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Topics of Interest

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The Joint Commission Provides Grace Period on Emergency Management Standards

The Joint Commission Accreditation Committee has determined that non-compliance with some of the new emergency management standards will not be factored into accreditation decisions during 2008, in order to allow organizations more time to implement these requirements. During an organization's review, the requirements will be surveyed and non-compliance will be documented, but the non-compliant standards will not be included in the total sum of non-compliant standards contributing to either a Preliminary Denial of Accreditation or Conditional Accreditation decision. For more information, including an outline of the specific standards that are included see:

http://www.jointcommission.org/JointCommission/Templates/GeneralInformation.aspx?NRMODE=Published&NRNODEGUID=%7bBC37A363-7C9D-42B8-9B7B-6C2E83832203%7d&NRORIGINALURL=%2fLibrary%2fTM_Physicians%2ftmp_4_08%2ehtm&NRCACHEHINT=Guest#2

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Congressional Committee Debates Impacts of Medicaid Changes on Hospital Emergency Surge Capacity

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is assessing the impact of three Medicaid regulations on hospital emergency surge capacity. The regulations in question reduce federal reimbursement to public and teaching hospitals, and according to the Congressional Budget Office will reduce federal spending by more than \$17 billion over five years. While testimony provided by Secretaries of the Departments of Health and Human Services and Homeland Security argue the solution to hospital emergency surge capacity does not lie in maintaining these federal funds, healthcare experts challenged that these cuts would significantly burden hospitals whose emergency departments are already at capacity and who are in a daily state of financial crisis. More information can be accessed here

<http://oversight.house.gov/story.asp?ID=1929>

Grant Opportunities

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ASPR Hospital Preparedness Grant - Non-Competitive

We are currently working with ASPR for a no-cost extension for six months.

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CDC Grant - Competitive

Although April 17th was the deadline for notification. As of May 15th, the CDC has not announced awardees for this grant.

Grant Opportunities Continued

- 3** **Homeland Security – Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant – Non-Competitive**
The King County Healthcare Coalition and the Pierce County Health Department applied for and were awarded a \$225,000 grant to work with Russell Phillips on a regional nursing home evacuation plan. The grant is from August 2008 – July 2010.
- 4** **Homeland Security – Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant – Competitive**
The King County Healthcare Coalition and Public Health Seattle and King County have applied for funds to develop a comprehensive operational response plan for providing victim information and family assistance following a mass casualty, mass fatality or catastrophic incident totaling \$237,569. Announcement of awardees will be made later this Summer. The grant would be from August 2008 – July 2010.

Recent Accomplishments/Updates

- 1**
 - Submission of the Homeland Security Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant.
- 2**
 - Completion of 3 of 4 Business Resiliency Workshops for non-hospital providers reaching 80 organizations and 117 participants.
- 3**
 - Completion of the March 25 Alternate Care Facilities logistics exercise.
- 4** **Alternate Care Facilities (ACF)**
 - Equipment purchases for Alternate Care Facilities are moving forward. All equipment, signage (5 different languages), and systems are scheduled to be purchased and in place by the November 18th Full Scale Exercise to be held at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.
 - A complete formulary for the ACF pharmacy has been developed. The palliative care workgroup has made recommendations on medications and inventory requirements which are now part of the ACF structure.
 - Future operational planning issues include: medical records management; forms/protocol development; admit/discharge procedures; waste management; visitation policy; medication distribution; and site security.
- 5** **Behavioral Health Planning**
The Methadone Preparedness Workgroup has been meeting monthly since November. The purpose of the workgroup is to bring together key stakeholders involved in methadone treatment for opioid dependence in order to work together to better ensure continuity of care during emergencies for those enrolled in an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP). Because there is not currently any other jurisdiction in North America embarking on comprehensive disaster preparedness efforts to mitigate the impact of a disaster on OTP providers and their clients, it is believed that the activities of this workgroup have national significance.

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Business Resiliency Workshops and Grants

- The Healthcare Coalition has hosted 3 of 4 workshops with assistance from partners including Public Health, Seattle Emergency Management, Tukwila Emergency Management, the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, Seattle City Light, WSDOT, and US Food Services. To date, 80 organizations and 117 individuals have participated in the training. We have one remaining workshop at the end of May. Preliminary evaluation results indicate that the workshops have been very well received by participating organizations.
- To encourage organizational preparedness and to further regional preparedness efforts, staff developed a small and large grant program. We have funded nine organizations with large contracts which are approximately \$24,000 and we have funded 124 small grants of \$2499. The list of awarded agencies is included in Appendix A.

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Healthcare Coalition Evaluation

- The Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington has been hired to conduct a program evaluation of the Healthcare Coalition. Lessons derived from this process will help improve the Coalition's ability to provide regional and organizational programming and will provide valuable information to assist jurisdictions around the country as they build their own healthcare partnerships.
- Preliminary findings from the key informant interviews are being presented at the May Executive Council meeting.

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Healthcare Worker Survey

- The Coalition and the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington have partnered to conduct a survey of regional healthcare workers regarding their ability and willingness to report to work during an emergency or disaster.
- The survey instrument has been finalized and approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Washington.
- The Coalition and Public Health have sent invitation letters out to approximately 200 healthcare organizations to participate in the survey.
- To supplement the sampling from healthcare organizations, the survey research division will also be recruiting clinical providers to participate in the survey using a random sample from the Washington State Department of Licensing medical licensure databases.
- The UW Survey Research Division will begin survey implementation discussions with participating organizations the week of May 12th. Data analysis will be completed by the end of September.

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Long Term Care Planning

The King County Healthcare Coalition, Aging and Disability Services (ADS) and the Home Care Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council are working with home care agencies to develop preparedness guidelines, a regional response plan and a list of criteria for identifying high-risk clients in order to prioritize client visits and welfare checks during emergencies. A primary goal is to have all 16 home care agencies following the same standards for responding to high-risk clients' needs and reporting the status of high risk client during emergencies.

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Palliative Care Planning

- The Palliative Care Workgroup consisting of a majority of the hospice and palliative care providers in the region has been meeting to address the ASPR competitive grant deliverables and to focus on regional coordination.
- A draft MOU has been developed.
- Draft materials for individuals in the home who may need to provide comfort care for friends or family have been developed by the consultant, Illuminage. The materials are currently being reviewed by Public Health communications and the workgroup.

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Pediatric Planning

- Dr. Kay Koelemay and Executive Council member, Jeff Sconyers, JD, presented "Disaster Preparedness: Pediatricians' Roles," at Children's Hospital Grand Rounds.
- The Pediatric Workgroup was launched in November 2007. Since November the following Pediatric task forces and liaisons to Coalition Workgroups have been organized: Mental Health; Perinatal; Triage & Critical Care; Schools/Daycare & Families; Children with Special Needs & Disabilities; Alternate Care Facilities; Pharmaceuticals
- The first phase of perinatal resource assessment has begun.

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Regional Hospital Evacuation and Patient Tracking Mutual Aid Plan

- There have been a series of taskforce and special expertise meetings in March and April to further develop the draft regional evacuation plan.
- Version 3 of the plan has been distributed to all participants for comment.
- On June 11th an executive meeting is being offered to brief executive representatives from each hospital to ensure that when the plan is sent to their organization for signature in the fall that there are no barriers.
- Over the summer hospitals will be working on revising their surge capacity estimates to ensure that the plan is built off of accurate estimates

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Regional Medical Resource Center (RMRC)

- Healthcare Coalition staff are coordinating closely with Harborview Medical Center staff to complete the transition from the Hospital Capacity Website to KCHealthTrac in King County. The live date for this transition is June 24, 2008 at 12:00 noon.
- Configuration of KCHealthTrac has started for regional health and medical responders and public information officers. In-depth training is slated for both groups this summer.
- The RMRC is beginning the survey process for the data needed to complete the hospital evacuation planning process. Survey topics include peak staffed beds, transportation equipment, and staffing resources. Surveys began in May 2008 and will continue through the summer.
- The RMRC has initiated the survey process with hospitals to support the regional evacuation planning process. Survey topics include peak staffed beds, transportation equipment, and staffing resources. Surveys began in May 2008 and will continue through the summer.

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Training and Exercises

- On March 25th a logistical exercise of the Alternate Care Facility was held to test the set up and communications capabilities of the site. The exercise exceeded expectations. Set up happened much quicker than anticipated. Functional communications were successful. Lessons learned include: transportation equipment needed for supplies and patients up and down steep ramps; a larger focus on pediatrics is needed; and a complete formulary for the pharmacy needs to be developed. Operational issues as well as logistical issues will be tested again in the fall.
- Public Health - Seattle & King County, in coordination with the Washington State Department of Health and the Healthcare Coalition, will be hosting a Full Scale Exercise on November 13th, 14th, 17th and 18th. The goals for healthcare are to: receive a delivery of a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS); test patient influx; engage Public Information Officers with messaging from the Public Health communications team; and test internal dispensing plans. The exercise will also test activation of the Multi Agency Coordinating Group in which the Executive Council and the Local Health Officer participate. An ACF at Seattle Center will be activated and will test all aspects of staffing, operations, logistics, and communication capabilities. Executive Council members are invited for a VIP tour of the ACF on the 18th. Further information will be forthcoming.
- A 16 hour train-the-trainer course “Disaster Behavioral Health: A Critical Response”, be held June 18-20 for public health reserve corps mental health volunteers.
- Home Care directors and ADS are holding a Table Top exercise on June 24, 2008 to test the regional response plan they are drafting.

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Volunteer Management System (VMS)

- VMS is our overarching management system of all health and medical volunteer support within the region. VMS will manage the following types of volunteers: Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteer Groups (Faith based, Professional Organizations, and Healthcare Organizations), spontaneous volunteers, and non-medical labor pool to assist in the health and medical response.
- The Public Health Reserve Corps is expanding to include Washington State licensed or registered mental health professionals. Qualified volunteers will receive specialized training and be deployed to provide psychological first aid and other crisis counseling services as needed.

Public Health Preparedness

Public Health Developing Strategic Plan for Health and Medical Preparedness

Throughout the spring of 2008 Public Health – Seattle & King County has been involved in a strategic planning process to assess the current level of regional capabilities and define needs and objectives for planning and funding in the next few years. In the coming months, Public Health will be seeking input from healthcare and community partners on the draft strategic plan to ensure it will adequately address the needs and priorities of the regional partners involved in health and medical preparedness.

Staffing Updates

- We are in the process of interviewing for the Ambulatory Care Liaison position. We are hoping to have someone hired by the middle of June
- Cynthia Dold, Healthcare Coalition Program Manager, will be going on maternity leave in November. While she is out Onora Lien, Healthcare Coalition Special Projects Manager, will manage the Coalition.

Immediate Priorities

- Launch Coalition ED Saturation planning
- Host final business resiliency workshop and summarize evaluations.
- Host executive briefing for the Regional Hospital Evacuation Plan
- Launch the Healthcare Worker Survey
- Begin development of the 2008 Healthcare Coalition Annual Report
- Complete ASPR Competitive Grant Deliverables
- Develop 2009 Budget and Priorities

Follow Up Items from Prior Executive Council

- Following up with labor organizations to participate as partners to the Coalition are pending.
- Developing an Alternate Care Facilities budget for Seattle Center. After we finalize this budget we will extrapolate for other potential facilities identified throughout King

Next Executive Council Meeting

September 17, 2008 | 3:00-5:00pm | Northwest Kidney Center Hosts

Large Contract Awardees (Up to \$24,000)

Name	Designation	Scope of Work
Aging and Disability Services	Long Term Care	home care table top exercise & written evaluation of the exercise
Friends of Youth	Mental Health	Communication Plan, Community Relationship & Resource Plan
Visiting Nurse Services	Long Term Care	Medical Needs Disaster Registry
Northwest Kidney Center	Specialty	Emergency Call Center Planning
Seattle Cancer Care Alliance	Specialty	Disaster Kits, Equipment, Communication & Evaluation Plan
Puget Sound Blood Center	Specialty	Emergency Backup Generator
Providence Senior & Community Services	Long Term Care	Consultant, communication plan
The Summit At First Hill	Long Term Care	Neighborhood outreach program
King County Medical Society	Ambulatory	Training to Specialty Physicians

Small Contract Awardees (\$2499.00)

Name	Designation
A Caring Adult Family Day Home	Adult Family Home
ACAP Child and Family Services	Pediatric
Alpha Supported Living Services	Boarding Home
Amenity Home Lake City	Adult Family Home
Amicable Healthcare (BY MAIL)	Home Care
Anderson House	Nursing Home
Asian Counseling and Referral Services	Mental Health
Auburn Adult Family Home LLC	Adult Day Health
Ballard Manor	Boarding Home
Benevolence Adult Family Home	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - Barclay Group Home	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - Bedford	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - Brookhaven	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - Camelot Main Branch	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - Carlton	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - Chelsea	Adult Family Home
CAMELOT - SL	Adult Family Home
Candlewood Adult Family Home	Adult Family Home
Catholic Community Services	Home Care
Center for Human Services	Mental Health
Chateau at Valley Center	Boarding Home
Chesterfield Health Services, Inc	Home Care
Childhaven	Pediatric
Circle of Friends	Adult Day Health
Columbia Lutheran Home	Nursing Home
Community Psychiatric Clinic	Mental Health
Cone Adult Family Home	Adult Family Home
Consejo Counseling	Mental Health

Small Contract Awardees Continued

Name	Designation
Corinthians Healthcare	Home Care
Crisis Clinic	Mental Health
Crista Assisted Living	Boarding Home
Dana Horita	Adult Family Home
Divino Amore Healthcare Corporation	Adult Family Home
Elder Health Northwest Connections	Adult Day Health
Elder Health Northwest Home Care	Adult Day Health
Elder Health Northwest Jefferson Terrace	Adult Day Health
Elder Health Northwest Ravenna	Adult Day Health
Elder Health Northwest South Branch	Adult Day Health
Evergreen Court	Nursing Home
Exeter House	Boarding & Nursing Home
Faerland Terrace	Home Health
Fely Corpuz	Adult Family Home
For Senior's Sake	Adult Family Home
Fred Lind Manor	Boarding home
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Avondale	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Bothell	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Colin Ferguson	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Duvall Youth and Family	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Griffin Home	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Howard's House	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Kirkland	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - KTUB	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Matsen House	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - McEachern	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - New Ground Kirkland	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Sandpoint	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Sound Mental Health	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Youth Haven Bellevue	Mental Health
FRIENDS of YOUTH - Youth Haven Kenmore	Mental Health
FRIENDS OF YOUTH- Issaquah	Mental Health
Garden Grove Adult Family	Adult Family Home
Golden Hearth	Boarding Home
Hidden Gardens Family Home	Adult Family Home
High Point Village	Boarding Home
Highline Mental Health - 112th Ave House	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - 20th Place House	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - 8th Ave House	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - 9th Ave House	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Burien Campus	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Highline Village (six units)	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - HighWest	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Nike M1	Mental Health

Small Contract Awardees Continued

Name	Designation
Highline Mental Health - Nike M18e	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Nike M2	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Nike M4	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Nike M5	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - Nike M6	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - PALS	Mental Health
Highline Mental Health - west Seattle	Mental Health
Inglewood Residential Services	Boarding Home
Kent Youth and Family Services	Mental Health
Kin On Community Health Care	Home Care
KinOn	Nursing Home
Korean Women's Association	Home Care
Lake Vue Gardens	Nursing Home
L'Arche Noah Sealth	Boarding Home
Life Care Center West Seattle	Nursing Home
Lincoln Park Group Home	Boarding Home
New Horizons Adult Family Home	Adult Family Home
Northaven Assisted Living	Boarding Home
On Your Own	Home Health
Overlake Terrace	Boarding Home
Pioneer Counseling Services	Substance Abuse
Providence Home Health	Nursing Home
Providence Infusion and Pharmacy Services	Home Health - Infusion
Providence Marianwood	Nursing Home
Providence Mt. St. Vincent	Nursing Home
Qliance Medical Group of Washington, PC	Ambulatory Care
Raging River Recovery Center	Mental Health
Recovery Centers of King County	Mental Health
Recovery Centers of King County -Sobering Center	Substance Abuse
Renton Area Youth and Family Services	Mental Health
Ruth Dykeman Children's Center	Mental Health
Ryther Child Center	Mental Health
Saint Anne Nursing & Rehabilitation	Nursing Home
Sea Mar Community Health Centers	Ambulatory Care
Seattle Cancer Care Alliance	Ambulatory Care
Seattle Children's Home	Mental Health
Stafford Healthcare	Nursing Home
Stafford Suites	Boarding Home
The ALS Association	Specialty
Therapeutic Health Services-CYFS	Mental Health
Therapeutic Health Services—Eastside	Mental Health
Therapeutic Health Services—Rainier	Mental Health
Therapeutic Health Services—Seneca	Mental Health
Therapeutic Health Services—Shoreline	Mental Health

Small Contract Awardees Continued

Name	Designation
Therapeutic Health Services—Summit	Mental Health
Tourette Syndrome Association	Mental Health
Transitional Resources	Mental Health
Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation	Mental Health
Vashon Community Care Center	Adult Day, Nursing Home
Verbena	Ambulatory Care
Washington Care Center	Nursing Home
Wilma Gayden Adult Family Home	Adult Family Home