Medical Countermeasure Operational Readiness Review and Project Public Health Ready Crosswalk

The Medical Countermeasure Operational Readiness Review Tool (MCM ORR) is an assessment of MCM operational capacity introduced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during the 2014-2015 grant year (Budget Period 3 grant year – BP3). The MCM ORR focuses on both MCM planning elements and operational capacity and represents a marked change from the former CDC Technical Assistance Review (TAR), which was mainly focused on MCM planning elements. During the BP3 grant year, CDC conducted a pilot cycle of the MCM ORR at a subset of state and local health departments to identify elements of the MCM ORR tool that needed additional clarification or guidance. During the 2015-2016 grant year (BP4), the MCM ORR assessment is slated to be expanded to evaluate MCM preparedness at all 62 state, territorial, and directly-funded city Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) awardees and at all local Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) awardees.

Over the past 10 years, hundreds of local health departments have been recognized for their achievements in preparedness planning through Project Public Health Ready (PPHR). The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) established this program in collaboration with CDC to assess local health department capability and capacity in all-hazards public health preparedness. The PPHR criteria, the standards for planning that recognized agencies must meet, utilize a continuous quality improvement model with three project goal areas—all-hazards preparedness planning, workforce capacity development, and demonstration of readiness through exercises or real events. Within the all-hazards planning requirements, agencies must submit evidence of operational plans for MCM that covers certain specified information.

With the BP4 grant year being the first year that many local health departments are completing their MCM ORRs, it is likely that significant time will be needed to identify relevant documentation that can be submitted for the review. NACCHO has created the crosswalk below as tool for local health departments that have previously completed their PPHR application to use to identify which documentation from their PPHR submissions could be used as evidence for the MCM ORR tool.

NACCHO has revised some sections of the PPHR criteria to better align with the MCM ORR tool. These alignments can and should be leveraged to allow agencies to streamline their approaches to state and local preparedness, improve their preparedness capability, and meet particular mandatory and voluntary requirements.

For more information on PPHR, visit www.naccho.org/PPHR
For more information on the MCM ORR, visit CDC JOIN. Please note a username and password is needed to access CDC JOIN: https://partner.cdc.gov/sites/OPHPR/PHEP/MCM/SitePages/Home.aspx
For additional MCM ORR crosswalk tools, visit the MCM Toolkit: http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/

Using this Crosswalk

This tool is intended to be used by jurisdictions that are currently completing the MCM ORR tool (BP4 version) **and** that have previously completed the PPHR application (version 8). The table on the next page identifies the main areas of alignment between the MCM ORR tool and PPHR application and is organized according to elements as they appear in the MCM ORR tool. Only Planning Implementation elements from the MCM ORR tool have been cross-linked to the PPHR application, as the PPHR sections that assess exercises and real-events are not specifically geared toward MCM topical areas. If you have submitted documentation from MCM responses or exercises as part of PPHR, additional documentation from PPHR Measures 4 & 5 may be relevant to submit as MCM ORR evidence. Additionally, future exercises planned to meet ORR Operational Implementation elements can be used to meet PPHR Measure 5 element b8. Depending on how your plans are structured, pertinent documentation may be located in sources beyond what is listed the table below. Unless otherwise stated, all cross-linked PPHR sections are contained within PPHR Measure 1. A separate crosswalk organized by PPHR criteria element is also available in the NACCHO toolbox.

MCM ORR and PPHR Application Crosswalk: Organized by MCM ORR Elements

MCM Operational Readiness Review Elements			Relevant PPHR Sections*
Capability 1: Community Preparedness			
Function 1	Determine risks to the health of the jurisdiction	a. Planning	e2, e3, j3
Function 2	Build community partnerships to support health preparedness	a. Planning	g2, o4
Function 3	Engage with community organizations to foster public health, medical, and mental/behavioral health social networks	a. Planning	j1, j2, s3
Function 4	Coordinate training or guidance to ensure community engagement in preparedness efforts	a. Planning	j1, j4
Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination			
Function 1	Conduct preliminary assessment to determine need for public activation	a. Planning	l5, l6, m3, n3
		b. Planning	f1, f2, i3, l2, o15ii, o15iii
		c. Planning	i7
Function 2	Activate public health emergency operations	a. Planning	h2
		b. Planning	h5
Function 3	Develop incident response strategy	a. Planning	o15v
Function 4	Manage and sustain the public health response	a. Planning	u2, u4, u5ii, u5iii u5iv
Function 5	Demobilize and evaluate public health emergency operations	a. Planning	o4
		b. Planning	None
		c. Planning	Measure #2: c2 & c3
Capability 4: Emergency Public Information and Warning			
Function 1	Activate the emergency public information system	a. Planning	k7iv, i4
Function 2	Determine the need for a joint public information system	a. Planning	k7ii, k7iii
Function 3	Establish and participate in information system operations	a. Planning	k3, k4, k6
		b. Planning	h3, k1, k2. k3, k6, k7i
Function 4	Establish avenues for public interaction and information exchange	a. Planning	k6
Function 5	Issue public information, alerts, warnings, and notifications	a. Planning	k1, k2, k3
		b. Planning	j4, k1, k3
Capability 6: Information Sharing			
Function 1	Identify stakeholders to be incorporated into information flow	a. Planning	i2, i4, i7, l1, l2
Function 2	Identify and develop rules and data elements for sharing	a. Planning	i6, l2, l7iii
Function 3	Exchange information to determine a common operating picture	a. Planning	l1
Capability 8: Medical Countermeasure Dispensing			
Function 1	Identify and initiate medical countermeasure dispensing	a. Planning	o2, o11
		b. Planning	o2
		c. Planning	o2, o4, o13
Function 2	Receive medical countermeasures at POD	a. Planning	o4
Function 3	Activate dispensing modalities	a. Planning	o5
Function 4	Dispense medical countermeasures to identified population	a. Planning	j4, o2, o7, o11
		b. Planning	o2
Function 5	Report adverse events	a. Planning	o9
Capability 9: Medical Materiel Management and Distribution			
Function 1	Direct and activate medical materiel management and distribution	a. Planning	o1, o4
		b. Planning	o4
		c. Planning	o5
Function 2	Acquire medical materiel	a. Planning	o1, o13
		b. Planning	o6
Function 3	Maintain updated inventory management and reporting system	a. Planning	o6
		b. Planning	o6
Function 4	Establish and maintain security	a. Planning	o1
		b. Planning	o1
		c. Planning	o1, o4
Function 5	Distribute medical materiel	a. Planning	o1
Function 6	Recover medical materiel and demobilize distribution operations	a. Planning	None
Capability 14: Responder Safety and Health			
Function 1	Identify responder safety and health risks	a. Planning	h7, s1
		b. Planning	o8, o12
Function 2	Identify safety and personal protective needs	a. Planning	None
Function 3	Coordinate with partners to facilitate risk-specific safety and health training	a. Planning	s1, Measure #3: e2ii
Function 4	Monitor responder safety and health actions	a. Planning	h7, o8, o12, s1
Capability 15: Volunteer Management			
Function 1	Coordinate volunteers	a. Planning	w1, w2, w5
Function 2	Notify volunteers	a. Planning	h4, i6, l2, w3, w5,
Function 3	Organize, assemble, and dispatch volunteers	a. Planning	h4, w4, w6 Measure #3: e1i, e2ii
		b. Planning	w8, x4
Function 4	Demobilize volunteers	a. Planning	h7, o6, w6

* Items highlighted in yellow represent strong alignments between the MCM ORR elements and PPHR measures. Items not highlighted represent probable (but not strong) alignments.