

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Pharmacy Issues
		12-14-2009 Attendees: Charlie Thomas, Ann Brantley, Sallie Shipman, Carter and English
Next Meeting Date/Time		Monday, March 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
Updated 12-17-2009		Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 & Room # 3251726
Co-chairs		Charlie Thomas and Dr. John Fisher
Subcommittee Purpose		Focus on the issues regarding prescription medications during disaster conditions.
Subcommittee Goals		Discuss options for potential antiviral shelf-life extension planning (Federal Level, unable to address specifically on a state level.)
		Develop guidelines to limit pharmacists' exposure in contagious disease outbreaks.
		Develop procedures and protocols for cross training of non-pharmacy personnel to dispense in disaster conditions.
		Written pharmaceutical proclamation to activate in an emergency
		Develop an alternative formulary for replacement of essential medications to be utilized in an emergency where there is a situation including a limited supply and/or delivery.
		Develop educational protocols for public to stockpile their own medication in preparation for a disaster.
Project Status	Responsible Party	
In-Progress	Charlie Thomas & Amy Coody	There are 3687 pharmacists in the Alabama Emergency Response Technology (ALERT) system according to Amy Coody, State ALERT Coordinator. Notices have been sent through ALERT to the pharmacist. ADPH is working on increasing the message capacity within ALERT.
On-Hold	DeeAnn White	Alternate means of product delivery: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed for Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) programs, a modeling software program to assist in medication delivery. Charlie has reviewed program; may be limited in effectiveness in a pandemic influenza (PI) but useful for other hazards. Charlie pointed out there is no way to know what shortages there may be. Noted that the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will also be involved in distribution and may utilize the Department of Transportation. Further discussion to follow about potential uses with logistics.
In-Progress	Heather Hogue	Heather is working with EMA on point of dispensing (POD), alternate points of distribution (closed POD), and Cities Ready Initiative (CRI) planning. They are working with the Jefferson County Board of Education (JCBOE) for 29 POD sites. The memorandum of understanding (MOU) is in development. This MOU can be utilized as a template for other counties.
In-Progress	DeeAnn White	MOU's are in place with Hyundai for alternate distribution site (closed POD). Next step is to exercise (tabletop) the MOU. Hyundai may be a role model for other alternate dispensing sites for a "Closed POD". This MOU can be utilized as a template for other businesses that have a health clinic within their facility. The closed POD will be available to businesses who maintain a healthcare system within their agency. Carter English suggested that Mental Health could serve as a "Closed POD" as well. Charlie stated to coordinate any potential "Closed POD" sites or training with Dena Donovan. ADPH in conjunction with UAB is planning to conduct 6 to 8 closed POD training exercises will occur in early 2010 in the Hospital Planning Regions.

In-Progress	Val Patton, DeeAnn White, & John Fisher	<p>Mass Dispensing: Medications will have labels that will route the caller to either Auburn (AU) or Samford drug information centers, or the Alabama Poison Control Center (APC). Countermeasure Response Administration (CRA) system is the data submitted to CDC during an event. CRA has components for submission of adverse events resulting from pharmaceutical distribution during an event; discussion over how all support agencies will report this data is ongoing. The 800 number distributed on the medications will be answered by ADPH and partner agencies. There will need to be further coordination regarding the specifics on who, what, how, when, etc. of the data. Val Patton is the new CRA Coordinator for ADPH. John Fisher reported he was working on developing an exercise to test this system sometime next year. This is an agenda item that will be worked on during the 2010 as decided on the call. Sallie Shipman will contact the necessary people to begin discussions regarding this exercise.</p>
In-Progress	Charlie Thomas	<p>Caremark is a leading provider of prescription drug management programs. An MOU is in progress for Caremark to pre-fill prescriptions and label the medication minus the patient's name. This will help to expedite distribution during a mass dispensing event. This is an agenda item that will be worked on during the 2010 as decided on the call. Charlie Thomas is going to contact DeeAnn White to begin discussion regarding Caremark.</p>
In-Progress	Angela Stanley	<p>The free personal protective equipment (PPE) and Comfort Care Centers (CCC) webpage has been updated to help streamline the process. Please visit the Free Supplies for Organizations webpage located at: http://www.adph.org/pandemicflu/Default.asp?id=3536</p>
In-Progress	Tim Hatch, Sallie Shipman, Dr. Geary, & John Wible	<p>The "Collaborative Efforts for Emergency Planning Between ADPH and Healthcare Organizations" conferences are complete. These conferences helped to provide guidance for planning efforts regarding shortages of ventilators that could occur during a mass casualty event. The presentations and supporting documentation are posted on the CEP Training webpage at http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512. The overall conference summary is available on the CEP Training webpage.</p> <p>Following the six hospital regional conferences, a webcast with a question and answer session was conducted on December 1, 2009. The program is now available On Demand at the Alabama Public Health Training Network. The program is now available on-demand at: http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949.</p>
In-Progress	Ann Brantley and Sallie Shipman	<p>The County Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazards Assessment tool was developed by ADPH to aid each County Health Department in assessments of their ESF 8, healthcare, capabilities for pandemic and other all hazard situations. This will be used by the County Health Departments to obtain baseline county information and is to be used as aid them in doing an initial gap assessment of their own ESF 8 healthcare response capabilities and shortfalls. ADPH is in the process of reviewing the data from the initial assessments. Because this was the first assessment, the department would like to assure that the areas and other divisions will have adequate time to review and update the data. The Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is a companion document to the assessment tool. The documents are approved and available at: http://www.adph.org/CEP - Preparedness A-Z. Due to the H1N1 response, the assessments will be reviewed in January 2010 with an improvement phase and the tentative date for next submission March 2010.</p>

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning
		12-10-2009 Attendees: Ann Brantley, Sallie Shipman, Charlie Crawford, Tina Givins, Dereck Morrison, Alice Floyd, Teresa Porter, Wesley Granger, Glenn Davis, and John Wible.
Next Meeting Date/Time		Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
Updated 12-10-2009		Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 & Room # 3251726
Co-chairs		Teresa Porter, Carl Taylor, and Dr. Wesley Granger
Subcommittee Purpose		Focus on hospital staffing (i.e. physicians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, nurses, etc.), bed capacity, alternative care sites, etc. while collaborating with various agencies to encourage cooperation and mutual aid agreements. Also, develop standards and operational protocols and/or plans that can be implemented during disaster conditions in cooperation with all aspects of healthcare including the business aspects of healthcare and continuity of operations planning.
Subcommittee Goals		Identify and address interdependencies of healthcare facilities
		Develop an inventory of all agencies and healthcare providers medical supplies for potential use during emergencies on local and statewide levels
		Develop alternative care site protocol templates including pairing hospitals with pre-identified sites
		Address surge supply issues and develop alternative plans to minimize impact
		Develop template COOP plans for healthcare facilities
		Develop template infection control guidelines and plans
		Develop N95 protocol including identification of methods to increase life span of N95 masks
		Healthcare planning for Chempack and Strategic National Stockpile deployment
		Develop ventilator and oxygen protocols
		Work with licensure boards to ensure staffing issues are in place prior to a disaster.
		Assistance in reimbursement of ED/Hospital care in PI event for economic impact on healthcare facilities and encouraging participation of healthcare business staff in planning efforts
		Develop a template for antiviral treatment distribution plans for healthcare facility staff
		Develop altered hospital triage template protocols that will decompress the emergency departments (ED) including expedited patient transfers, limited ED workups, and performing other tests on inpatient services. Develop altered standards of care including EMTALA applicability, hospital admissions, and surgical procedures with consultation from hospital administration and specific specialties.
Project Status	Responsible Party	
In-Progress	Jane Reeves	Develop guidelines/ideas for alternative care sites to assist hospitals in planning alternative care sites within their community. Clarification of who is responsible for the different levels of out of hospital care (i.e. alternative, field hospital, comfort care center, alternate). ADPH is working with AlaHA identify hospitals in each region to determine their status regarding alternate/alternative care site planning progress.
On Hold	On Hold	What would happen with a sudden increase for Hospice care? Could we use Hospice Guidelines in our Comfort Care Centers (CCC's)? What about licensing if more Hospices were needed? There may need to be a declaration developed to waive stringent requirements in the event of a pandemic influenza (PI). We need input from the Hospice organizations as to what their ideas/role may be. This was not discussed on this call, however this remains an issue for the subcommittee.

In-Progress	Charlie Crawford	The Healthcare Sector will continue to work with the Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers to meet the volunteer issue. Progress is ongoing. Volunteer lists are in the process of being updated. Volunteer Symposiums are scheduled for April 21--Von Braun Center --Huntsville, AL April 28--Arthur Outlaw Convention Center--Mobile, AL May 6th--Montgomery Convention Center--Montgomery. The basic theme is the role of a nurse, pharmacist, etc. in an emergency response as related to a Medical Needs Shelter. Also, the Amateur Radio League Hospital Project is in the implementation phase including the credentialing of radio operators for hospital use during disasters.
In-Progress	DeeAnn White	Coordinate/discuss ideas for Chempack protocol/template development with Chempack Custodians; no feedback has been obtained from Chempack coordinators. Progress is ongoing.
On Hold	On Hold	Develop a N-95/Infection Control protocol/recommendations.
On Hold	On Hold	University of South Alabama (USA) has developed, internally, a program used by life insurance companies that models that determines the financial impact of a particular event/disease. How can ADPH and partners have access to this program?
On Hold	On Hold	Continue research for an operable continuity of operations plan (COOP) template.
On Hold	On Hold	The possibility of a collaborative draft document including the medical, nursing and other healthcare related boards that would address licensing and standards of care issues in a catastrophic event was discussed. Standing orders need to be already in place and then signed by the Governor at the time of the emergency declaration.
In-Progress	Tim Hatch, Sallie Shipman, Dr. Geary & John Wible	The "Collaborative Efforts for Emergency Planning Between ADPH and Healthcare Organizations" conferences are complete. These conferences helped to provide guidance for planning efforts regarding shortages of ventilators that could occur during a mass casualty event. The presentations and supporting documentation are posted on the CEP Training webpage at http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512 . The overall conference summary is available on the CEP Training webpage. Following the six hospital regional conferences, a webcast with a question and answer session was conducted on December 1, 2009. The program is now available On Demand at the Alabama Public Health Training Network. The program is now available on-demand at: http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949 .
In-Progress	Ann Brantley and Sallie Shipman	The County Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazards Assessment tool was developed by ADPH to aid each County Health Department in assessments of their ESF 8, healthcare, capabilities for pandemic and other all hazard situations. This will be used by the County Health Departments to obtain baseline county information and is to be used as aid them in doing an initial gap assessment of their own ESF 8 healthcare response capabilities and shortfalls. ADPH is in the process of reviewing the data from the initial assessments. Because this was the first assessment, the department would like to assure that the areas and other divisions will have adequate time to review and update the data. The Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is a companion document to the assessment tool. The documents are approved and available at: http://www.adph.org/CEP-Preparedness A-Z . Due to the H1N1 response, the assessments will be reviewed in January 2010 with an improvement phase and the tentative date for next submission March 2010.
In-Progress	Betty Jowers	Discuss/develop better communication methods to get out messages to the public during an event especially in rural areas. Can 211 be utilized?
In-Progress	Sallie Shipman	H1N1 planning and response - There has been a varied response with a 20-25% participation rate for the FluMist uptake. The media campaign addressing public concerns regarding vaccine safety will be expanded in the coming weeks. Expiration dates for the H1N1 vaccine are being prioritized so that earlier expiration dates will be utilized first. Alabama has had 15 weeks of reported widespread influenza activity.

In-Progress	Angela Stanley	The free personal protective equipment (PPE) and Comfort Care Centers (CCC) webpage has been updated to help streamline the process. Please visit the Free Supplies for Organizations webpage located at: http://www.adph.org/pandemicflu/Default.asp?id=3536
In-Progress	Alice Floyd	<p>The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is now accepting requests for N95 respirators from healthcare providers who provide direct patient care to those who have confirmed, suspected, or probable influenza. This is a one-time offer of a limited amount of N95 respirators. Please visit the ADPH website at www.adph.org and click on 'Emergency Preparedness' in the blue navigation area on the left side of the home page and then click N95 respirators in the navigation area or click the link below. Here you can review information on the process required to request a limited number of the supply for your facility. There is no charge for the N95 respirators. Over 120 orders have been received as of 12/10/2009. After visiting the website, if you still have questions, call 334-206-3394 or 1-866-264-4073.</p> <p>The webpage is located at: http://adph.org/CEP/index.asp?id=3965</p>
In-Progress	Tina Givins	Dereck Morrison sent Sallie Shipman information regarding portable ventilators. ADPH Pandemic Influenza funds purchased a stockpile of disposable vents that would be utilized in a mass casualty event. At this time ADPH will not be purchasing anymore ventilators, however they could be purchased by the facilities to supplement their stockpile. Also, regarding the related project of consulting bulk suppliers of the hospitals, durable medical equipment, etc. regarding the question "Are liquid bulk O2 suppliers be able to meet the demand during a disaster?" Tina Givens offered to work on this topic on the previously "ON HOLD" project. Work will be conducted to update the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide to reflect the work regarding this subcommittee project regarding oxygen and ventilators.

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Training and Exercise Planning
		12-16-2009 Attendees: Sallie Shipman, Ann Brantley, Rita Maynard, John Wible, DeeAnn White, Jora White, Valeria Patton, and Tom Tucker
Next Meeting Date/Time		Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
Updated 12-16-2009		Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 & Room # 3251726
Co-chairs		Jora White and Dr. David Wallace
Subcommittee Purpose		Educate healthcare staff and coordinate exercises between agencies.
Subcommittee Goals		Develop procedures and plans for coordination of exercises between public health, emergency management, homeland security, hospitals, community health centers, private providers, and all healthcare entities
		Develop plans and programs to educate healthcare providers
		Develop specific measures and program for training hospital staff in regard to NIMS
Project Status	Responsible Party	
In-Progress	Entire Subcommittee	Report on emergency planning efforts and concerns from subcommittee member's agency
In-Progress	Val Patton, Jora White, and Sam Guerrero	State wide calendar with training opportunities including Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Department of Homeland Security, etc. The Alabama Healthcare Planning Guide refers to the AEMA and ADPH training calendars and is available at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=2634 . Ideas will be derived from local emergency preparedness team members and local hospitals on how we can continue efforts to coordinate training opportunities.
In-Progress	Jora White, DeeAnn White, and Val Patton	Closed POD Training Closed point of dispensing (POD) training will be conducted in the Hospital Planning Regions. The target audience will be Institutes of Higher Education (IHE), such as Community Colleges/Junior Colleges with nursing and social work curriculums. The current plan is to conduct one training in each of the 6 regions; however, as planning develops, there may have to be two trainings in the larger regions. Val, Jora, and DeeAnn are working with the EP Coordinators to locate venues that will accommodate the large crowds.
In-Progress	Jora White and Val Patton	Fatality Management Tabletop Exercises Mass Fatality table top exercises will be conducted in the Coroners Association District. The current plan is to conduct one training in each of the 6 districts. The confirmed venues are District 1 - Baldwin County Central Annex; District 2 - Troy Sports Multiplex; District 3 - Tuscaloosa County Health Department Community Room; District 4 - Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega; District 5 - Cullman Regional Medical Center; District 6 - Etowah County Senior Activity Center. The target audience will be local coroners, funeral directors, medical examiners, hospital administrators, and nursing home administrators. The focus of the discussion is to review the area's local mass fatality response plan.
In-Progress	Jora White and Val Patton	Functional Exercise - Bibb County There will be a functional exercise conducted in Bibb County. Since Bibb County is a CRI County, the focus of this exercise is to test the response to an Anthrax attack in a small rural county. ADPH and Bibb County EMA will collaborate with a local Trade School to provide the needed staff to conduct the exercise. UAB will facilitate.

In-Progress	Jora White and Val Patton	<p>Flood Tabletop Exercise - Chambers County</p> <p>A flood table top exercise will be conducted in Chamber County. Since Chambers County is in a flood plain, the focus of the discussion is to review the current flood response plan.</p>
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In-Progress	David Wallace and Jane Reeves	<p>The 2010 dates for the Advanced Regional Response Training Center basic program training dates and brochure are available. The ARRTC is in the process of scheduling the Road Show dates and locations. This program is made possible by a grant from ADPH, CEP through a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). This curriculum has been designed to teach and train effective collaborative healthcare community response to any disaster, natural or man-made, and has been updated to incorporate current challenges and issues facing disaster leadership. For more information visit www.arrtc.com.</p>
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