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CFDMC Funding

The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Preparedness and Response, has released the draft funding allocations for FY 2014-2015. The Coalition will receive \$100,000 in base funding and Region 5 hospitals will receive \$251,850. More than \$1.6 million has been allocated for coalition projects statewide. Additional information on the funding process and coalition deliverables will be available soon.

CFDMC Members

Over the past few months, 109 individuals from 75 organizations have joined the Coalition. Member organizations include:

Adventist Health System, Amaryllis Cremation, Avante at Mt. Dora, Baldwin Fairchild Funeral Homes, Bert Fish Medical Center, Brevard County Emergency Management, BHR Advantage, LLC, Carey Hand Colonial Funeral Home, Central Florida Family Health Centers, Inc., Central Florida Regional Hospital, Central Florida Regional Hospital, Oviedo ER Department, Cornerstone Hospice, Dignity Memorial, District 5 Medical Examiner's Office, District 7 and District 24 Medical Examiner Office, District 9 Medical Examiner's Office, District 19 Medical Examiner Office, Dobbs Funeral Home, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Eastern Florida State College, EMLRC/FEMF, FEMORS, Florida Community Health Centers, Inc., Florida Department of Health (DOH) Children's Medical Services, DOH-Brevard, DOH-Indian River, DOH-Lake, DOH-Martin, DOH-Orange, DOH-Osceola, DOH-Seminole, DOH-St. Lucie, DOH-Volusia, Florida Health Care Coalition, Florida Hospital, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial, Florida Ombudsman for Long-Term Care, Grissom Funeral Home, Guardian Care, Health First, Indian River Fire Rescue, Dr. Thomas Kramer, Leesburg Regional Medical Center, Martin Health System, Nemours Children's Hospital, Newcomer Funeral Home, Northland, A Church Distributed, Orange County Emergency Management, Orange County Office of the Medical Director, Orange County Fire Rescue, Orlando Fire Department, Orange County Health Services, Orlando Health, Inc., Osceola County Emergency Management, Osceola County Fire Rescue, Osceola Regional Medical Center, Parrish Medical Center, Poinciana Medical Center, Reedy Creek Emergency Services, The Salvation Army, SCI, South Lake Hospital, Southern Healthcare, St. Cloud Regional Medical Center, St. Lucie County Department of Public Safety & Communications, St. Lucie Medical Center, State Medical Response Team 5, Sutton Homes Memory Care Assisted Living, Treasure Coast Community Health, UCF Health Services, Vista Manor, Volusia County Emergency Management, Volusia County EMS / EVAC, Wuesthoff Reference Laboratory and Wuesthoff Medical Center Rockledge



*"We all have a piece
of the puzzle!"*

Our goal is for all healthcare and emergency preparedness and response partners to join the Coalition! To make sure you and your organization are represented, please click the link below to join:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoalitionCharterandCodeofEthics>

Meet the Board

In May 2014, Karen van Caulil, Ph.D. joined the CFDMC Board. Karen is the President / Chief Executive Officer for the Florida Health Care Coalition.

For Board member bios, please visit the Coalition website at <http://centralfladisaster.org>.

CFDMC Has a New Email Address

The Coalition has a new Email address. Contact us at:

info@centralfladisaster.org

May—June Coalition Highlights:

CFDMC Hosts Medical Surge Exercise

On May 31-June 1, 2014 the Coalition hosted a multiagency, multi-jurisdictional medical surge functional exercise, held at two locations and lasting over 30 hours. The scenario was based upon an international passenger inbound to Orlando International Airport, presenting with a history, signs, and symptoms consistent with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS); a viral respiratory illness first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012, caused by a coronavirus called MERS-CoV. Consequently local emergency management officials, in consultation with State and Federal representatives, requested the establishment of an isolated passenger reception center at the airport to screen passengers and an Alternate Care Site (ACS) to stabilize any ill passengers and hold them in isolation to prevent potential contamination of the public health care system with MERS-CoV.



CFDMC designed this exercise to evaluate current levels of preparedness of the State Medical Response System (SMRS) resources assigned to Region 5, with support from local partner agencies and augmentation from additional, regionally located federal resources belonging to the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). A total of fifty two (52) participants were involved in the exercise representing the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), the Region 5 State Medical Response Team (SMRT 5), the Central Florida Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC), Florida 6 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT FI-6, Federal), Orange County Emergency Management, Orlando Police Department, the Greater Orlando Airport Authority, the Salvation Army, and the Northland Church. Additionally, thirteen guests, visitors and observers also took advantage of the opportunity to come out to the exercise.

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Responders reported to the Andes warehouse (Emergency Support Function; ESF-8 Medical) to in-process and mobilize. After receiving their assignments and an operational period briefing, they transported the equipment and personnel to a secure location on the International Airport property, and began to set up the Alternate Care Site (ACS). This was the first time the team worked with the State owned "Gatekeeper" medical surge trailer, and although many of the team members had previous experience with the Western Shelter® tents, it was very nice to have two technical specialists on scene, provided by Western Shelter, to assist. It was also nice to have the Salvation Army mobile shower trailer on site to give responders the ability to take a hot shower after a long day of work.

After the base camp was established, a wonderful Bar-B-Q dinner was served by the Orlando Police Department's award winning Mobile Field Kitchen (MFK); which deployed in support of the exercise. In the evening, training was held to present the East Central Florida Regional Medical Surge strategy. On Sunday, after an early morning wakeup, the MFK served breakfast burritos. After breakfast, the work of demobilization began. The folding of the equipment was complicated by periodic showers, but eventually the site was cleared. The federal team members (Florida 6 DMAT) received a special training opportunity with the arrival of their team Administrative Officer, Paula Clay, who drove down from her home in the Midwest, to meet the team and be part of the exercise.

The exercise demonstrated that the Region 5 State Medical Response Team (SMRT 5) is capable of deploying to an incident site to establish both clinical/patient treatment facilities and responder support areas. Within 5 hours of arrival on the training (incident) site, under oppressive weather conditions (95 degree heat with high humidity and periodic thunder shows and lightening) the exercise participants established 1200 square feet of air conditioned clinical space utilizing the State owned "Gatekeeper" System, and 3400 square feet of air conditioned responder support area utilizing regionally owned Zumro® inflatable rapid deployment shelter system. The use of local, regional, state, federal, commercial, and non-governmental organization (NGO) resources ensured the team's ability to sustain operations in an austere environment. The application of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS) by the unified exercise command provided a clear command structure that allowed the integration and accountability of personnel from multiple agencies into a single team to accomplish a common mission. CFDMC is proud to be the sponsor of this exercise and be part of Florida's State Medical Response System (SMRS). For additional information about the exercise or the Healthcare Coalition please contact Lynne Drawdy at info@centralfladisaster.org.

Emergency Management Interpreters for the Deaf Training

A Special Thank You to the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition for hosting the Emergency Management Interpreters for the Deaf training at the Orange County Emergency Operation Center on June 20-22, sponsored by the Department of Health, Bureau of Preparedness and Response and the Division of Emergency Management. The training team included: Rick Pope, a second generation sign language interpreter and ADA Coordinator of the city of Los Angeles, CA; Terri Schisler and Stevie Fenton, Florida sign interpreters and representatives from the Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, and Dr. Mike Haney, Clinical Director of the Florida Crisis Consortium.



This was a 15-hour training to introduce Interpreters for the Deaf to the Incident Command System and identify the sign interpreter's role for deployment in a variety of emergency management settings through table top exercises. The training provided guidance on how to work with public information officers, city and county officials, and emergency managers during press conferences and family briefings, and also provided training on assessing various emergency situations and settings, such as special needs shelters, disaster behavioral health strike teams, recovery centers, etc.

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The training provided opportunities for the participants to discuss ways to prepare for a disaster situation, and how to protect themselves physically, emotionally and mentally when deployed prior to, during, and after a disaster response.

Twenty-four interpreters for the deaf from across the state attended the training, as well as a FEMA ADA coordinator from Nebraska. One of the participants was Carole Lazorisak, a 65-year old Deaf college professor, who experienced the trauma of not having access to communication and information when the catastrophic Super Storm Sandy's 15-foot surge hit her area and destroyed her 41 year home in Staten Island, N.Y. Carole shared her story with the participants of the training <http://search.silive.com/deaf+staten+island+victim+of+hurricane+sandy/> After losing her home in N.Y., she has now moved to West Palm Beach Florida and continues to advocate for the effective communications for People with Disabilities and testified before the National Council on Disability. Based on the testimony of Carole and others from the deaf community, the National Council on Disability realized that we need to change this picture and make emergency communication accessible to every deaf person in the United States. On May, 27, 2014, the National Council on Disability released the new publication, "Effective Communications for People with Disabilities: Before, During and After Emergencies (<http://www.ncd.gov/publications/2014/05272014/>).



Carole and other interpreters present expressed their willingness to work collaboratively with the Department of Health and their local health care coalitions and emergency managers at the state and local levels to participate in disaster response exercises to practice what they learned and to ensure the communication needs of the deaf and hard of hearing community are addressed in Florida's emergency planning, response and recovery efforts.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Osceola County Emergency Operations Center is hosting a point of distribution class on July 16-17. For more information contact Shawn Collins at Shawn.Collins@em.myflorida.com.
- ◆ Orange County Citizen Corps is hosting the 2014 Orange County Faith-Based Breakfast on July 16th from 9 to 11 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Lee Hall, 106 East Church Street, Orlando. Registration begins at 7:30 am. This year's focus includes disaster preparedness for vulnerable populations and human trafficking in Orange County. RSVP at <http://2014faithbasedbreakfast.eventbrite.com>.
- ◆ The Coalition is hosting the FBI & CDC Joint Criminal & Epidemiological Investigations Mini Workshop on July 23rd from 9 to 4 at the University of Florida Research and Academic Building at Lake Nona. To register contact Lynne Drawdy at info@centralfladisaster.org.
- ◆ Save the Date: The Coalition is hosting a Strategic National Stockpile tabletop exercise on September 17, 2014. Additional information and invitations will be coming soon.
- ◆ Orlando Health invites Coalition members to participate in the Mannequin Apocalypse on October 31, 2014, from 7 am to 1 p.m. at 1420 Sligh Boulevard, Orlando. This is Orlando Health's annual Alternate Medical Treatment Site (AMTS) / Alternate Care Site (ACS) training.