



DISASTER CONNECTION

October-November, 2014

Disaster Medical Coalition

CFDMC Contract Update:

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The CFDMC contract with the Florida Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Preparedness and Response (BPR) was executed on November 18, 2014. The Coalition received \$100,000 in base funding for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Unfortunately, we received verbal notification in mid-November that the special project funding for coalitions was cut to fund Ebola response. PPE for hospitals and healthcare providers was identified as a major gap in preparedness efforts. Only 39% of Florida hospitals identified having adequate PPE to care for an Ebola patient for 21 days. The funds designated for Coalition special project funding statewide were used to purchase PPE and other items to build the Hospital Support Packages that are now available to all hospitals in Florida. There are now 24 Hospital Support Packages strategically located around the state. The PPE in the support packages would provide for a total of 168 days of patient care. The packages can be delivered to any hospital within 3 hours. The 2014-2015 deliverables were shared with Coalition members at the November 5 Coalition meeting.

New Board & Coalition Members

In October & November 2014, the CFDMC Board appointed a New Board Chair and two new Board members:

- ◆ Randall W. Hartley, Chief Operating Officer at Nemours Children's Hospital, was appointed as Interim Board Chair (formal appointment will occur at the December board meeting)
- ◆ Eric Mock, Executive Director of Avante at Orlando, was appointed representing Orange County and Long-Term Care
- ◆ Douglas Healy, District Pharmacy Supervisor-Store Operations at Walgreen Co, was appointed representing Brevard County and Support Services/Pharmacies

The Board expresses their appreciation to retiring Board members Hylan Boxer, Bradley Hilliard, and Millie Sorger for their contributions to the Coalition.

The Coalition currently has 156 members representing 98 organizations as members. Organizations joining in October-November include:

- ◆ Lake County Emergency Medical Services
- ◆ The Gardens at Depugh Nursing Center
- ◆ Seminole County Office of Emergency Management
- ◆ Florida Hospital for Children
- ◆ Hot Zone USA
- ◆ Martin County Fire Rescue/EMA

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"We all have a piece of the puzzle!"

October-November Highlights

November 5 Ebola Tabletop and Coalition Meeting:

“We left better prepared as a Region.” Randall W. Hartley, Board Chair



On November 5, the Coalition hosted a regional Ebola tabletop and Coalition meeting with more than 120 participants from across all disciplines and all counties. The goal of the tabletop was to practice coordination and communication activities in an Ebola virus scenario among all Coalition partners, with a focus on the capabilities of Emergency Operations Coordination, Emergency Public Information and Warning, Fatality Management, Information Sharing, Medical Surge, and Responder Safety and Health.

Key strengths identified during the tabletop included partnerships, collaboration, trust, level of planning, and communications systems. Key opportunities identified included improving information sharing, the need to engage missing stakeholders, and the need to share best practices across counties. An After Action Report will be published in December.

A Coalition Member meeting followed the tabletop, and included updates on Coalition members, the website, 2014-2015 contract, funding and deliverables, bylaws revisions, Everbridge health alert network registration, ASPR strategic direction, the State Medical Response System, and a risk-based project funding process. Member overall satisfaction with the coalition meeting was 91%. For the minutes and other meeting documents, visit the website at <http://www.centralfladisaster.org>

Other October-November highlights include:

- ◆ On October 4 & 5, the State Medical Response Team for Region 5 provided support at the Melbourne Air Show.
- ◆ **October 7 Board Retreat:** During the retreat, the Board reviewed and updated the Coalition Bylaws. The draft is on the Coalition website and is open for member input through December 8. The Board also planned actions to meet the 2014-2015 contract deliverables, began discussions regarding a strategic plan to achieve the three-year ASPR preparedness and response factors, and approved the process for allocating special project funding. Minutes of this meeting and other Board meetings are available on the Coalition website.
- ◆ **October 8 Ebola Briefing:** The Coalition hosted a briefing on national, state and local Ebola preparedness and response efforts. A recording of the briefing and other Ebola resources are available on the website.
- ◆ On October 31, Orlando-Health held a Mannequin Apocalypse exercise to demonstrate set-up of an alternate care site.
- ◆ The Region 5 Domestic Security Task Force (RDSTF 5) has formally recognized the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition as the Region's health and medical committee.

Please send any events or highlights that you wish to share with other Coalition members to:
info@centralfladisaster.org

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events of interest to Coalition members include:

- ◆ **December 2 - 4, 2014:** an L-975 Finance/Administration Unit Leader course will be held at the Brevard County Emergency Operations Center. For more information or to register contact: tkitchen@ecfrpc.org
- ◆ **December 10 or December 11, 2014:** FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate in Conjunction with FBI-Tampa Division/Orlando RA will be hosting a State and Local WMD Response Workshop as it relates to Toxic Industrial Chemicals. Since a majority of the State's Chemical and Petroleum Products come through the Port of Tampa and transit through Orlando, we are focusing this workshop on First Responders, Emergency Managers, Healthcare, Rail and Private Sector stakeholders in our region. Space is limited to 50 participants per day. To register, please respond by close of business Friday, December 5, 2014 by email to: John 'Brad' Geeslin – john.geeslin@ic.fbi.gov and Patricia Mahn – Patricia.Mahn@ic.fbi.gov with your name, date of birth, agency/company, email address and phone number. Please be sure to indicate which date you will attend.
- ◆ **January 21 - 23, 2015:** Northland Church in Longwood will host a NOVA Basic Regional Crisis Response Training. For additional details contact Barbara Kendall at kendallbarbara@hotmail.com
- ◆ **March 12, 2015:** The Coalition will participate in the Region 5 Toxic Knight full-scale exercise. Please save the date. Additional details will be coming soon.
- ◆ **April 24 - 26, 2015:** The State Medical Response Team for Region 5 will support the Leesburg Bikefest.
- ◆ **The Center for Leadership in Public Health Practice at USF** provides education and training through two grant-funded Centers: The Florida Public Health Training Center and the Center for Preparedness and Emergency Response. Currently there are funds available to support trainings through these centers. For additional details, contact Patrick Gardner at pgardner@health.usf.edu or Desiree Liburd at dliburd@health.usf.edu.

Does your organization have an upcoming event you'd like to share with other Coalition members? Send details to: info@centralfladisaster.org.

Check out the Coalition Website Resources Page

The CFDMC Coalition Website Resource page has a wealth of national, state and local resources available to members.

New information from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) posted includes:

- ◆ **Mental Health Response to Community Disasters: A Fact Sheet for Disaster Mental Health Planners, Responders and Providers**
- ◆ **Resources for Helping Teens with Traumatic Grief: Tips for Caregivers**
- ◆ **Helping Youth After Community Trauma: Tips for Educators**

The Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC) website was created to provide information needed by Coalition members and it is important that the website meets your needs. If you haven't had an opportunity, please visit the website at <http://centralfladisaster.org>.

Then take just one minute to complete the website survey, available here or on the website, to provide your feedback on how we're doing and where we can improve: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFDMCWebsite>