

**Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Healthcare Sector Conference Call Agenda**

Date and Time of Call: Tuesday, December 16, 2008 - 0830 to 0930

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1. Welcome, Identification of committee members in alphabetical order, Review of Agenda  
(Sallie Shipman)

1. Agha Afgan, Safety Officer, Jackson Hospital
2. Teresa Akins
3. Robert Baker, Winston County Emergency Medical Services Council
4. Beth Beck, Springhill Medical Center
5. Ann Brantley, HVA Nurse Coordinator, Asst. CEP Healthcare Sector Liaison, ADPH, CEP
6. Dr. John Campbell, State EMS Medical Director, ADPH
7. Charlie Crawford, ESAR-VHP/MRC Coordinator, ADPH, CEP
8. Carolyn Dean, Infection Control Coordinator, Jackson Hospital & Clinic
9. Dr. John G. Fisher, Director, Alabama Poison Center
10. Dr. Tom Geary, Medical Director for Bureau of Health Provider Standards, ADPH
11. Orlando Gill, Home Care
12. Tina Givens, Territory Sales Consultant and RRT President, Teleflex Medical
13. Dr. Wesley Granger, Associate Professor and Program Director, UAB, Respiratory Therapy Program
14. Dr. Jack Hataway, Medical Director, Chronic Disease Prevention Division & ADPH Leader PI Healthcare Committee, ADPH
15. Ashley Hayes
16. Ida Henderson, Infection Control Coordinator, HealthSouth
17. Karen Holland, Director of Quality and Regulatory Compliance, Jackson Hospital & Clinic
18. Toni Marie Jones, Program Director, Volunteer Mobile, Inc (Southwest Alabama Medical Preparedness)
19. Monica Knight, Director, Bureau of Communicable Diseases and Emergency Preparedness, Mobile County Health Department
20. Jim Kovack, Alabama Guard
21. Sondra Nassetta, Surveillance Nurse Coordinator, ADPH, Area 2
22. Tina Pippin, Epidemiology Nurse Manager, ADPH, Division of Epidemiology
23. Teresa Porter, Surveillance Nurse Coordinator, ADPH, Area 9
24. Benjamin P. Rackley, Director, Black Belt Medical Reserve Corps
25. Jane Reeves, CEP Nurse Manager, CEP Healthcare Sector Liaison, ADPH, CEP
26. Sallie Shipman, HVA Nurse Coordinator, Asst. CEP Healthcare Sector Liaison, ADPH, CEP
27. Karen Sullivan, Surveillance Nurse Coordinator, ADPH, Area 5
28. Scott Taylor
29. Tom Tucker, Finance Director, Alabama Primary Health Care Association, Inc.
30. Dr. Albert White, PH Area 3 Health Officer, ADPH, Area 3
31. DeeAnn White, ADPH, CEP
32. John Wible, General Counsel, Alabama Department of Public Health



2. Review and approval of minutes from June 24, 2008 Healthcare Sector Meeting (Sallie Shipman)

**Minutes were emailed to the Healthcare Sector on July 2, 2008. There were no additions or corrections from the committee members.**

3. Old Business (Subcommittee Co-chair or designee)

Discussion Items:

**A. Subcommittee Updates-**

**Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning – Teresa Porter**

- **ADPH is working with AlaHA to identify a hospital in each region to determine their status regarding alternate/alternative care site planning progress.**
- **Teresa also discussed how the facilities in her area received the free PPE from ADPH. ADPH Emergency Preparedness teams are the contact for facilities that would like to participate in the program.**
- **Delkab County, Georgia has developed tabletop exercises that can be utilized by the Healthcare Sector. Teresa will send them to Sallie to be incorporated in the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide.**

**Training and Exercise Planning – Sallie Shipman**

- **Sam Guerrero and Jora White gave a report on exercises that will be conducted. They are as follows: \*\*CRI Exercise, March 5, 2009; \*\*CSEPP Exercise-March 25; \*\*Combined State EOC/EMA Region 1/ALNG/ADOT & ADPS Contra flow Hurricane Exercise-week of May 1, 2009; \*\*Cabinet Level Pan-Flu TTX- To be determined; \*\*CUSEC National Level Earthquake Exercise-2011. More information will be sent to the Healthcare Sector as it is made available.**
- **An abbreviated version (decreased to 1 1/2 days) of the Pandemic Influenza Hospital Preparedness training will be sent to ADPH from CDP by the end of August. The CDP will conduct the training with public health teaching a portion of the class. This will be held at hospitals throughout the state. This activity has been completed by ADPH and now CDP is trying to get it approved through their process. Cindy will let us know when they contact her to begin scheduling the new class.**
- **The Advanced Regional Response Training (ARRTC) Center is located in the University of South Alabama in Mobile. They have scheduled ARRTC training for '09. Training will include 8 in-house sessions and 30 Road-shows across the state - 5**

sessions for each of the 6 hospital regions. These will start in late January and run thru August 09, and be held in hospitals, public health offices, EMA, or any other appropriately sized community training room. About half of the day will be dedicated to NIMS/HICS. The goal is to duplicate this 30 times, so any assistance in getting attendance high will be appreciated. Also, any special topics can be added as needed. They have reduced the training to one full day of lecture and the next half day for specific help for facilities with HTVA, Disaster Plans, HICS, NIMS, etc. This might be an opportunity to take that half day and do a tabletop on ventilators at least once in each hospital region.

#### **Pharmacy Issues – John Fisher**

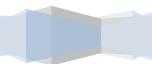
- At the last review, approximately 3% of pharmacists entered into the ALERT system have submitted their personal profile. Amy offered to send another email to the pharmacists if needed.
- Charlie gave an update of the Hyundai project. The MOUs are completed with Hyundai. This MOU can be utilized as a template for other businesses that have a health clinic within their facility.
- It was discussed on the call that a meeting will take place with ADPH, APC, AU, and Samford regarding the data entry during an event. The CRA system, which is the data submitted to CDC during an event, has components for submission adverse events that occur during pharmaceutical intake during an event. Because the 800 number distributed on the medications will be answered by partner agencies, there will need to be further coordination regarding the specifics on who, what, how, when, etc. of the data.

#### **Review Board – Dr. Jack Hataway**

- The Review Board met on June 27, 2008 to finalize the Criteria for Mechanical Ventilator Triage Following Proclamation of Mass-Casualty Respiratory Emergency. The document is ready for presentation to the six hospital regions for input and review.

#### **Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers Sector – Charlie Crawford**

- Volunteer symposiums have been completed for 2008 with approximately 500 attendees.
- 2009 volunteer symposiums will have a special needs focus
- MRC funding agreements are in progress.
- ADPH has additional upgrades/enhancements for ESARVIP including a deployment tracking module.



4. New Business (Sallie Shipman)

Discussion Items:

**A. DRAFT ESF-8 All-Hazard Assessment Tool – Sallie Shipman**

- **The Draft County Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazards assessment tool is being developed by ADPH to aid each County Health Department in assessments of their ESF 8, healthcare, capabilities for pandemic and other all hazard situations. This will be used by the County Health Departments to obtain baseline county information and is to be used as aid them in doing an initial gap assessment of their own ESF 8 healthcare response capabilities and shortfalls. ADPH is in the process of incorporating improvements and hope to begin the ESF 8 assessments in early 2009.**

**B. Draft- Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide – Sallie Shipman**

- **The Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is a companion document to the assessment tool. The document is in the final stages of the approval process.**

**C. Rollout for - Criteria for Mechanical Ventilator Triage Following Proclamation of Mass-Casualty Respiratory Emergency – Dr. Jack Hataway**

- **Discussions are underway on presentation of the draft ventilator triage document to the six hospital regions starting in 2009.**

5. New Business, not identified on the agenda (Sallie Shipman)

**Agha Afgan informed the committee that starting in 2009; The Joint Commission will be requiring hospitals to include a gap analysis in their emergency operations plan.**

6. Review date and time of next call, **Tuesday, March 24, 2009** then to be held quarterly on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (Sallie Shipman)

7. Other topics and announcements (All)

8. Adjourn

