EMI's NIMS training efforts with the National Integration Center

(NIC) to integrate NIMS doctrine and training with whole community needs. [NIMS & ICS Courses >](#)

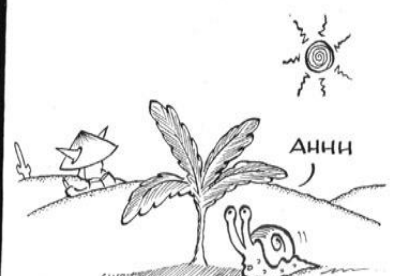
Roundtable on Hospital Communications in a Mass Casualty Radiological Event [Read More >](#)

An Overview of the Design of Disaster Relief Shelters [Read More >](#)

Harvard Business Review: How Hospitals Can Manage Supply Shortages as Demand Surges (Bohmer, et. al, 2020) [Read More >](#)

The Disaster Recovery Handbook : A Step-By-Step Plan to Ensure Business Continuity and Protect Vital Operations, Facilities, and Assets (Wallace and Webber, 2017). Adobe Digital Editions Book [Read More >](#)

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito."
- Betty Reese



COVID-19 Resources

All In_A Pragmatic Framework for COVID-19 Testing and Action on a Global Scale (Pettit, 2020) [Read More >](#)

Antibody testing for COVID-19: A report from the National COVID Scientific Advisory Panel (Adams, 2020). [Read More Online >](#) [PDF >](#)

HHS Teletracking Program Training for Hospitals – August 2020 [More Info >](#)

Kansas COVID-19 Jobs and Hiring Portal (essential businesses with hiring needs may post jobs) [More Info >](#)

Mental Health & COVID-19 Information and Resources: Frontline Workers.

[KDHE Provider Resources](#)

[KHA Resources & Updates](#)

[KS COVID-19 Overview](#)

KDHE Provider Calls
Thursdays 10am

Essential workers, including healthcare workers, are expected to go out when everyone else is expected to stay inside. Mental Health Survey Available. [Read More >](#)

[EARTH EX®//20 The Fourth Annual Emergency All-sector Response Transnational Hazard Exercise®](#)

Available for Play: 1 Sep. - 31 Oct. Worldwide. All welcome! Activities for individuals and families too!

[Register Now >](#)

Post-Acute Care Transition Survey

If you work for a hospital, public health department or post-acute care facility, please remember to complete the survey, Transitioning to Post Acute Care. Surveys are due September 16, 2020 5pm.

The more responses, the stronger and more efficient our project.

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5803639/Breaking-Barriers-Transitioning-to-Post-Acute-Care-During-Covid-19-and-Beyond>

Training Opportunities

There has been a large increase in the need for healthcare personal protective equipment (PPE) and specialty supplies due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This increase in demand has led to shortages in PPE and changes in how PPE is used and optimized. ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with the COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Working Group, is hosting this webinar to highlight PPE preservation strategies, trends, challenges, and lessons learned/promising practices. This webinar will take place on **Thursday, September 24, 2020** from 1:30 – 3 PM CST. [View Details >](#)

ASPR TRACIE and ASPR's Pediatric Centers of Excellence are collaborating on a webinar series ("Hidden Consequences: How the COVID-19 Pandemic is Impacting Children") focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic may affect children. The first webinar will focus on child health and wellness. Panelists will discuss resumption of routine care, missed immunizations, lead poisoning screening, sleep, and child neglect and abuse. This webinar will take place on **Wednesday, September 30, 2020** from 12:30 -1:45 PM CST. Additional webinar details on the flyer. [View Details >](#)

Dr. Jessica Kalender-Rich will present a Lunch and Learn Webinar "COVID and Influenza in Post-Acute Care: a Looming Double Threat." This webinar will take place **Monday, October 5, 2020** from 12 – 1 PM CST. Details to come soon.

Kansas Initiative for Stroke Survival (KISS) Bootcamp [View Details >](#)

Disaster Responder Health & Safety [Web-based Training >](#)

KSMHCC Meeting

Our next meeting will be October 21, 2020 1pm – 3pm. This will also be a Zoom Meeting.

KS Train Meeting ID is [1092673](#). Register online and click on the Zoom link for attendance tracking and

meeting details. We have a tentative agenda ready at this time with more details to come. [View Agenda >](#)















- August 19 Meeting Minutes [Review >](#)

- Mr. Riccardi's 15 'til 50 Presentation and PowerPoint Slides [View/Watch >](#)



Brain Teaser

What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?

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