

**HEALTHCARE SECTOR COORDINATING COUNCIL
CONFERENCE CALL
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

January 21, 2010
2:00-3:00 PM EST

Welcome and Introductions

Healthcare and Public Health Sector members and presenters were greeted by the Secretariat for their participation in the monthly SCC only call as well as their continued dedication to the HPH community and Haiti Response/Relief Efforts. The Secretariat gave a brief overview of the key discussion points for the call to include updates on the following:

- Haitian Relief Efforts,
- Sector Annual Report and Sector Specific Plan,
- HSCC charter revision progress,
- Public Health Preparedness Summit, and
- Working Group progress.

Ron Maples, DHS, was invited to speak on behalf of the SSA and GCC to provide an unclassified threat briefing for the HSCC. Lastly, the members were provided the opportunity to voice any additional concerns or questions to the participants on the call and the HSCC leadership.

Haiti Situation Update

Prior to the HSCC All Call, an additional conference call was held to outline information pertaining to relief efforts in Haiti and the procedures for donating supplies and labor. Those involved included private sector partners, Infrastructure Protection personnel, HHS, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID has developed a new donation website with greater functionality, which may be found at www.usaid.gov. This site allows you to search through the needs of various organizations and register your offer of assistance.

Of all the depleted resources in Haiti, water is of highest need at this time. Shelter, food, medical attention, and general safety are also among the concerns. Communicable disease will become more of an issue in a few weeks. Currently, there is enough or has been enough supply to support approximately 50,000 people in need, however, that number far undershoots what is needed.

HSCC members were informed that if they wish to make donations or would like to volunteer their time and efforts, the best mode to do this is through the Center for International Disaster Information (CIDI) website, www.CIDI.org. Here, you can register your name and potential product information for use. The CIP program at HHS is monitoring and reviewing the offers of support. Please keep in mind the need to continue to adhere to high quality standards for medical donations, even in the light of a disaster. The World Health Organization's Guidelines for Drug Donations may be found at http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/1999/who_edm_par_99.4.pdf.

Given the importance and criticality of the ground level situation in Haiti, there is ongoing concern for the safety and security of not just the victims of the earthquake and their families, but for the responders and other service personnel. The relief efforts will be many years in the

making as the US and relief participants are working around demands and barriers of the Haitian government which has limited the response time, the resources being allocated, and the ability to transport, back and forth, from the damage site.

People are being cautioned against “self deployment” to Haiti to provide assistance (without registering and being permitted to go) as the excess personnel are causing added burdens and pressures on the economic situation. HHS is developing an application process for those wanting to volunteer so that they may be notified if the need arises. Presently, there are roughly 12,000 people in MDMS and response that should be deployed first as they are trained specifically for these type of hazardous and disastrous situations. Others that have not had this form of training may be too unfamiliar with the demands and pressures of the site to adequately perform their job responsibilities or provide the products needed to save lives and prevent further disruption.

Conference calls and other meetings are being held at least weekly including government and private sector entities. The HSCC should be receiving updates about these calls via the NIH Listserv or through the Secretariat. If you are not or have not been receiving any information, please let Bree Stephan know at bree_stephan@sra.com.

Sector Annual Report (SAR)/ Sector Specific Plan (SSP) Update

- *SAR*: The review process usually begins this time of the year. The SAR reports on the progress of the sector and is primarily written by HHS, then validated through the SCC members. The 2009 SAR review went well. The SAR was split up into smaller pieces and conference calls were held to discuss each section. DHS has not provided much feedback or direction for the SAR this year and since last years SAR review was fairly thorough and precise, the sector will most likely leverage the 2009 SAR and make minor adjustments for 2010. Invitations will be sent to the SCC via the Secretariat for potential meeting dates for the reviews.
- *SSP*: The SAR informs the drafting of the SSP as it is a 3 year plan/guide for the sector. The SSP receives recognition at the White House and Congressional levels. The document has been sent for review and comments are welcome.

HSCC Charter Revision Process

The Secretariat has provided the Energetics team with the feedback and comments on the SCC charter and associated documents. There is still a limited amount of time for the SCC members to respond with edits before the final documents are sent to the membership. David Morgan has volunteered to do an in depth review of the document to cut back on the length and the “contractor” language used throughout, so that it will be more “user friendly” and easily understandable to newer members. The Chairs would like to have approval by the next SCC only conference call.

Public Health Preparedness Summit Update

The Public Health Preparedness Summit is being hosted by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). Members from the GCC, SCC, and related associations will be presenting. Two main presentations will be on Critical Infrastructure Protection “101” (a basics course to understanding CIKR relationships) and on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) in regard to HPH. Steve Curren, Nitin Natarajan and Erin Mullen will be presenters on the previous topics. The Working Groups will also be presenting 3 abstracts from their progress this year on initiatives. If there are any members of the HSCC that would like to participate in this Summit

that have a clearance, please contact the Secretariat (bree_stephan@sra.com) to be registered for a classified briefing the day before the event. Details will be provided at that time.

Unclassified Threat Briefing/Update- Ron maples

Ron Maples, DHS, led the unclassified threat briefing portion of the conference call. Mr. Maples noted that while there are no current, direct threats from Al Qaida, associated groups, or lone actors, Intel is following threat streams for things, people, or groups that may target the U.S. (or the possibility of future developments of weapons of mass destruction).

Domestically, the FBI is following threat leads, but, again, there have not been any direct concerns with impending attacks aimed toward the U.S. at this time. Mr. Maples noted that the Haiti response situation is being monitored closely now given the danger to the first responders in the disaster area, but there have not been any threats or reports of planned activity to directly target the responders.

Additional:

- Extra security measures will be taken to plan for the upcoming Olympics in Vancouver.
- There has not been an indication that a biological attack is pending. Again, there is an interest in protecting from the possibility of attacks and developments of weapons of mass destruction. While intent is present, the level of capability for this type of production and planning is not yet known.

Working Group Updates

ISWG:

The Information Sharing Working Group (ISWG) has made a lot of progress over the past 6 months. The group has been reviewing the nomination/validation procedures for HSIN-HPH access as well as the ease of navigating the online portal. Several pilot programs have been developed to help expand access to HSIN-HPH and HSCC associations have been soliciting information to their members. The working group would like to market the HSIN site as not just a place to turn for information during or after a crisis, but for steady state information as well. Special thanks to Mickey Sparrow who has done a great deal of outreach to sector partner and related associations. The Secretariat noted that there has been a large influx over the past week due to the extended outreach. Metrics numbers are pulled on a monthly basis and the SCC will be informed of the increase on next month's call.

JAWG: The Joint Advisory Working Group (JAWG), otherwise known as the research and development (R&D) working group, is currently monitoring the status of 9 funded projects and carefully analyzing and reporting gaps in research. The group should be done with the situational reporting tool and the hospital security tool soon, which will assist with providing guidance on the design/building and renovation phases when building hospitals/medical facilities.

RAWG: There is not much information to report out on the Risk Assessment Working Group (RAWG) at this time; however, there has been some progress in regard to the functional analysis of the medical supply chain. Additionally, the tier 1 and tier 2 asset lists are being restructured. The 2009 asset lists did not reflect many assets related to the Healthcare Sector. For 2010, the lists are being reconstructed from "tier lists" to "levels." There will be four levels to evaluate, two of which are a regional asset level and a sector asset level.

Other Business

Members of the HSCC did express concern for the possibility of staffing shortages over the next few months due to the Haitian quake. For example, Florida hospitals employ many Haitian nurses, techs, etc., and with the severity of the quake in Haiti and the loss of lives and homes, many people will be taking time off to help family members that have been affected, to attend funerals, and gather belongings. Additionally, the economy of the US will be affected largely by the influx of immigrants from Haiti and the number of orphans that will be brought over.

Reminders

- Please send other concerns and questions to CIP@HHS.gov.
- The Next SCC Conference Call will be Held on February 18, 2010, from 2-3pm EST.