

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning/Pharmacy Issues
		12-15-2011 Attendees: Ann Brantley, John Hooper, Jane Reeves, DeeAnn White, Alice Floyd, John Fisher, Carolyn Dean, Meissa Morrison, Charlie Thomas, John Wible, Charlie Crawford, and John Lowery
Date/Time		Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
Updated 9/16/2011		Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 & Room # 3251726
Co-chairs		Lead for HC/OP Issues Teresa Porter, Carl Taylor, and Dr. Wesley Granger Lead for Pharmacy Issues Charlie Thomas and Dr. John Fisher
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
		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.
		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	Charlie Crawford	Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers Sector Issue - The Healthcare Sector will continue to work with the Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers to meet the volunteer issue. The first planning meeting for the 2012 Volunteer Symposium was held on November 17th. The theme of the symposium as well as possible topics were discussed. PTSD in survivors and responders in the aftermath of the April 2010 tornadoes will be a topic. The symposium will more than likely remain in Montgomery for 2012.
In-Progress	Charlie Crawford	Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers Sector Issue - The ADPH new volunteer database "Alabama Responds" is up and running with over 360 registrants. The ADPH Bureau of Professional Support Services is assisting in the recruitment of Nurses, Social Workers and Pharmacists. The link is: http://adph.org/volunteer/Default.asp?id=2760 . On site training for the Alabama Responds System was held on November 8th. There were 17 administrators (have administrative rights to the system) that attended the training. Additional training sessions will be held; dates are to be determined. The system has been linked electronically to the EMS licensing database and we are working on the Board of Medical Examiners. These linkages are critical to the systems ability to verify the licenses of the volunteers registered in the system.
In-Progress	Jane Reeves	HC/OP Issue - Mass Casualty Assessments-As of today, 41 hospitals or 38% have responded. The hospitals have approximately 2 weeks left to complete their assessments.
In-Progress	Jane Reeves	HC/OP Issue -AIMS Testing: Beginning December 2011, USA will conduct random unannounced AIMS tests for healthcare facilities. The Alabama Hospital Association, Alabama Nursing Home Association and the Alabama Primary Health Care Association have all been notified about these tests. If you have any questions, please call Jane Reeves (334) 206-6231.
In-Progress	Ann Brantley Theresa Porter	Entire Healthcare Sector Committee Issue - Work with area EP Teams to ensure that each area is adequately represented in the committee. More information will follow. Meeting with Teresa Porter next week
Completed	Jane Reeves	HC/OP Issue - The Alternate Care Site Grant with ALAHA ended June 30, 2011. There is not a grant specific to ACS this grant cycle 2011-2012. There will be a grant focusing on critical infrastructure protection. More information to follow. Alaha will provide further information concerning these grants
In-Progress	Stanley Batchelor & John Wible	HC/OP Issue - Governor's Emergency Orders: Alabama Emergency Management Agency is in the final stages of updating the State of Alabama's Emergency Operations plan. The lead agencies have reviewed and updated their portions of the Emergency Support Function Annexes and related Incidents Annexes. These individual sections are the in the process of being compiled and reformatted to be placed into the final document. Once this is completed, the final draft will be released to the lead agencies for the final review. Once approved, the final EOP will be submitted to the difference signatory agency Directors and Commissioners for final signature. Plans are for the new EOP to be ready for release by the first of the new year.

In-Progress	Ann Brantley	<p>HC/OP Issue - The County (located at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/CountyESF8All-HazardsAssessment.pdf) and Area (located at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/AreaESF8All-HazardsAssessment.pdf) Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazard Assessments submissions from October 2011 is in progress. The data derived from the assessments is extremely important to ADPH emergency preparedness planning efforts. The Improvement Plan Report from October 2011 Submission of the County and Area ESF 8 All-Hazards including area percentages will be sent to each Area Administrator, Emergency Preparedness (EP) Coordinator, and EP Team once completed. The ESF 8 Assessments will be linked to the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide. The Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is a companion document to the assessment tool and is in the process of being updated.</p>
In-Progress	DeeAnn White, Heather Hogue, & John Wible	<p>Pharmacy Issue - Closed POD Updates: DeeAnn White reports strong interest in closed POD continues with Jefferson County reporting at least 10 facilities have submitted plans. Facilities in Mobile County have submitted plans as well. These plans are in review in ADPH Legal Division and once approved, MOU's will be entered into. Currently EP Teams are recruiting closed PODS; this is no longer a state recruitment effort but more focused on local efforts. If large presentations needed State support is in place. All information on how to begin process for setting up a Closed POD is on the ADPH/CEP/SNS website at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/index.asp?id=3711 Included on the site is guidance, template and a tutorial. If an organization is interested, they will work through their EP Coordinator and DeeAnn will continue to review Closed POD plans and present to ADPH Legal Division.</p>
Completed	John Hooper, Charlie Thomas	<p>Pharmacy Issue - Mass Dispensing Exercise: The exercise was completed on 12-13-11. The only definitive lesson learned at this time is the phone lines were overwhelmed rather quickly. There will need to be further coordination regarding the specifics on who, what, how, when, etc. of the data.</p>
		<h2>On Hold Issues are below</h2>
On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - Develop a N-95/Infection Control protocol/recommendations.</p>
On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - University of South Alabama (USA) has developed, internally, a program used by life insurance companies that models and determines the financial impact of a particular event/disease. How can ADPH and partners have access to this program?</p>
On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - Continue research for an operable continuity of operations plan (COOP) template.</p>
On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - 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.</p>
On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - 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.</p>
On Hold	DeeAnn White	<p>HC/OP Issue - Coordinate/discuss ideas for Chempack protocol/template development with Chempack Custodians; no feedback has been obtained from Chempack coordinators. Progress is ongoing. DeeAnn stated that presently the Chempacks throughout the state are being inventoried. During the inspections DeeAnn will discuss with the CDC Chempack coordinator the next steps concerning this agenda item.</p>

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Training and Exercise Planning
		12-14-2011 Attendees: Jane Reeves, John Hooper, Alice Floyd, Jora White, Ann Brantley, Dr. Karen Landers, John Wible
Next Meeting Date/Time		Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
Updated 9-16-2011		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	Jora White, and Sam Guerrero	General Information for entire committee - 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. The Statewide Calendar is currently being edited by Sam Guerrero. As soon as the final version is complete, it will be forwarded to Jora.
Completed	Alice Floyd	ADPH video communications completed the final editing of the Medical Needs Shelter and Patient Tracking training. Alice reports she has received 25 copies and will be distributing 2 copies to each PH area.
In-Progress	David Wallace and Jane Reeves	ARRTC: . ARRTC is finishing the nursing home training presently. ARRTC classes are in progress. All class schedules, including road shows are listed on the ARRTC website. Dates are available at: http://arrtc.com/ The ARRTC Basic schedule for 2011-2012 is available online @ ARRTC.com. The January 10-11, 2012 ARRTC Basic training class has been reserved for EP staff only. A save-the-date e-mail was sent by Andy Mullins to staff expected to attend the class. Jora White suggested that we direct the registration for ADPH staff through the Learning Content Management System (LCMS) so that employees will have this training on their employee transcripts. Discussions are continuing to see how LCMS can be utilized for registration for ARRTC
In-Progress	DeeAnn White, John Hooper	Cities Readiness Initiative – On December 1, 2011, both CRI jurisdictions had their first no notice call down drill. The responses time were just slightly longer than previously announced call down drills. Over 200 participants from numerous partner agencies in the seven CRI Counties were involved in this drill. Upcoming CRI events: On February 8, 2012 there will be a County Staging Area Training in Jefferson County. Time and location will be forthcoming. On March 6, 2012 there will be a facility activation drill in both CRI Jurisdictions. This drill is where all the PODs and County staging site are contacted to see if they are available for SNS Operations. CRI Distribution Throughput Drill – This drill will be in late May or the first of June. This drill is being done in partnership with George Tech University, CDC, ADPH and the CRI Counties. This drill will help determine the actual throughput of a standard POD setup. A POD setup drill will be done in conjunction with this drill.
Completed	Jora White, John Hooper	855 Pharmacy Exercise was held 12-13-11. John discussed the strengths and weaknesses found
Completed	John Hooper	HSEEP Overview Training -this training is a high level overview of HSEEP and what it means to be HSEEP Compliant. The training was held November 15 from 1-3 PM in Room 1586 (Board Room) of the RSA Tower, Montgomery, Al.

Completed	Alice Floyd	The Center for Emergency Preparedness will contract with UAB to provide courses for EMS/physicians/nurses in the upcoming grant year.
In-Progress	Alice Floyd	UAB South Center will work with Dr. Ziad Kazi to conduct three "Initial Medical Management of Radiation Injuries" courses. The pilot course is scheduled for March 23, 2012 in Montgomery
In-Progress	Alice Floyd, Dr. Landers	UAB Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital will conduct up to 4 Advanced HazMat Life Support-1 day Toxic Terrorism courses across the state. Dr. Landers stated she could assist UAB in locating venues for her area training.
In-Progress	Alice Floyd	State Mortuary Operations Response Team (SMORT) will conduct an exercise sometime May 1, 2012.