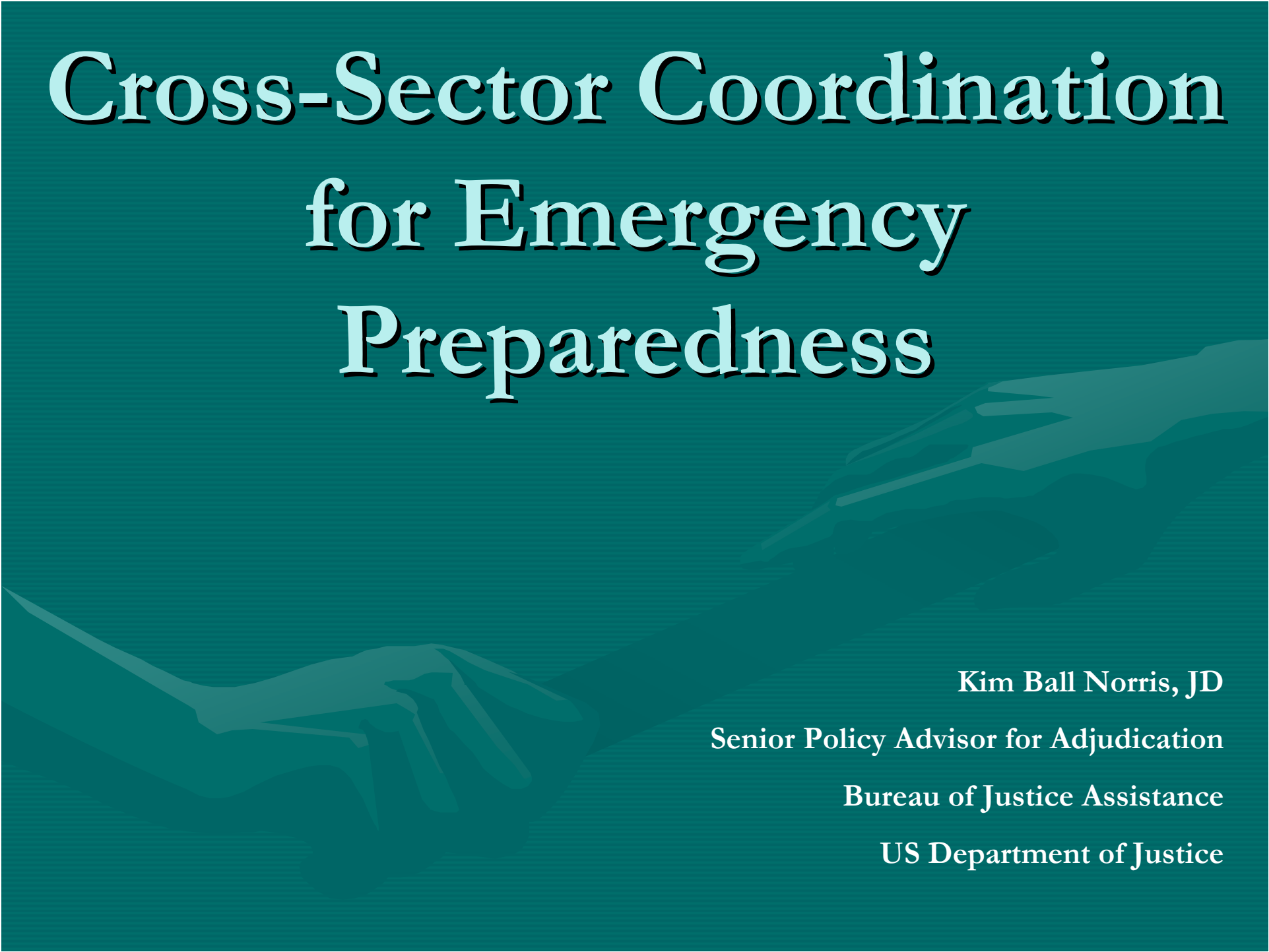


Cross-Sector Coordination for Emergency Preparedness



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- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Office of Victims of Crime

BJA Mission

BJA's overall goals are to (1) reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and (2) improve the functioning of the criminal justice system

- Represent the interest of state and local criminal justice systems

Why Plan Together: DOJ Perspective

PH and DOJ have to plan together for communities to successfully respond to a public health emergency

Reasons to work together:

- **Different missions with different level of discretion**
 - Example - Doctor vs. Judges

Why Plan Together: DOJ Perspective

- **Different roles and responsibilities as it pertains to a PH emergency**
 - Example – Different goals for a investigations and different standards of operations (administrative vs. adjudicative)
- **Defining terms with multiple meanings**
 - Example

Working together will eliminate ambiguity

CDC/DOJ Workgroup Success Story

Law Enforcement thinking about preserving order in a different way

- Voluntary Compliance

Law Enforcement, Courts and Corrections for the first time understanding that protecting public health during a public health emergency contributes to ensuring the rule of law

BJA and DOJ Resources

- National Symposium
On May 24-25, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois, BJA hosted a national symposium entitled *Justice and Public Health Systems Planning: Confronting a Pandemic Outbreak*. Report forthcoming.
- Training and Technical Assistance
BJA engaged key partners in the law enforcement, courts, and corrections communities to develop technical assistance and training response capabilities for state and local justice agencies.

BJA and DOJ Resources

- http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pandemic/pandemic_main.html