

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

Requestor: Redacted

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Request:

The requestor asked for technical assistance in researching sample communications plans and other related resources (e.g., flow charts, written policies) for healthcare coalitions (HCC), especially those with multiple counties. She noted she is particularly interested in how to alert their members during an emergency.

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed existing and in-progress Topic Collections and collected the pertinent resources found below. Of particular relevance are the [Coalition Models and Functions Topic Collection](#), and the [Communication Systems Topic Collection](#).

I. HCC Plans, Tools, and Templates

Illinois Department of Public Health. (2018). [Illinois Department of Public Health Emergency Support Function \(ESF\) 8 Plan](#).

This plan describes concept of operations, roles and responsibilities, and command structures for ESF-8 members in Illinois that may be useful to coalitions in developing coordination structures and plans for their communities. This plan can be used as a guidance or template for regional healthcare coalitions. Illinois has seven Public Health and Medical Service Response Regions with a state-wide population of approximately 12.8 million.

Louisiana Hospital Association. (2013). [Louisiana ESF-8 Health and Medical Preparedness and Response Coalition](#).

This plan describes the structure, functions, and planning frameworks of the Louisiana ESF-8 Health and Medical Preparedness and Response Coalition. Coalition membership is primarily those that have a preparedness and response function under ESF-8 such as public health, pre-hospital, and hospital assets. This plan includes sections such as ESF-8 Network Information Sharing, communication hardware/ modalities, planning framework, and cross-cutting activities/processes.

Public Health-Seattle and King County, Washington. (2017). [ESF 8 Basic Plan-Health, Medical and Mortuary Services](#).

This plan describes concept of operations, roles and responsibilities, and command structures for ESF-8 members in King County, Washington that may be useful to coalitions in developing coordination structures and plans for their communities. This plan includes concept of operations and roles and responsibilities that involve the Northwest Healthcare Response Network (healthcare coalition). King County has a population of near 2 million.

Terndrup, T., Leaming, J., Adams, R., and Adoff, S. (2012). [Hospital-Based Coalition to Improve Regional Surge Capacity](#). *The Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*. 13(5):445-52.

This article describes the Healthcare Facilities Partnership of South Central Pennsylvania and the effect of the coalition on enhancing surge capacity for optimization of access to hospital beds during mass casualty events over a 24-month evaluation period that used exercises and communications among partners to measure success. NOTE: A flow chart is available in Figure 3 of this resource.

II. Other Related Resources

Hanfling, D. (2013). [Role of Regional Healthcare Coalitions in Managing and Coordinating Disaster Response](#). Institute of Medicine.

This white paper was prepared for the January 2013 workshop on Nationwide Response to an Improvised Nuclear Device Attack. It focuses on the role of coalitions in catastrophic disaster event response, and how coalitions that organize to form regional networks can improve communication of resource needs and provide situational awareness. The experiences of building coalitions in the National Capital Region are also discussed.

Hyde, J., Tsoi, J., Worden Kenefick, H., and Cox, H. (n.d.). [Use of a Theoretical Framework for Coalition Building and Evaluation Among Five Healthcare Disciplines in Massachusetts](#). (Accessed 8/12/2022.) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Health.

This PowerPoint presentation is a summary of the Partnership for Effective Emergency Response (PEER) project, which enhances communication to health agencies in the greater Boston area during emergencies and disasters.

University of Iowa, College of Public Health, Upper Midwest Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center. (2013). [Capability-Based Training and Education Resources for Coalitions](#).

This toolkit consists of a catalog of online trainings, resources, and drills and exercises organized by each of the 15 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Capabilities. There are six sections: Community Preparedness; Community Recovery; Emergency Operations Coordination; Emergency Public Information and Warning; Fatality Management; and Information Sharing.