

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013

11:30am – 1pm	REGISTRATION	
1pm – 1:05pm	WELCOME	
		<p>Donna L. Murray Manager Hospital Preparedness Program Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Pennsylvania Department of Health</p>
1:05pm – 1:30pm	OPENING REMARKS	
		<p>Martin Raniowski Deputy Secretary Health Planning and Assessment Pennsylvania Department of Health</p> <p>Joseph W. Schmider Director Bureau of EMS Acting Director Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Pennsylvania Department of Health</p>
1:30pm – 2:30pm	PLENARY 1	
	<p>The Bioterrorism Threat, Should We Be Worried? This presentation will provide an overview of the bioterrorist threat. It will give a historical perspective of state-sponsored bioterrorism, and explain the genesis of concerns about proliferation of agents and/or technologies out of formal bioweapons programs. It will explain the characteristics of biological agents as weapons that make them a serious concern. Some of the most important biological threat agents will be profiled. Additionally, the subset of the biological threat associated with zoonotic diseases, our agricultural infrastructure (a particular concern in agricultural areas), and our food supply will be discussed.</p>	<p>Jerry Jaax, DVM, ACLAM, COL USA, (ret) Associate Vice President for Research Compliance University Veterinarian Kansas State University</p>
2:30pm – 3pm	BREAK	
3pm – 3:45pm	KNOWLEDGE CENTER COMPUTER LAB (no CE credits available for this lab)	
	<p>An introduction to Knowledge Center is being offered as a “computer lab.” Participants will receive an overview on the uses and applications of the system. Knowledge Center, the Health Incident Management System (HIMS), supports emergency and incident command needs for hospitals and their networks based on the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS).</p> <p><u>No continuing education credits are available for this computer lab.</u></p>	

3pm – 4:30pm	BREAKOUT SESSION 1	
1A.	<p>Key Concepts In Psychological First Aid (will continue in Breakout Sessions 2, 3 and 4 on Day 2) Key Concepts in Psychological First Aid (PFA) is a workshop for emergency responders and crisis team members who may be called upon to provide early psychological intervention during a disaster, act of terrorism, public health emergency and/or other violent or traumatic event. The program addresses the critical knowledge areas and skill sets that will allow the crisis responder to deliver effective, empirically-sound services within the first 48 hours of an event.</p>	<p>Steven M. Crimando, MA, BCETS Managing Director Extreme Behavioral Risk Management, LLC</p>
1B.	<p>Active Shooter In A Healthcare Facility This presentation will include and clarify: a definition of active shooter, notifications, and responses. It will discuss the best methods to train and plan for the emergency event. In addition, a review of possible event scenarios will be analyzed.</p>	<p>Harry Myers, MBA, CHPA, HEM Director Safety, Security & Emergency Management St. Mary Medical Center</p>
1C.	<p>Pennsylvania Private Points Of Dispensing (PODs) Initiative This presentation will focus on the reasons for the Private POD initiative in Pennsylvania. It will outline the progression of Private PODs to its current plan. The strategy behind the multi-year plan will be discussed and contact information for Private POD inquiries will be shared.</p>	<p>Edward Teevan Public Health Advisor CDC Linda Fry Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator Pennsylvania Department of Health</p>
1D.	<p>Facility Hazard Vulnerability Assessments (will be repeated in Breakout Session 4 on Day 2) This presentation will provide an overview and discussion of common approaches and pitfalls encountered in performing a facility based HVA. Emphasis will be placed on use of the findings to implement mitigation activities to decrease facility vulnerability. Topics of focus will include external, internal and utility/facility based hazards and vulnerabilities and approaches to mitigation. This session will provide further clarity regarding the importance of completing the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) Emergency Power Facility Assessment Tool (EPFAT) and developing a plan to incorporate an external generator and water supply for a facility.</p>	<p>Jason Brown SC/SCM Regional Manager Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania Thomas L. Grace, RN, BSN, MPM, PhD Vice President Emergency Preparedness Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania</p>

<p>1E.</p>	<p>Emergency Communication For Individuals With Access And Functional Needs</p> <p>Many programs embrace the concept of whole-community planning, but what does that really mean? Individuals who have limitations that interfere with the receipt of and response to information will need information provided in a format they can understand and use. For example, an individual may not be able to hear verbal announcements, see directional signs, or understand how to get assistance due to hearing, vision, speech, cognitive and/or limited English proficiency. This session will identify that there is nothing "special" about ensuring how everyone can access mass care shelters, understand emergency information, receive recovery information or evacuate safely. Attendees will receive tips for best communication practices.</p>	<p>Jamie Arasz Prioli, RESNA Certified Assistive Technology Specialist Institute on Disabilities Pennsylvania’s University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Temple University</p> <p>Neil McDevitt Executive Director Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre</p>
<p>1F.</p>	<p>SERVPA: The One-Stop Shop For Volunteers</p> <p>This presentation will cover the basic functions of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Pennsylvania (SERVPA) and define the roles and responsibilities of a SERVPA Unit Administrator. In addition, the advantages of becoming a partner in SERVPA will be highlighted for attendees.</p>	<p>Nina M. Vacante Volunteer Emergency Workforce Coordinator Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Pennsylvania Department of Health</p>
<p>4:30pm – 6:30pm MEET AND GREET: CASH REFRESHMENTS/ HORS D’OEUVRES</p>		

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013

7am – 8am	REGISTRATION	
8am – 8:45am	KNOWLEDGE CENTER COMPUTER LAB (no CE credits available for this lab)	
8am – 9:30am	BREAKOUT SESSION 2	
2A.	<p>Key Concepts In Psychological First Aid (continuation of Breakout Session 1 – will continue in Breakout Sessions 3 and 4)</p>	
2B.	<p>Digging Into Trauma Informed Care (will continue in Breakout Sessions 3 and 4) This workshop focuses on the trauma informed skills necessary that any person in a community can utilize to help create a sense of safety and well-being. By proactively diffusing situations in our environments as a “standard of practice,” we are able to more readily stabilize and negotiate the unpredictable events that occur across the lifespan, as well as the cumulative impact that fear and chronic stress have on individuals and communities.</p>	<p>Landa C. Harrison, LPC Senior Project Manager Sanctuary Institute (Yonkers, NY) President L. Harrison Associates, Inc. (Pittsburgh, PA)</p>
2C.	<p>After The Assessment: Will Community Health Needs Assessments Improve Community Health? (will continue in Breakout Session 3) Most hospitals prioritize the delivery of services to address individual patient treatment needs. However, a new section of the Internal Revenue Code requires hospitals to enhance the health status of the community-at-large in order to maintain tax-exempt status. Assessing and addressing community health needs are complex tasks that move hospitals into the realm of public health.</p>	<p>Steven M. Albert, PhD Professor and Chair Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh Jessica Griffin Burke, PhD, MHS Associate Professor Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh Donna Almario Doebler, DrPH, MS, MPH Visiting Assistant Professor Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh Carol Reichbaum, MSL, MSPA Graduate School of Public Health University of Pittsburgh</p>
2D.	<p>Funding Opportunities For Non-profit Healthcare Entities Under A Presidential Declaration Participants will be introduced to the Emergency Public Assistance Program. They will learn about potential funding opportunities for costs incurred during a presidentially-declared event. Participants will also learn about: program process, application procedure, eligibility requirements and record keeping requirements.</p>	<p>Daniel Smyser, BS Close-out Coordinator for Public Assistance-PA FEMA Chris Evans Emergency Management Specialist PEMA</p>

2E.	<p>Regional Fatality Management: A Discussion Of Best Practices And Lessons Learned Learn about what constitutes a “Mass Fatality” event and what community resources may be needed. Panel discussion by members of the South Central Regional Fatality Management project who will discuss best practices and lessons learned.</p>	<p>Brian M. Moyer Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Pennsylvania Department of Health</p> <p>Holly Stockwell Public Health Planner Bureau of Public Health Preparedness Pennsylvania Department of Health</p> <p>Robert F. Kabata Public Health Preparedness Coordinator South Central District Office Pennsylvania Department of Health</p> <p>Thomas G. Bell Emergency Management Coordinator Perry County, PA</p> <p>Dean Wetzler Licensed Funeral Director Dean K. Wetzler Funeral Home</p>
9:30am – 10am	BREAK	
10am – 10:45am	KNOWLEDGE CENTER COMPUTER LAB <i>(no CE credits available for this lab)</i>	
10am – 11:30am	BREAKOUT SESSION 3	
3A.	<p>Key Concepts In Psychological First Aid (continuation of Breakout Sessions 1 and 2 – will continue in Breakout Session 4)</p>	
3B.	<p>Digging Into Trauma Informed Care (continuation of Breakout Session 2 workshop – will continue in Breakout Session 4)</p>	
3C.	<p>After The Assessment: Will Community Health Needs Assessments Improve Community Health? (continued from Breakout Session 2)</p>	
3D.	<p>Decontamination Basics This session will instruct healthcare personnel on the importance of decontaminating patients so as not to contaminate facilities, visitors or themselves. Basic techniques, tricks of the trade and best practices will be demonstrated during this interactive session.</p>	<p>Thomas R. Kerchinski Sr., EPA HMRT Technician Level III NC Regional Manager Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania</p> <p>Michael D. Whalen, BSN, CEN NE Regional Manager Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania</p>

3E.	<p>Don't Panic! An Overview Of Crisis And Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Principles To Assist With The Development And Implementation Of Effective Response Plans</p> <p>This presentation will discuss the concepts of crisis and emergency risk communication and the different stages of communication response. It will introduce how CERC concepts can be applied to response plans in a public health emergency. Participants will learn about resources available to develop CERC plans for responding in emergencies.</p>	<p>Sarah Bauerle Bass, PhD, MPH Associate Professor Public Health Director Risk Communication Laboratory Temple University</p>
11:30am–12:30pm LUNCH AND PRESENTATION		
	<p>Public Health Case Study: A Grass Roots Organization Forms Model Community Emergency Response Teams In Low-Income Housing Communities</p> <p>This case study describes how a local community group, the Minority Emergency Preparedness Task Force, met the challenges of improving community preparedness by training Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs).</p>	<p>Eileen O. Smith, RN, BS Violence and Injury Prevention Consultant Southwest District Pennsylvania Department of Health</p>
12:30pm – 2pm PLENARY 2		
	<p>Super Storm Sandy: New Jersey's Largest 911 Call</p> <p>Hurricane Sandy made landfall near Atlantic City, New Jersey at approximately 8pm on October 29, 2012. This session will review its impact on emergency services provided in New Jersey and how Pennsylvania EMS agencies were integrated into the system and assisted in its dramatic aftermath. You have seen the pictures; now hear the stories.</p>	<p>Terry Clancy, PhD, MA, NREMT-P New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Task Force Coordinator Office of Emergency Medical Services New Jersey Department of Health Henry P. Cortacans, MAS, CEM, NREMT-P, New Jersey Emergency Medical Services State Planner for the Urban Areas Securities Initiative New Jersey Department of Health</p>
2pm – 2:10pm BREAK		
2:10pm – 2:55pm KNOWLEDGE CENTER COMPUTER LAB (no CE credits available for this lab)		
2:10pm – 3:30pm BREAKOUT SESSION 4		
4A.	<p>Key Concepts In Psychological First Aid (continuation of Breakout Sessions 1, 2 and 3)</p>	
4B.	<p>Digging Into Trauma Informed Care (continuation of Breakout Sessions 2 and 3)</p>	
4C.	<p>Super Storm Sandy – PA Strike Team Response</p> <p>Discussion will focus on successes, opportunities for improvement and ways in which the PA Strike Team process adds value to both the state and national preparedness framework. In addition, participants will learn about the challenges facing New Jersey's EMS system during the early days immediately following the storm.</p>	<p>Thomas McElree, Esq., MBA, NREMT-P Executive Director and General Counsel Emergency Medical Service Institute Regional EMS Council for Southwestern Pennsylvania Richard “Dick” Gibbons, EMT-P, EMT Instructor Executive Director Susquehanna Emergency Health Services Council</p>

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<p>4D.</p>	<p>Security For Hospitals This program will explain the Protective Security Advisor (PSA) program awareness and the resources available to owners and operators of Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) in the private and public sectors.</p>	<p>Stephen P. White, BA Protective Security Advisor U.S. Department of Homeland Security Robert “Bob” Winters Protective Security Advisor U.S. Department of Homeland Security Pittsburgh District</p>
<p>4E.</p>	<p>Facility Hazard Vulnerability Assessments (repeat session – same as Breakout Session 1D)</p>	

CONFERENCE CONCLUDES AT 3:30PM

**** Final schedule and times are subject to change ****

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