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Adding Value Through Exercises: Participation in Your Healthcare Coalition Exercises

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About You

★ Know thy audience

- Series of questions relating to your role in exercise planning and implementation
- Audience response system

★ My hope is that it will also stress the importance of participation in your healthcare coalition exercises.



Responsible for Emergency Management/Preparedness

- A. Hospital
- B. Long Term Care
- C. EMS
- D. Public Health
- E. Emergency Management Agency
- F. Other
- G. No



Your Duties

- A. 100%
- B. 75%-90%
- C. 50%-74%
- D. 25%-49%
- E. < 25%



Responsible for exercises

A. Yes

B. No



Exercise Planning Team

A. Yes

B. No



Community Exercises

A. Yes

B. No



HSEEP Training

A. Yes

B. No



Evaluator Training

A. Yes

B. No



Exercise Evaluators

- A. Yes- always
- B. No- never
- C. It varies



Master Exercise Practitioner

A. True

B. False



Who is Required to Conduct Exercises?

- ★ Hospitals
- ★ Healthcare Coalitions
- ★ Emergency Management
 - State
 - Local
- ★ Public Health
- ★ EMS
- ★ Military
- ★ Other?



Exercise Requirements

- ★ Joint Commission (or other accrediting body)
 - Twice a year test EOP
 - Exercise to the HVA
 - Community wide exercise
 - 1 exercise with actual or simulated patients
 - Perform without community support (96 hour rule)
- ★ ASPR/HPP Grant/Ebola/Pandemic
 - Joint with PHEP (State wide or regional in 5 year period)
 - 5 yr. project period
 - Capability 2,3,6 and 10
- ★ PHEP Grant/Ebola/Pandemic
 - Joint with HPP (State wide or regional in 5 year period)
 - 5 yr. project period
- ★ DHS Preparedness Grants
- ★ CMS Rule.....
- ★ Others?

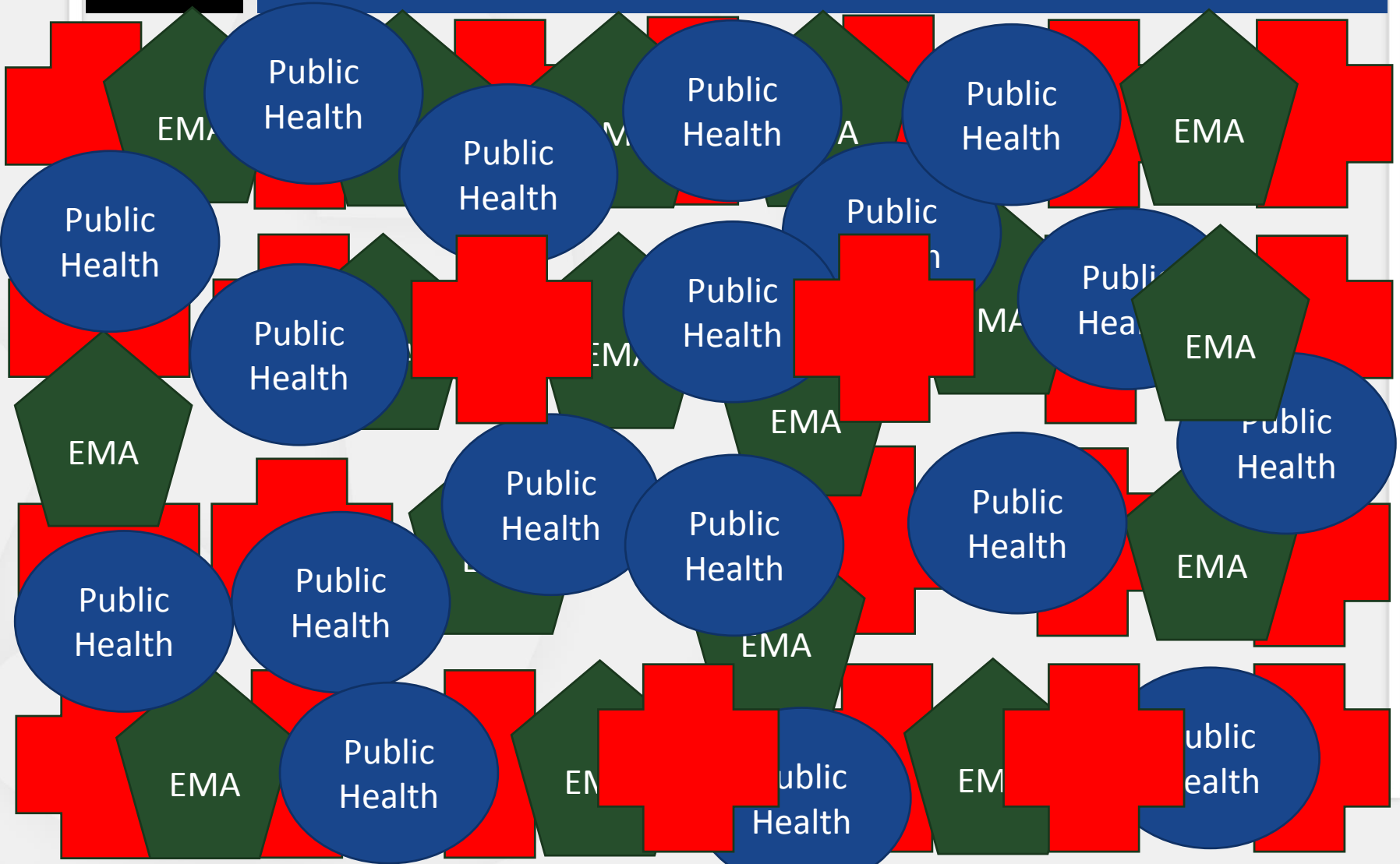


Capabilities

HPP Capabilities	PHEP Capabilities	FEMA Core Capabilities
Healthcare System Preparedness	Community Preparedness	Planning
Healthcare System Recovery	Community Recovery	Public Information and Warning
Emergency Operations Coordination	Emergency Operations Coordination	Operational Coordination
Fatality Management	Emergency Public Information and Warning	Forensics and Attribution
Information Sharing	Fatality Management	Intelligence and Information Sharing
Medical Surge	Information Sharing	Interdiction and Disruption
Responder Safety and Health	Mass Care	Screening, Search and Detection
Volunteer Management	Medical Countermeasure Dispensing	Access Control and Identity Verification
	Medical Materiel Management and Distribution	Cybersecurity
	Medical Surge	Situational Assessment
	Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions	Economic Recovery
	Public Health Laboratory Testing	Health and Social Services
	Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation	Housing
	Responder Safety and Health	Natural and Cultural Resources
	Volunteer Management	Mass Search and Rescue
		On-scene Security and Protection
		Operational Communications
		Public and Private Services and Resources
		Public Health and Medical Services
		Physical Protective Measures
		Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
		Supply Chain Integrity and Security
		Community Resilience
		Long-term Vulnerability Reduction
		Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
		Threats and Hazard Identification
		Critical Transportation
		Environmental Response/Health and Safety
		Fatality Management Services
		Infrastructure Systems
		Mass Care Services



Too many requirements too little resources.....





Goal

- ★ Decrease duplication of efforts
- ★ Increase efficiencies
- ★ Improve plans
- ★ Close gaps
- ★ Shared burden



Exercise Goal

Conducted to identify strengths and weaknesses; assess gaps and short falls in plans, policies and procedures; clarify roles and responsibilities among different entities; improve interagency coordination and communications; identify needed resources and opportunities for improvement.



What does it take?

★ Development, planning and implementation

- 3-6 month planning process
 - Meetings
 - Participant coordination
 - Role players coordination
 - Moulage
 - Controllers and Evaluators
 - Documentation

★ Corrective Action

- After Action Review (AAR) comments
- AAR conference
- Corrective Action Plan
- AAR document

★ Pool of Subject Matter Experts

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Regional Resources

- ★ Responsible for Emergency Management/Preparedness
- ★ Responsible for exercises
- ★ Number of exercises required within the region
- ★ HSEEP Trained
- ★ Master Exercise Practitioners
- ★ Evaluators



Healthcare Coalition

- ★ Group of healthcare organizations, public safety and public health partners that join forces for the common goal of uniform and unified response to a medical surge emergency
 - Planning
 - Training
 - Exercise
 - Communication
 - Resource identification, sharing and management.
 - Grant/project management
 - State Medical Assistance Team management



Challenges

- ★ Leadership buy in
- ★ Disruption of mission
- ★ Physician participation
- ★ Individual objectives
- ★ Resources
 - Role players
 - Evaluators
 - Participants
 - Refreshments/meals
 - Document writers/reviewers
- ★ Cost



Benefits

★ Regional Relationships

- Subject Matter Experts
- Real life experiences
- Evaluator Pool
- Role Players

★ Regional Coordination

- Grant Funds
- Promote effective and consistent regional healthcare response
- Greater participation with fewer exercises

★ Regulatory Requirements

★ Resource Sharing

- Provide tools/templates, content experts, or other resources to assess and meet compliance and operational goals



Elephant in the Room





How do you make it happen

- ★ Planning cycle
- ★ Shared Mission
- ★ Stakeholder objectives
- ★ More than a day- consider how a real event would work
 - Preparedness, Response and Recovery
 - Involved vs. support agency/communities
- ★ Exercise your Threat/Hazard and Vulnerabilities
- ★ Type
 - Table Top, Functional, Full-Scale or combination of
 - Hold at different times



Writing Exercises for Simultaneous and/or Independent Participation

★ Regional Objectives

- Test and evaluate primary and secondary communication tools
- Test and evaluate regional casualty transport plan
- Test and evaluate patient tracking system
- Test and evaluate decontamination capabilities

★ Individual Hospitals

- Test and evaluate hospital external disaster plans
- Test and evaluate hospital evacuation/shelter in place plans
- Test and evaluate hospital emergency operations center
- Test and evaluate decontamination capability
- Test and evaluate primary and secondary communications systems

★ Others

- How do you tie into the regional/individual objectives?



It is more than



- ★ INSTEAD OF WHY, WE SHOULD BE ASKING WHY NOT!
- ★ Seek to leverage our combined perspectives and experiences to achieve more effective exercises.
- ★ It takes a community!
- ★ Strong and resilient Healthcare Coalitions are the key to an effective state and local ESF 8 response to an event driven medical surge.
- ★ Practice like you play
- ★ Power in numbers



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Questions?