MRC Leadership Summit

Special Topics Session:
Building Community Partnerships
Zoom Tips

• Today’s session is being recorded
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Building Community Partnerships

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2015 Nursing Student Summer Externship Pilot

• 8 Nursing students from the University of Oklahoma met with College of Nursing faculty/OKMRC Education Coordinator regularly for 10 weeks.

• OKMRC Public Health volunteer externship to prepare for the full-scale exercise and annual volunteer training workshop.
2015 Nursing Student Summer Externship Pilot: Externship Objectives

• Assist with the development of an OKMRC statewide nursing student extern program.
• Participate in the medical or mental health aspects of the full-scale shelter exercise.
  • Explore the role of public health in emergency preparedness, response and recovery. Describe the potential impact of volunteering as an OKMRC nursing student on future professional choices and professional development.
  • Explore the role of disaster behavioral health in disaster response and recovery.
  • Develop a presentation for the traditional Sr. students on disaster preparedness, response & recovery.
• Explore the National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan and discuss the document’s relevance for nursing.
OUTCOMES: University of Oklahoma College of Nursing students assisted the Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps (OKMRC) with a full-scale disaster response exercise which included a medical, mental health and animal response component.

• Development of a Disaster Vaccination PowerPoint for training nurses
• Development of a Heat Stress screening tool
• Development of a Measles Outbreak Protocol
In 2016, expanded the Nursing Student Externship to other nursing programs. Three nursing programs:

- University of Central Oklahoma
- Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- The University of Oklahoma College of Nursing
- Interacted with high school students & middle-school students interested in healthcare professions
2017 Nursing Student Externship: Leadership Development

• Joint Challenge Award project with the OKMRC Stress Response Team (SRT) and the OKMRC Nurses Unit.

• 2017 curriculum emphasized developing, maintaining, and leading a multidisciplinary disaster task force team.

• Objective: Describe and demonstrate effective multidisciplinary teamwork

• In Oklahoma, SRT members and nurses often deploy as a healthcare/mental health care team. This leadership training prepared students to function as both members and leaders in a deployable unit.
2017 Nursing Student Externship: Leadership Development

• 3 Nursing Programs:
  • Northwestern Oklahoma State University
  • University of Central Oklahoma
  • The University of Oklahoma (21 nursing students)
• Outreach with high school & middle school students
• Team building trainings & leadership trainings
• Mass casualty triage with manikins using START triage
• Shelter scenario training
2017 Nursing Student Externship:
Leadership Development
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WHAT IS OKMRC?

• Leadership
• Communication Skills
• Teamwork
• Critical Thinking
2018 Nursing Student Externship: Medications in Disasters

• 4 Nursing Programs:
  • Northwestern Oklahoma State University
  • Southwestern Oklahoma State University
  • Tulsa University
  • The University of Oklahoma (26 nursing students)

• Outreach with high school & middle school students
• Team building trainings & leadership trainings
• Mass casualty triage with manikins using START triage
2018 Nursing Student Externship:
Medications in Disasters Curriculum

Preparedness

• OKMRC Role: MRC Core Competencies
• The Role of Public Health in Emergency Preparedness & Response
• Teaching Community Preparedness
• State Medication Cache

Response

• SNS Executive Coordinator & visit to the state warehouse
• Visit OKMRC RMACC ; OKC Emergency Management
• Mass Casualty Simulation & Stop the Bleed Training
Response/Recovery

- Psychological First Aid Training
- Identification & Response to Biological & Radiological Threats (Oklahoma Center for Poison & Drug Information)
- Disaster Vaccination Training
- Mass Immunization & Prophylaxis/Point of Distribution training with county LERC

Integration of Medical, Mental Health, Companion Animal needs in a shelter setting
2018 Nursing Student Nursing Externship
2020 Nursing Student Externship: Mass Immunization

- COVID-19 & Nursing Programs move to online
- 2 Nursing Programs Participated (17 students):
  - Northwestern Oklahoma State University
  - The University of Oklahoma

Curriculum
- The Role of Public Health in Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Mass Immunization [PODS & Strategic National Stockpile]
- Vulnerable Populations/Planning for your Community
  - Psychological First Aid
*NEW*

• Identifying and Responding to a Biological Event
  • Characteristics of the COVID-19 disease
  • Understand the development of the COVID-19 pandemic
  • Discuss societal challenges raised by COVID-19

• Yet to come – participating in COVID Mass Vaccinations
Nursing Programs

Each state is regulated by the state Board of Nursing

Oklahoma Example:

(a) An adequate amount and variety of \textit{clinical learning experience} to prepare students for practice at the appropriate educational level shall be planned by the faculty to meet program outcomes.

(b) Clinical facilities utilized shall provide a safe environment for students' learning experiences and shall provide the type of experiences needed to meet the objectives of the rotation.

(c) Written criteria for the selection of clinical facilities shall be utilized by the faculty, and the faculty shall evaluate the quality of the learning experiences provided by the facility on a regular basis.
Nursing Programs

• (d) Written agreements with cooperating agencies shall be mutually developed and maintained, annually reviewed, shall specify the respective responsibilities, include provisions for continuing use by currently enrolled students, and include provisions for termination of agreement.

• (e) Clinical facilities shall be acceptable to the Board for students' clinical learning and shall be approved by accreditation, evaluation or licensing bodies as appropriate.
Nursing Programs & Public Health

• Typically BSN programs have a focus on community and public health
• BSN programs include clinical rotations in community and public health settings
• All BSN programs NEED meaningful clinical rotation hours – So much has changed with COVID-19. Any meaningful and safe learning opportunities are needed.

How do you find the right contact person?

• Find the Faculty who are responsible for the Community Clinical Rotations
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Finding Your Niche

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Snapshot of Southwest Virginia

- Southwest Virginia MRC serves 3 Health Districts encompassing 13 counties and 3 cities
- Extremely rural, mountainous region of the Blue Ridge Mountains
- HSS/ASPR Coalition covers same geographic region serving 12 hospitals
- Entire region is designated as “medically-underserved” by HHS
RHCC Strike Team

- Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC)
  - Large Geographic Area/12 Hospitals
  - Extended emergency operations response would tax limits of staff
  - Willingness to use volunteers to fill the gaps at RHCC
  - Willingness by MRC for volunteers to be supervised by RHCC staff
  - Quarterly training including real world events – Hurricane Florence
ASAC (Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition)

• ASAC serves the exact same geographical region as the MRC
• Is an umbrella organization with non-profit credentials to address the issues surrounding the Substance Use & Addiction epidemic in SWVA
• Partnerships developed as MRC took on more opportunities to assist with DEA Drug Take Back
• SWVA MRC is currently a voting member of the Coalition
• Funding for selected projects is provided by ASAC
• Relationship has raised community awareness about the work of the MRC
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Partnership Building

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South Carolina DHEC Regions

- South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control – statewide agency
- Office of Public Health Preparedness (PHP)
- 4 Units: Public Health Reserve Corps
- Our state ESARVHP site supported by PHP at DHEC
- Liability Licensed Volunteers
- Immediate Partnership with Mandated Public Health Events
- Recent: Declared Hep A Public Health Emergency
Public Health Preparedness

Points of Dispensing

Hep A: Strike Teams
Public Health Emergency

KI Distribution - Nuclear
Subcommittee: Mass Fatality, Psychological First Aid, Volunteer Management

• Mass Fatality Plan
• Reception Center Plans
• Mass Fatality Training-ESARVHP Code for Volunteers.
• Mass Fatality Exercises
Subcommittee: Training and Exercise

- Disaster Behavioral Health
- Mass Fatality
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Active Shooter
- Hazard and Vulnerability
- Stop the Bleed
Subcommittee: Disaster Communications

Weekly Regional 800 Radio Check

SCHEART Statewide Amateur Radio Call In

Amateur Radio Licensing Training
Partner: National Disaster Medical System

A. Disaster Communications

Amateur Radio
800 Radio
Hospital Availability
EMS Transport
NDMS:
B. Disaster Behavioral Health Dept. of Mental Health

- First Disaster Behavioral Health team tent.
- Partnered with Department of Mental Health
- Participated in Hot Wash, After Action Report, and Corrective Actions.
National DMS:
C. SCMED Tent and Habitat for Humanity, Greenville County

Partnership Building

1. What non profit organization has skill set?
2. We offer a focused time sensitive disaster role.
3. We can credential with ESARVHP.
4. Can we meet a program need they have?
Endless opportunity for partnership building
COVID 19 Partnerships

Upstate Healthcare Coalition and Greenville County

Glassy Mountain Tennis Club

Community Systems of Public Health
Partnership Building Summary

• 1. Every activity your unit participates in has an opportunity for Recruitment, Marketing and Partnership Building.

• 2. Building a partnership ask ‘What can we do for the partner’ and not just ‘What can they do for us.”

• 3. Partners are a work force multiplier.

• 4. Partners may be able to purchase items you may not be able to purchase: food, awards, logo shirts.

• 5. Partners have skill sets you may not have: A running club or biking club become ‘runners’ during an emergency.

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