

DHHS Region VI  
CDC & HRSA Public Health and  
Health Systems Preparedness  
Meeting Outcomes



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Albuquerque, NM

Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico

Oklahoma, Texas

# Breakout Session Reports

Planning & Exercise

SNS

Epidemiology & Surveillance

Communication & Public Information



# Planning & Exercise

## Key Issues

- ❖ Title: The public health regional response to a zoonotic outbreak.
- ❖ Issue: Assess the regional response to the public health aspects of a zoonotic outbreak.

# Planning & Exercise

## Measurable Action

- ❖ Develop a regional tabletop exercise to test the ability of a public health response to a zoonotic outbreak by 30 August 2005. Include Epi, PH Labs, Command & Control/Management
- ❖ Design Team: Ken Knutson (NM – Team Leader); Gary Ragen (AK); John Burlinson (TX); Ed Kostiuk (OK – Alt. TL); Jerry Monier (LA)

# Planning & Exercise Tasks

- ❖ Regional Conference Call 1 X Month
- ❖ Develop Timeline
- ❖ Develop Tabletop
- ❖ Invite State Partners, including HRSA Hospital BT programs for surge capacity

# Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Key Issues

- ❖ Interstate SNS Cooperation

# SNS

## Measurable Action

- ❖ Develop a draft mutual aid SNS Chempack Plan by 30 August 2005
- ❖ Jerry Lazzari (NM – TL)

# Epidemiology & Surveillance

## Key Issues

- ❖ Share and Coordinate  
Pandemic Flu Plans

# Epidemiology & Surveillance

## Measurable Action

- ❖ Establish a working group of Region VI Pandemic Flu Plan Leads
- ❖ Identify those sections of the plans that involve interstate issues
- ❖ Develop a Memorandum of Understanding on the sharing and coordination of resources
- ❖ Stacy Hall (LA – TL)

# Communication & Public Information

## Key Issues

- ❖ Establish a multi-state crisis communication exercise to facilitate communication between states:
  - **In accordance with NIMS**
  - **FFY Benchmark criteria met**
  - **LA & AK coordinate and cover all costs except individual state evaluators & travel expenses**
  - **Bob Alvey (AK – CO/TL); Melissa Walker (LA – CO/TL)**

# Communication & Public Information Measurable Action

- ❖ Two (2) Day initial training
- ❖ Actual Exercise
- ❖ Include Media on Health Alert Network/  
Utilize HAN for intrastate & interstate  
information sharing
- ❖ Establish joint network information center for  
interstate/intrastate PIOs on secure site
- ❖ Use EPI-X (can be regional)
- ❖ Establish multi-state risk communication  
workgroup

# Breakout Session Reports

Preparedness Laboratories

Education & Training

Hospital & Health Systems

Information Technology



# Preparedness Laboratory Key Issues

- ❖ Develop a protocol for sample submission to preparedness laboratories

# Preparedness Laboratory Measurable Action

- ❖ Form an e-mail work group
- ❖ Via the e-mail work group, share plans
- ❖ Through the process of peer review, share individual state plans
- ❖ Via the e-mail work group, develop a discussion board relative to laboratory issues

# Preparedness Laboratories Tasks

- ❖ Develop a timeline:
  - E-mail work group will be developed by 31 Jan 2005
  - Identify a chair at the first meeting
  - Develop a draft for sample submission by 30 August 2005
  - Jeff Moran (AK – CO/TL); Phil Adams (NM – CO/TL)

# Education & Training

## Key Issues

- ❖ No compendium of training within Region VI

# Education & Training Measurable Action

- ❖ Create a Region VI compilation of state-based trainings (All 5 states represented & in agreement)

# Education & Training Tasks

- Compendium completed by 30 August 2005
- Refer to Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) compendium structure for consistency:
  - ✓ Course Name
  - ✓ Course Description
  - ✓ Target Audience
  - ✓ Mode of Delivery
  - ✓ Portability
  - ✓ Development status

# Education & Training Tasks Con't

- Share each state's training plan with each other
- Develop a plan to update list
- Work group will be e-mailed by team leader by 1 February 2005 to set up working conference calls

Work group includes: Kara Kearns (OK); Meta Kelly (TX); Sabrina Perkins (LA); Joanne Bolick (AR – Alt TL); Gayle Kenny (NM – TL)

# Hospital and Health Systems Key Issues

- ❖ Develop intra-regional capacity for burn care

# Hospital and Health Systems Measurable Action

- ❖ Hook up healthcare staff with online courses (Rosanne)
- ❖ Assess toolkit availability from American Burn Care Association (Scott)
- ❖ Enhance the directory of Burn Care Centers across Region VI (Ron)

# Hospital and Health Systems Tasks

- ❖ Conduct monthly conference calls with work group

Work group members: Jim Pettyjohn (NM – Co/TL); Caryn Relkin (NM – Co/TL); Rosanne Prats (LA); Ron Hilliard (TX); Scott Sproat (OK); Teresa Brown Jesus (HHS); Anita Pullani (HRSA)

# Information Technology GOAL

To develop common testing on a  
regular basis of all regional HAN  
Systems

# Information Technology

## Key Issues

- ❖ Testing of Health Alert Network (HAN) systems by 30 August 2005

# Information Technology Measurable Action

## ❖ Common Test of HAN Systems

- Add each state's Big Six to all HAN Systems
- Develop a common testing protocol and parameters, and measures
- Schedule to tests and evaluations
- Cindy Horeis (AK – TL)

# Information Technology IMACS Presentation

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