

HERC News

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PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

Current Projects:

- Wrapping up deliverables for the year; grant cycle ends June 30, 2024
- Facilitating discussions on CHEMPACK planning at the local level
- Preparing for the next five-year Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant cycle that starts July 1, 2024; instead of addressing four capabilities as the last cycle did, the new grant period will require work on the following proposed eight capabilities:
 - Incident management and coordination
 - Patient movement
 - Workforce
 - Resources
 - Operational continuity
 - Information management
 - Specialty care
 - Community Integration
- The National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project has launched. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies are asked to participate in the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) and complete a pediatric readiness assessment by visiting EMSPedsReady.org. After completing the assessment, you will receive an individualized report to identify where your agency can improve its pediatric care.
 - The North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council (NCRAC) is incentivizing services in our region to participate by offering grants of \$250 to four services drawn at random from the list of agencies that complete the survey

Budgetary Updates:

- The 2023-2024 budget was revised to assure use of all available funds; unspent funds were shifted to allow for the purchase of:
 - An updated OWL and accessories to improve audio visuals during hybrid meetings
 - First Line dry decontamination products to provide to ambulance services in our region
 - Purpose Statement: The intention of the HERC is to revitalize our decontamination capability within the region utilizing new technology with the First Line dry decontamination program. Our initial goal is to provide supplies to EMS located in areas with the least amount of regional resources. Going forward we intend to enhance this program. We recognize this is a multi-year project. Our intention is to provide training along with the initial supplies. It is our expectation that we will provide the initial supplies and training, however we expect the services to receive the training and replace used or expired products.
 - 100 personal decontamination kits, to include four dry decontamination wipes and a small bottle of Dahlgren decontamination solution, were purchased to be placed on 100 ambulances in the region; for a quick 3-minute video on these innovative products click [here](#)
- Preparations on the 2024-2025 budget are underway

Upcoming/Recent Exercises:

- The Medical Response Emergency Surge Exercise (MRSE) is complete; the AAR is [here](#)
- CMS Exercise was held June 12, 2024 and addressed an active shooter threat; the AAR will soon be coming

Regional Updates:

- Hospitals need to report any exercise or real-life incident in the [MATCH survey](#)
- MGT 403: Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for Rural Responders and Volunteers will be offered in Wausau in August, see [flyer](#) for more details and registration
- As follow-up to recent exercises, the HERC should be notified should the following activation triggers occur:
 - An event where resource needs will exceed the responding facility's capacity
 - An event that overwhelms resources
 - Number of expected patients from an incident exceed normal response
 - Healthcare facility's ability to care for patients has been compromised
 - Multi-jurisdictional infectious disease event

***To notify the HERC, call the HERC's 24/7 call line with Aspirus MedEvac at 800-888-8056**

- As a reminder, the resource, Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry ([WEAVR](#)) is a state secure web-based volunteer registry of active and retired health professionals, intended for use to fill response roles following a major public health emergency
- There have been several elections for NCW HERC Board seats; a **huge thank you** to all our past our current board members:

Hospitals	Trauma
Dr. Tony Swicer (Aspirus Health System)	Jason Keffeler (Aspirus MedEvac)
Ian Fisher – Vice Chair (Marshfield Clinic)	Megan Foltman (Marshfield Clinic)
EMS	Clinics
Delmond Horn – Chair (Greenwood Fire & EMS)	Kimberly Spurgeon (Family Health La Clinica)
Dr. Michael Clark – Treasurer (Aspirus MedEvac)	Marcus Walden (Marshfield Clinic)
Emergency Management	CMS
Tyler Verhasselt (Lincoln Co.)	Wendy Freese (Compassus)
Kelly Bremer (Marathon Co.)	Sarah Rothmeyer (North Central Healthcare Center)
Public Health	Tribal
Gary Garske (Portage Co.)	Jacee Shepard (Forest Co. Potawatomi)
Sue Smith (Wood Co.)	

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	LOGISTICS	RESOURCES
<p>Health Alerts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WI Department of Health Services confirms a case of measles in Dane county (April) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Virus: Identification of Human Infection and Recommendations for Investigations and Response (April) Increase in Invasive Serogroup Y Meningococcal Disease in the United States (March) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently have the following available to loan out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moulage kits for training and exercises EZ-Up tents Portable ultra-cold freezer Portable standard freezer/coolers Generators Decedent pouches Bioseal unit <p>If you have a logistics need, contact PJ Monday at philip.monday@aspirus.org or 715-574-6451.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASPR's healthcare and public health cyber security website CDC/ATSDR's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) uses 15 U.S. census variables to help local officials identify communities that may need support before, during, or after disasters HHS emPOWER program has innovative data and tools to inform response efforts of at-risk individuals that are power dependent for their medical equipment and devices (temporarily down) Current Health Alerts in WI NCW HERC orientation brochure & PowerPoint Numerous resources, training opportunities, meeting minutes, and other info can be found on the NCW HERC website

TRAININGS

<p>Mgt 403: Underserved populations preparedness planning for rural responders and volunteers</p> <p>August 20, 2024; 8:00 – 5:00 Marathon County Conference Center See flyer for more details.</p>	<p>Additional self-paced courses found in the PCA Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nuclear and Radiation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Center for Radiological Nuclear Training ○ Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) <p>Hazmat DECON First Receiver Awareness - upon request</p>
<p>Radiation Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Radiological Emergency Preparedness in WI ▪ Looking for easy access to an informative overview of dangers associated with radiological emergencies and our preparedness for them? Watch the recorded session from the NCRTAC Trauma Conference 2023 on "Radiological Emergency Preparedness in Wisconsin" by DJ LeClear. The session is about an hour long and is free. No CEUs are available. ▪ Radiation Basics Made Simple - 8 short segments broken down by topic ▪ Radiation Detection Wand Quick Start Guide (these wands were provided by the HERC to each County EM and Hospital ED last spring) (~3 min) ▪ Radiation Emergency Training, Education, and Tools (CDC) – includes a TTX simulation tool, webinars, guidelines, videos, etc. ▪ Myths of Radiation – short videos ▪ Just in Time Training for Hospital Clinicians – 17 min. video ▪ How to Use Handheld Survey Equipment – 18 min. video ▪ Radiation Toolkit (NACCHO) – resources to help you prepare for a radiation emergency 	
<p>Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (CERC)</p> <p>Virtual – self-paced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intro to CERC <p>Webinars for specific threats</p>	<p>Upcoming PIO Trainings (further details in link):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 22-24, 2024 Price County • October 15-17, 2024 Vilas County • November 12-14, 2024 Green Bay
<p>Equity Trainings:</p> <p>Prioritizing Equity video series: Advancing Equity Through Quality & Safety Peer Network (AMA)</p> <p>From Concepts to Practice: Health Equity, Health Inequities, Health Disparities, and Social Determinants of Health</p>	<p>ICS Courses:</p> <p>Virtual – self-paced</p> <p>100, 200, 700, and 800</p> <p>FEMA National Incident Management System</p> <p>NCW HERC ICS Trainings:</p> <p>Hospital ICS</p> <p>Public Health ICS</p> <p>Nursing Home ICS</p>
<p>Case Studies</p> <p>Various case studies regarding the region’s top HVA threats are posted to the NCW HERC website, and can be used as quick preparedness reviews with staff</p>	<p>Comprehensive Schedule of Trainings (DHS & HERC)</p> <p>https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/Schedule.aspx</p>

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