

Preparedness Brief

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Program Update

SNS Project

NACCHO's SNS project has long worked to provide resources, tools, and technical guidance to LHDs that would in turn, allow these agencies to effectively request, accept,

Editorials

Exploring Aspects of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

Melodie Griffin, Senior Analyst

The overarching goal of the National Association of County and City Health Official's (NACCHO) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) project is to advance the capacity of local health departments (LHDs), state health departments, and tribal communities to effectively protect their communities, in the event of a public health emergency requiring activation of the SNS. NACCHO has recently completed two substantial activities to help achieve this goal.

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Preparedness Sentinel Application

Jack Herrmann, Senior Advisor

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is soliciting applications from local health department (LHD) emergency preparedness personnel to serve as Preparedness Sentinels. Sentinels will provide input and feedback to NACCHO on significant issues affecting local public health preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery from disaster and other emergencies. As Sentinels, LHD representatives

and utilize the SNS.

Two activities of the NACCHO

SNS Project include the 2009

Strategic National Stockpile

Training Summit, which are

discussed in the editorial.

Additional activities include

the continued support of

NACCHO's SNS Workgroup, to

better understand local public

health preparedness

challenges; developing and

assessing STOCKbox tools and

resources; promoting

alternative methods of

dispensing and other practice-

based models; and exploring

innovative methods for

enhancing local SNS planning

and preparedness efforts.

Stay informed about the new

resources that are being

may be called upon to rapidly respond to short surveys, represent NACCHO and the local public health perspective at meetings and conferences, and provide feedback and comment on draft federal policy, guidance documents, and proposed legislation.

Click more to read the entire letter.

Read details about the Sentinels application at <http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/AHPIP/sentinels.cfm>

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Story from the Field

Mohave County (AZ) Department of Public Health's SNS Program-MRC Partnership

Paul Pitts, Emergency Preparedness and Response Volunteer Coordinator

Each year the Mohave County (AZ) Department of Public Health conducts seasonal influenza vaccination clinics throughout our communities. Our county is very rural and we do not have nearly enough private physicians or clinics, to take care of the needs of our plus 200,000 population. Our health department helps to fill a gap in our community by providing flu vaccinations each year. Providing our services to these clinics has become more difficult, due to the increased number of high-risk people living in the community.

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developed by visiting

NACCHO's SNS Web site at

www.naccho.org.

Don't miss the 2009

Integrated Medical, Public

Health, Preparedness and

Response Training Summit on

April 4-8th in Dallas, Texas.

More information is available

at [http://www.](http://www.hhstrainingsummit.org/)

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News, Reports, and Journal Articles

Disseminating Emergency Preparedness Planning Models as Automatically Generated Custom Spreadsheets

Jeffrey W. Herrmann

Department of Mechanical Engineering and Institute for Systems Research, University of Maryland

(2008)

This article discusses spreadsheets and software that were created to eliminate obstacles that public health planners may face when creating plans to dispense both medication and vaccines.

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The PREP Act: Liability Protection for Medical Countermeasure Development, Distribution, and Administration

Peggy Binzer

Source: <http://www.liebertonline.com/toc/bsp/6/4>

(Volume 6, Number 4) (2008)

The manufacturing and delivery of medical countermeasures during a public health emergency is an immense challenge that the medical and public health community faces for a variety of reasons.

This article explores the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act

that was passed by Congress in 2005 to address these challenges faced by the medical

Costanza Galastri, Editor

and public health community.

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Highlights and Happenings

Michael Mair and Julie Samia Mair

Source: <http://www.liebertonline.com/toc/bsp/6/4>

(Volume 6, Number 4) (2008)

This article provides updates on news and important events that are related to both bioterrorism and biosecurity. This month's topics include a break in the 2001 anthrax case, improvements for the National Disaster Medical System, and more.

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Resources and Tools

STOCKbox

NACCHO

Is your agency prepared to receive the SNS?

STOCKbox is an online source for SNS-related tools and resources developed and shared by SNS preparedness planners.

Have a tool to share? NACCHO is continuously collecting resources to include in STOCKbox. If your jurisdiction has developed a tool that has been useful in your SNS planning and implementation efforts, and you are willing to share it with your public

health colleagues, e-mail us at got_tools@naccho.org.

Alternatively, you can submit a tool directly through STOCKbox.

Used a tool that you found in STOCKbox? Rate it! With this exciting new feature, you can rate individual tools by giving the tools 1 to 5 stars, and the ability to add comments on the tool's usefulness.

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Alternative Methods of Dispensing: Model Highlights

NACCHO

The SNS project has prepared a series of model highlights on alternative methods of dispensing developed by local health departments. Each highlight includes background information on the development of the dispensing model, pros and cons of utilizing the model, and the costs and resources needed to implement the model.

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Preparedness Peer Assistance Network

NACCHO

The Preparedness Peer Assistance Network (PPAN) is a free Web-based referral service that pairs local public health emergency preparedness practitioners to subject matter experts in other LHDs.

These subject matter experts, also known as peer advisors, participate on a voluntary basis and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis to provide guidance and technical assistance on a variety of preparedness topics, including SNS.

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Public Health Preparedness: Strengthening CDC's Emergency Response

CDC

The CDC's Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response (COTPER) inaugural report, Public Health Preparedness: Strengthening CDC's Emergency Response, has recently been released. This report builds on an earlier CDC report, Public Health Preparedness: Mobilizing State by State (February 2008) that focused on preparedness achievements and challenges at the state level. The current report highlights the CDC activities in public health emergency preparedness and explains the agency's key role in preparing the public health infrastructure to respond effectively to all types of hazards. The report also provides an overview of the broad range of preparedness activities currently funded by COTPER and describes the CDC's significant preparedness accomplishments, the challenges that remain, and the priorities for ongoing and future work.

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Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Partnering with Tribal Governments and Communities

CDC

A satellite broadcast was conducted on January 29, 2009, to assist state and local public health planners in reaching out to partner with American Indian and Alaska Native governments and communities for a mass antibiotic dispensing campaign.

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Recommendations for a National Mass Patient and Evacuee Movement, Regulating, and Tracking System

AHRQ

AHRQ has developed recommendations for emergency planners to assist in the development of a system that could be used during a mass casualty or evacuation event to locate, track, and regulate patients and evacuees. The recommendations can provide decision support to persons and organizations responsible for patient and evacuee movement; health care and transportation resource allocation; and incident management.

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Pandemic Influenza RFP

CDC and ORISE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Healthcare Quality

Promotion (DHQP), in partnership with the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), is requesting applications to participate in a Pandemic Influenza Planning Workshop for a Community Alternative Care System.

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Upcoming Preparedness Events and Trainings

Emergency Care Partnership Program Conference

DHHS and ASPR

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Healthcare Facilities (ASPR) invites you to attend the Emergency Care Partnership Program Conference on June 15 - 16, 2009.

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NACCHO Annual

Start making plans now to attend the NACCHO Annual 2009 Conference, set for July 29 – 31, in Orlando, Florida, at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.

Under the timely and action-oriented theme, The New Public Health – Working Across Sectors to Leverage Investment in Communities, NACCHO will be hosting the year’s largest gathering of local public health officials in the United States!

NACCHO’s Annual Conference is frequently cited as one of the most valuable opportunities in the field for local public health practitioners to come together and

discuss the critical issues of the moment and to plan for the future. In 2009, NACCHO will offer exciting learning and networking opportunities geared toward the unique needs of local public health professionals.

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National Environmental Public Health Conference

The National Environmental Public Health Conference will be held on October 26-28, 2009 in Atlanta, GA.

The deadline for abstract submission is Friday, May 8, 2009. For information on the conference, visit

<http://www.team-psa.com/2009nephc/main.asp>.

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UC Berkeley School of Public Health Presents the CIDER Summit 2009

UC Berkeley School of Public Health Center for Infectious Diseases & Emergency Readiness

The CIDER Summit 2009 will be a 2-day educational conference co-sponsored by the California Association of Communicable Disease Controllers, California Department of Public Health, and University of California, San Francisco, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Division of Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

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Upcoming Webinar Hosted By the GTRI On the Health Care and Nuclear Sector Partnership

The Global Threat Reduction Initiative is hosting a webinar on the Health Care and Nuclear Sector partnership. This webinar will focus on securing radiological materials in the healthcare sector such as in X-ray machines and for cancer. The details are below:

Date: April 1, 2009

Time: 1300 Eastern

Dial-in: TBD (Webinar connection information will be provided to all individuals who RSVP)

RSVP: Please RSVP to cip@hhs.gov by MARCH 30, 2009.

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