

Kansas City Cross Jurisdictional Partnership

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Learning Objectives

- Identify Strategies for augmenting public health staff and physical resources through the private sector. Need for a ten fold increase!
- Describe how public health emergency preparedness and response capacity can be improved through collaborating public/private sector planning efforts.



What is it? Why?

The Partnership is an evolving group of public health directors, technical experts and private sector health care plans and businesses.

Why? Because the role of health care professionals and hospitals was being developed, but health plans had not really been included



Partnership History

- Began in 2003 as a NACCHO demonstration project
- Initially funded through a cooperative agreement with CDC ~\$5,000
- NACCHO selected the Kansas City area due to:
 - ✓ number and complexity of jurisdictions
 - ✓ Strength of previous regional collaborative initiatives (Operation Bulldozer, MARCHSCC)



Phase I

- Initial Meeting – 25 participants, held at the Kansas City Health Department
- Included public health and health insurance plan leaders
- Results: Roles and responsibilities were defined and gaps identified



Phase II

- Second Meeting – 17 participants met in Wyandotte County, KS
- Meeting focused on specific, measurable steps.
- Initial plans were made for improvement in key areas with immediate and long-term action items



Phase III

- 17 participants met at Blue Cross & Blue Shield in Kansas City
- Expanded participation beyond public health and health care plans to include several large, regional employers.



Phase IV

- Partnership continues to meet to evaluate projects such as phone banks and sentinel surveillance.
- Expanding planning efforts to area businesses through the Partners in Emergency Planning.

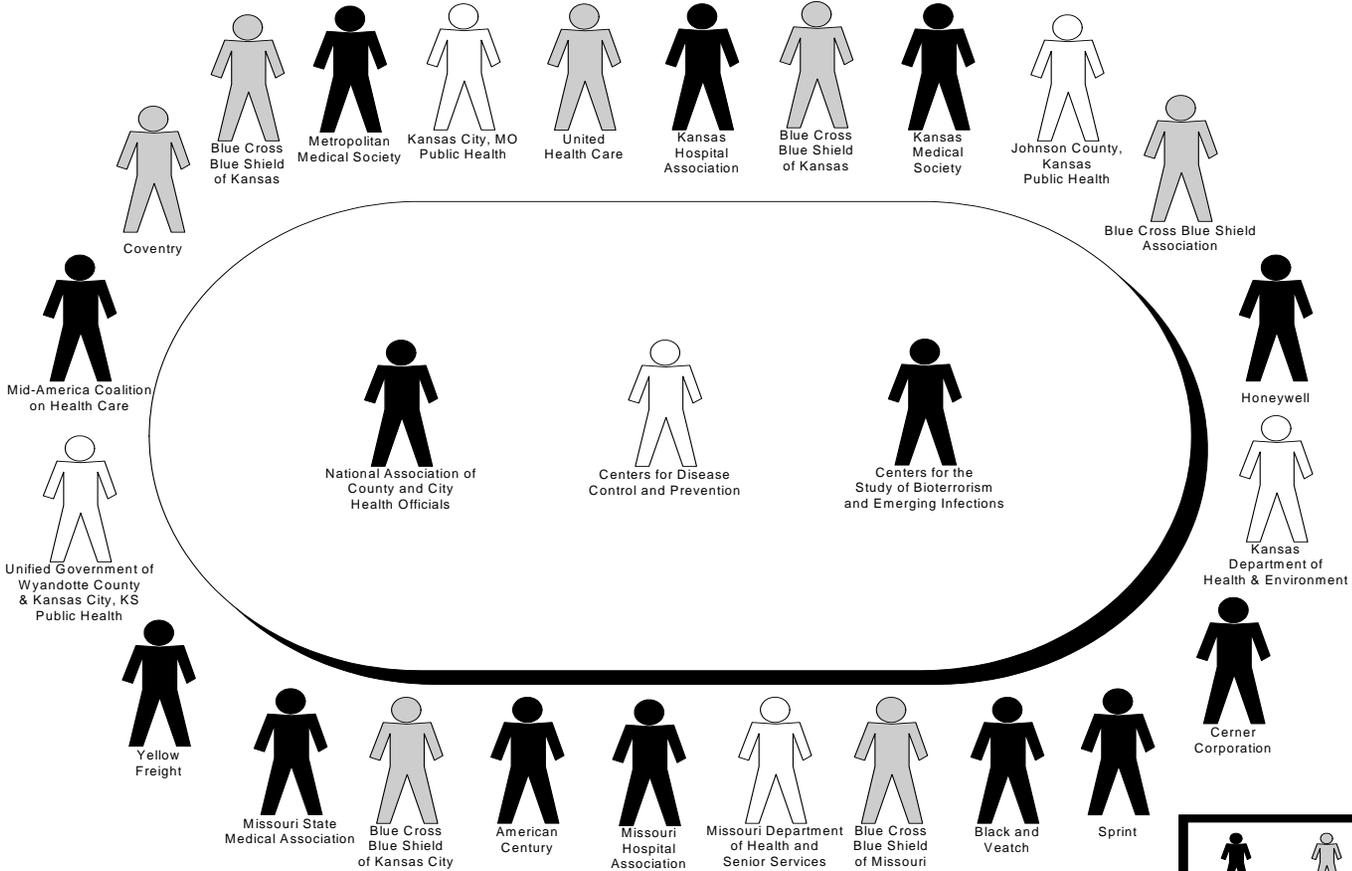


What is its Purpose?

Improve preparedness collaboration between local public health agencies, private health plans and employers in a large, multi-jurisdictional community that crosses state boundaries.



Cross-Jurisdictional Preparedness Planning Partners



		
Project Partners	Health Plans	Public Health

Private Sector Members

Health Insurance Plans

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Coventry
- United Health Care

Businesses

- Black and Veatch
- American Century
- Hallmark
- Cerner Corporation
- Yellow Roadway
- Sprint



Public Sector Members

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- Missouri Dept. of Health & Senior Services
- Kansas Dept. of Health & Environment
- National Association of County & City Health Officials
- Kansas City, MO Health Dept.
- Johnson County, KS Health Dept.
- Independence, MO Health Dept.
- Unified Government of Wyandotte County & Kansas City, KS Health Dept.



Coalition Members

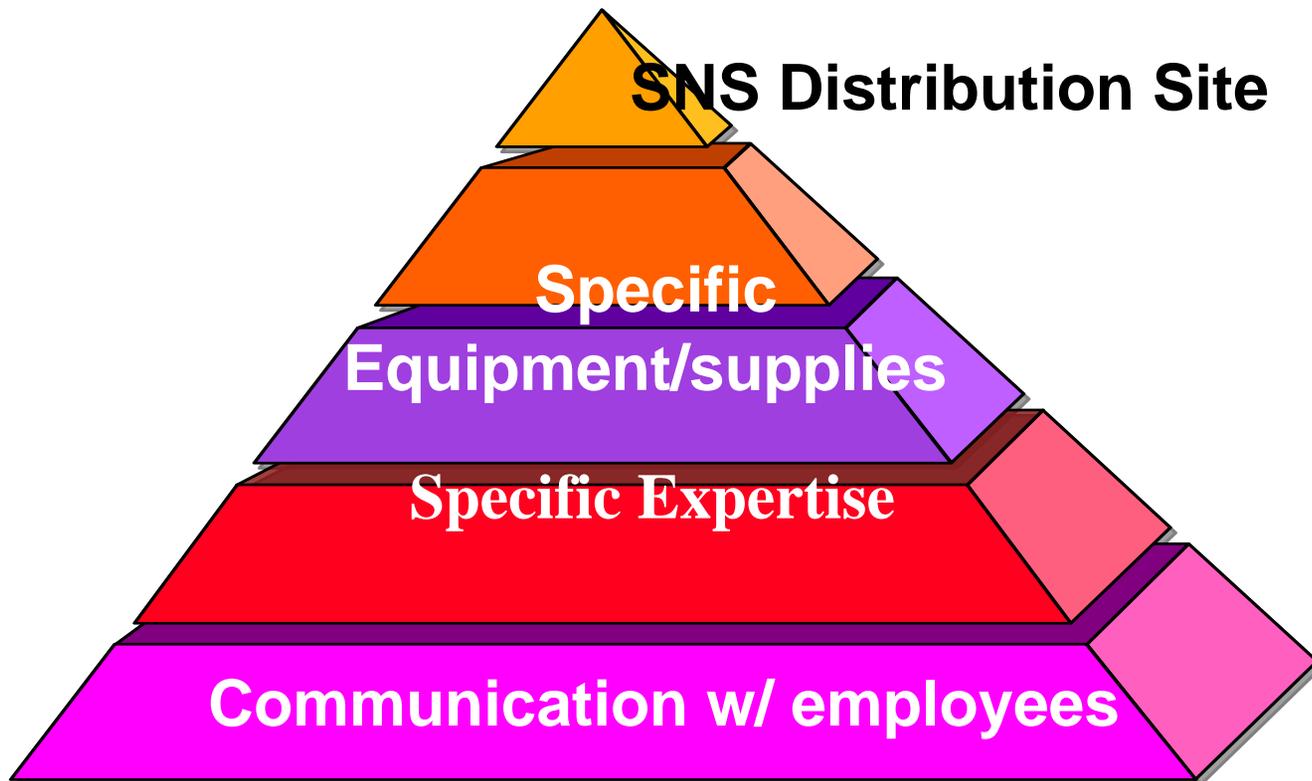
- Metropolitan Medical Society
- Mid America Regional Council
- Mid America Coalition on Health Care
- Missouri State Medical Association
- Missouri Hospital Association
- Kansas Hospital Association

Academic Liaison: St. Louis University



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Business/Public Health Initiatives



Health Insurance Plan/Public Health Initiatives

Surge capacity for:

- Contact tracing
- Home health monitoring for isolation and quarantine
- Managing and staffing phone banks to answer citizen inquiries



Planning

Health insurance plans and local businesses have adopted a public health planning template and included it as an annex of business continuity plans.



Challenges for the Future

- HIPPA considerations in information sharing
- Role clarification between business and health plans in public health preparedness
- Expanding involvement in more community partners and healthcare professionals

