

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning/Pharmacy Issues
		9-15-2011 Attendees: Ann Brantley, John Hooper, Jane Reeves, Dennis Haney, Danne Howard and Meissa Morrison
Date/Time		Thursday, December 15, 2011 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 2011 Volunteer Symposium was held Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Montgomery, AL at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel. The theme was Bridging the Gap between Responders and Survivors. The training was recorded and will be available for viewing soon through the "Featured Projects" on the Alabama Public Health Training Network. There were 179 in attendance. The 2012 Volunteer Symposium planning committee has conducted preliminary planning for the next symposium.
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 250 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
In-Progress	Ann Brantley	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.
In-Progress	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.
Complete	Betty Jowers and Teresa Porter	HC/OP Issue - Discuss/develop better communication methods to get out messages to the public during an event especially in rural areas. 211works with Department of Human Resources (DHR), American Red Cross (ARC), faith based organizations and any others in order to obtain and offer names and places of available resources. 211 was very active during the Tuscaloosa disaster. They were present in the EOC with many of our workers. When dialing 211, you speak with an actual person who offers a world of information from directing people to local shelters to where they can get all types of assistance. 211 is divided up in regions like most emergency services and a regional map is available at: http://www.211connectsalabama.org/ContactUs.aspx Becky also provided Betty with the map of regions. The link to information regarding United Way of Alabama 211 and resources is located at: http://www.unitedwaysofalabama.org/ Betty wanted to ask everyone to please take a minute to look at this web site just to know how to get there in case they should need to tell others about it for help. Stanley noted that AEMA partners with 211 and sits in the state EOC in the Joint Information Center.
In-Progress	Ann Brantley and Tina Givins	HC/OP Issue - Update Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide Tina and Wesley Granger will be working to help update the Alabama Healthcare Planning Guide's "Ventilators and Oxygen" section. Tina Givins and Wes Granger are working on this topic with Sallie and Ann. Tina sent an emergency plan from Airgas an oxygen distributor. She is requesting in writing if we can post the document in the updated version of the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide. Also Karen Holland and Dereck Morrison sent hospital plans and exercises that can be modified into templates for use of other facilities. The hospital names will be deleted before making the documents public. Wes sent a link regarding oxygen planning issues located at: http://www.health.state.mn.us/oep/healthcare/scarceoxygen.html Tina has received permission to post the plan and is sending it to Sallie. More information will follow. The process for updating the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is directly correlated to the County and Area ESF 8 All-Hazards review. No update this meeting. More information will follow.

In-Progress	Tim Hatch, Dr. Geary, Stanley Batchelor & John Wible	<p>HC/OP Issue - The Criteria for Mechanical Ventilator Triage Following Proclamation of Mass-Casualty Respiratory Emergency was approved by the State Committee of Public Health (SCPH) on April 8, 2010. The final approved version is available at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/VENTTRIAGE.pdf</p> <p>The ventilator triage conferences are available on-demand at: http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949.</p> <p>John Wible reported that ADPH is updating the emergency orders for the department. ADPH has established a work group that will look at all public health Governor's orders and the ventilator triage policy. No update this meeting. More information will follow.</p>
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 are complete. The data derived from the assessments is extremely important to ADPH emergency preparedness planning efforts. The County and Area Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazards Assessment Review Improvement Plan Report from October 2010 Submission of the County and Area ESF 8 All-Hazards including area percentages was sent to each Area Administrator, Emergency Preparedness (EP) Coordinator, and EP Team.</p> <p>The improved assessments will remain by and large the same; however, clarifications will be added. It is imperative that the EP Teams continue work on the MSWord version of the assessment and provide input during this improvement process. Please contact your local EP Team to work with them on planning improvements for the next submission. The improvements will link the ESF 8 Assessments to the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide. The Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is a companion document to the assessment tool. The next submission of the County and Area Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazards Assessment will be October, 2011. The updates of the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide are in progress.</p>
In-Progress	DeeAnn White, Heather Hogue, & John Wible	<p>Pharmacy Issue - Alabama is currently working towards establishing closed point of dispensing (POD)s as an alternate method of dispensing medications in emergency event situations. A Closed POD is a business that has its own medical staff, including a licensed physician who will give the order for the medical staff to dispense to the employees of the facility. Examples of potential Closed PODs are hospitals, military installations, universities, pharmacies, large businesses that have self contained medical staff, etc. The alternate points of distribution (closed POD), are extremely important to planning for distribution of medications to the community in a timely manner. 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 review Closed POD plans to present to ADPH Legal Division. DeeAnn is presently in the process of developing a Letter of Intent and will add it to the website as soon as it is complete. Heather reported that JCHD is working with several agencies that are wanting to serve as a Closed POD. More information to follow. John Hooper reports there is a very strong interest for closed PODS, Jefferson and Mobile County have had many entities interested; more information to follow.</p>

In-Progress	DeeAnn White, Sallie Shipman, Charlie Thomas, Jora White, Jessica Skelley, John Hooper, & John Fisher	<p>Pharmacy Issue - 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 855 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. John Fisher discussed on the call the logistics of planning an exercise to test this system. The major component to testing the system is volunteers to make calls. The exercise facility would need at least six phone lines and scripts simulating questions regarding the medications distributed. John Fisher is in the process of writing a grant for new hardware and phone system and hopes to secure funding for this exercise. DeeAnn and Val suggested that we could submit this into the grant funding cycle that begins in August 2010. John will look into resources such as template calls for the exercise. Discussions are ongoing regarding an exercise in the next grant cycle. The toll free number for patients to call in to when meds are dispensed in a mass POD by the Health department has been changed. The new toll free number is: 855-883-2481. A planning meeting to discuss the 855 exercise is scheduled for Oct 4, 2011</p>
		On Hold Issues are below
On Hold	On Hold	HC/OP Issue - Develop a N-95/Infection Control protocol/recommendations.
On Hold	On Hold	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?
On Hold	On Hold	HC/OP Issue - Continue research for an operable continuity of operations plan (COOP) template.
On Hold	On Hold	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.
On Hold	On Hold	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.
On Hold	DeeAnn White	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.

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Training and Exercise Planning
		9-14-2011 Attendees: Jane Reeves, John Lowery, John Hooper, Alice Floyd, Jora White, Ann Brantley
Next Meeting Date/Time		Wednesday, December 14, 2011 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.
In-Progress	Ann Brantley	ADPH completed an exercise to test the Patient Tracking - Just in Time Training Module for the new Patient Tracking Module in AIMS. The After Action Report (AAR)/Improvement Plan (IP) will be reviewed and this could be incorporated as a new technology/skill into an exercise where Patient Tracking is potential task. The module for medical needs shelter (MNS) just-in-time training will serve as the pilot for an emergency preparedness training project that is under development. The training will be web based and include all aspects of emergency response. The first module has been reviewed by USA and the final draft will be sent to the Planning Team when the modifications are complete. For more information on this project please visit: http://ceptrainingassignment4.pbworks.com/w/page/32179608/CEP-Training-Project ADPH video communications is finishing up the final editing of the Medical Needs Shelter and Patient Tracking training. More information to follow as ADPH plans to further develop this web based training project.
In-Progress	David Wallace and Jane Reeves	ARRTC: 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. 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. ARRTC is finishing the nursing home training presently. They are scheduling road shows as requested. ARRTC classes are in progress. All class schedules, including road shows are listed on the ARRTC website. Dates are available at: http://arrtc.com/ David Wallace is compiling a report from the after action sessions he conducted with affected hospitals during the severe weather response in April. More information to follow. The ARRTC Basic training for 2010-2011 has been completed. ARRTC Roadshows for 2010-2011 will be complete by September 30, 2011.The ARRTC Basic schedule for 2011-2012 is available online @ ARRTC.com. When the ARRTC Roadshows for 2011-2012 are scheduled, they will be posted on the website. 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.

In-Progress	DeeAnn White, John Hooper	Upcoming CRI Drills: (1)There will be unannounced CRI call down drills quarterly beginning December/2011 (2) Facility Activation Drills (3) Both Jurisdictions are interested in doing distribution throughput training. A concern is having enough participants to actually test the system. Both Jurisdictions will work together on accomplishing this drill and (4) POD Set-up drill
Complete	DeeAnn White, John Hooper	Regional Distribution Site (RDS) distribution from the RSS Training – For more information visit the SNS website at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/index.asp?ID=3711 SNS staff completed two Regional Distribution Site (RDS) functional exercises with approximately 90 attendees for the Southern Tabletop and over 100 attendees for the Northern Tabletop. Art Faulkner, AEMA Director, spoke at the Northern Tabletop. The After Action reports are completed and corrective actions are underway.
Complete	DeeAnn White, John Hooper	CRI Functional Exercise July 2011 in Shelby County has been completed and was well attended. Areas for improvement have been noted and training will be offered for County Staging Management as a result.
In-Progress	Jora White, John Hooper	855 Pharmacy Exercise planning meeting is scheduled Oct 4, 2011. Jora will update John Hooper concerning the most recent exercise information.
In-Progress	John Hooper	HSEEP Overview Training-this training is a high level overview of HSEEP and what it means to be HSEEP Compliant. The training is November 15 from 1-3 PM in Room 1586 (Board Room) of the RSA Tower, Montgomery, AL.
In-Progress	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 Kazzi to conduct three "Initial Medical Management of Radiation Injuries" courses.
In-Progress	Alice Floyd	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.
In-Progress	Alice Floyd	State Mortuary Operations Response Team (SMORT) will conduct an exercise sometime in the Spring 2012.