

<b>Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives &amp; Projects</b>	<b>Subcommittee Name</b>	<b>Pharmacy Issues</b>
		<b>3-8-2010 Attendees:</b> Ann Brantley, Sallie Shipman, Val Patton, DeeAnn White, Carter English, John Wible, Jim Easter, Charlie Thomas, John Fisher, and Stanley Bachelor
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time</b>		<b>Monday, June 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Updated 3-8-2010</b>		<b>Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 &amp; Room # 3251726</b>
<b>Co-chairs</b>		<b>Charlie Thomas and Dr. John Fisher</b>
<b>Subcommittee Purpose</b>		Focus on the issues regarding prescription medications during disaster conditions.
<b>Subcommittee Goals</b>		Discuss options for potential antiviral shelf-life extension planning (Federal Level, unable to address specifically on a state level.)
		Develop guidelines to limit pharmacists' exposure in contagious disease outbreaks.
		Develop procedures and protocols for cross training of non-pharmacy personnel to dispense in disaster conditions.
		Written pharmaceutical proclamation to activate in an emergency
		Develop an alternative formulary for replacement of essential medications to be utilized in an emergency where there is a situation including a limited supply and/or delivery.
		Develop educational protocols for public to stockpile their own medication in preparation for a disaster.
<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	
In-Progress	DeeAnn White and Jim Barrett	Alternate means of product delivery: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed for Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) programs, a modeling software program to assist in medication delivery. Charlie has reviewed program; may be limited in effectiveness in a pandemic influenza (PI) but useful for other hazards. Charlie pointed out there is no way to know what shortages there may be. Noted that the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will also be involved in distribution and may utilize the Department of Transportation. Further discussion to follow about potential uses with logistics. <b>The modeling software developed for SNS programs by the CDC is called Real Opt. Real Opt is designed to assist states in developing an alternate means of medication delivery to RDSs and PODs. Jim Barrett of Montgomery EMA is the RSS Manager for ADPH during a SNS activation. Mr. Barrett has discussed Real Opt with CDC SNS Consultant Deb Loveys, and plans to look further into Real Opt.</b>
In-Progress	DeeAnn White, Heather Hogue	<b>Alabama is currently working towards establishing Closed PODs as an alternate method of dispensing medications in emergency event situations. A Closed POD is a business that has its own medical staff, including a licensed physician who will give the order for the medical staff to dispense to the employees of the facility. Examples of potential Closed PODs are hospitals, military installations, universities, pharmacies, large businesses that have self contained medical staff, etc. The alternate points of distribution (closed POD), are extremely important to planning for distribution of medications to the community in a timely manner. Planning has been ongoing with Hyundai, Jefferson County Board of Education (JCBOE), and other agencies within the state. Templates from agencies/businesses that have developed plans for a closed POD could be utilized for others throughout the state. ADPH in conjunction with UAB will be conducting a series of Closed POD information sessions throughout the state. Beginning in early April, at least one session will be held in each of the six hospital regions. For more information please visit the CEP Training webpage at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512#POD">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512#POD</a></b>

In-Progress	Val Patton, DeeAnn White, & John Fisher	<p>Mass Dispensing: Medications will have labels that will route the caller to either Auburn (AU) or Samford drug information centers, or the Alabama Poison Control Center (APC). Countermeasure Response Administration (CRA) system is the data submitted to CDC during an event. CRA has components for submission of adverse events resulting from pharmaceutical distribution during an event; discussion over how all support agencies will report this data is ongoing. The 800 number distributed on the medications will be answered by ADPH and partner agencies. There will need to be further coordination regarding the specifics on who, what, how, when, etc. of the data. John Fisher discussed on the call the logistics of planning an exercise to test this system. The major component to testing the system is volunteers to make calls. The exercise facility would need at least six phone lines and scripts simulating questions regarding the medications distributed. John Fisher is in the process of writing a grant for new hardware and phone system and hopes to secure funding for this exercise. DeeAnn and Val suggested that we could submit this into the grant funding cycle that begins in August 2010. John will look into resources such as template calls for the exercise. More information will follow.</p>
Complete	Charlie Thomas	<p>Caremark is a leading provider of prescription drug management programs. This will help to expedite distribution during a mass dispensing event. The Caremark MOU for repackaging of medications during an SNS event has been signed. Caremark would be contracted to repackage bulk medications into units of use for dispensing to citizens of Alabama. Per the ADPH SNS Consultant Deb Loveys, it is highly unlikely the SNS would ever ship bulk medications to states.</p>
In-Progress	Tim Hatch, Sallie Shipman, Dr. Geary, & John Wible	<p>Update for all subcommittees - The ventilator triage conferences are available on-demand at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949">http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949</a>. The ventilator triage document is being modified to the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) emergency operation plan (EOP) format. The changes will include pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) protocols. The AEMA EOP Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 will reference the name of the document. The document is available on the ADPH website at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/VENTTRIAGE.pdf">http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/VENTTRIAGE.pdf</a></p>
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In-Progress	Sallie Shipman	<p>Update for all subcommittees - Epidemiology is continuing to collect H1N1 response information from the hospitals.</p>

<b>Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives &amp; Projects</b>	<b>Subcommittee Name</b>	<b>Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning</b>
		<b>3-11-2010 Attendees:</b> Ann Brantley, Sallie Shipman, Charlie Crawford, Sondra Nassetta, Dennis Haney, Carolyn Dean, Wesley Granger, Teresa Porter, Karen Holland, Betty Jowers, Tina Givens, and John Wible
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time</b>		<b>Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Updated 3-24-2010</b>		<b>Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 &amp; Room # 3251726</b>
<b>Co-chairs</b>		<b>Teresa Porter, Carl Taylor, and Dr. Wesley Granger</b>
<b>Subcommittee Purpose</b>		Focus on hospital staffing (i.e. physicians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, nurses, etc.), bed capacity, alternative care sites, etc. while collaborating with various agencies to encourage cooperation and mutual aid agreements. Also, develop standards and operational protocols and/or plans that can be implemented during disaster conditions in cooperation with all aspects of healthcare including the business aspects of healthcare and continuity of operations planning.
<b>Subcommittee Goals</b>		Identify and address interdependencies of healthcare facilities
		Develop an inventory of all agencies and healthcare providers medical supplies for potential use during emergencies on local and statewide levels
		Develop alternative care site protocol templates including pairing hospitals with pre-identified sites
		Address surge supply issues and develop alternative plans to minimize impact
		Develop template COOP plans for healthcare facilities
		Develop template infection control guidelines and plans
		Develop N95 protocol including identification of methods to increase life span of N95 masks
		Healthcare planning for Chempack and Strategic National Stockpile deployment
		Develop ventilator and oxygen protocols
		Work with licensure boards to ensure staffing issues are in place prior to a disaster.
		Assistance in reimbursement of ED/Hospital care in PI event for economic impact on healthcare facilities and encouraging participation of healthcare business staff in planning efforts
		Develop a template for antiviral treatment distribution plans for healthcare facility staff
		Develop altered hospital triage template protocols that will decompress the emergency departments (ED) including expedited patient transfers, limited ED workups, and performing other tests on inpatient services. Develop altered standards of care including EMTALA applicability, hospital admissions, and surgical procedures with consultation from hospital administration and specific specialties.
<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	
In-Progress	Jane Reeves, Ann Brantley, and Sallie Shipman	Alternate Care sites will be the next issue that ADPH will be working on in collaboration with the healthcare facilities. As a starting point, ADPH is working with the Alabama Hospital Association to identify one hospital in each region and review their existing alternate care plan. According to Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) guidance, there are several issues that must be addressed in alternate care site plans. If any healthcare facility has a plan that ADPH could review and "make generic" to serve as a template, please forward it to Sallie Shipman (sallie.shipman@adph.state.al.us) or Ann Brantley (ann.brantley@adph.state.al.us). ADPH will continue to work to identify ways that we can assist healthcare facilities in their alternate care site efforts.

On Hold	On Hold	What would happen with a sudden increase for Hospice care? Could we use Hospice Guidelines in our Comfort Care Centers (CCC's)? What about licensing if more Hospices were needed? There may need to be a declaration developed to waive stringent requirements in the event of a pandemic influenza (PI). We need input from the Hospice organizations as to what their ideas/role may be. This was not discussed on this call, however this remains an issue for the subcommittee.
In-Progress	Charlie Crawford	The Healthcare Sector will continue to work with the Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers to meet the volunteer issue. Progress is ongoing. <b>The 2010 ADPH Volunteer Symposia - The Role of an ADPH Volunteer in a Disaster registration is going well; however please remember to make your communities aware of the upcoming training. The number of participants for each venue as of March 15, 2010 are as follows:</b> <b>Huntsville, AL – 195</b> <b>Mobile, AL – 74</b> <b>Montgomery, AL - 232</b> <b>These symposia will address the need for responding volunteers to be familiar with their role as an ADPH Volunteer. Discipline related topics will be presented as well as an overview of some of the emergency response assets that ADPH currently has in its possession.</b> <b>Conference presentations include the following:</b> <b>The Role of a Nurse in a Disaster</b> <b>The Role of a Pharmacist in a Disaster</b> <b>The Role of a Social Worker in a Disaster</b> <b>The Role of an Amateur Radio Operator in a Disaster</b> <b>Showcase of ADPH Emergency Response Assets</b> <b>Please visit the CEP Training webpage at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512</a> for additional training and exercise information.</b>
In-Progress	DeeAnn White	Coordinate/discuss ideas for Chempack protocol/template development with Chempack Custodians; no feedback has been obtained from Chempack coordinators. Progress is ongoing. <b>DeeAnn will discuss with the CDC Chempack coordinator the next steps concerning this agenda item.</b>
On Hold	On Hold	Develop a N-95/Infection Control protocol/recommendations.
On Hold	On Hold	University of South Alabama (USA) has developed, internally, a program used by life insurance companies that models that determines the financial impact of a particular event/disease. How can ADPH and partners have access to this program?
On Hold	On Hold	Continue research for an operable continuity of operations plan (COOP) template.
On Hold	On Hold	The possibility of a collaborative draft document including the medical, nursing and other healthcare related boards that would address licensing and standards of care issues in a catastrophic event was discussed. Standing orders need to be already in place and then signed by the Governor at the time of the emergency declaration.
In-Progress	Betty Jowers and Teresa Porter	an event especially in rural areas. Can 211 be utilized? <b>ADPH responded to a water crisis in Clarke and Wilcox Counties by sending two water filtration units to the area. The week of February 22-26, 2010 the CDC experts from their National Center for Environmental Health went to Clarke and Wilcox Counties to conduct an environmental health assessment pertaining to the severe water outage in early January 2010. They worked with state, area, and local environmental staff to gather data on the effects of the water shortage on the citizens, water quality, and food supplies (personal, retail, processors, and wholesale). Following the January freeze and water shortage in Clarke and Wilcox Counties, Dr. Woernle requested Epi-Aid from CDC to determine the overall impact that the water shortage had on those areas affected. CDC has accommodated the request and a survey form has been constructed to not only assess the environmental impact, but also to determine what subsequent health issues occurred related to the water shortage. Both social workers and surveillance staff are expected to assist environmental staff with the surveys which may begin as early as the week of February 22, 2010. The surveys will collect data regarding how communication was received by the public during the water crisis. The data could be utilized to improve communication methods. More information will follow.</b>

In-Progress	Alice Floyd	<p>The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) continues to accept requests for N95 respirators from healthcare providers who provide direct patient care to those who have confirmed, suspected, or probable influenza. This is a one-time offer of a limited amount of N95 respirators. The webpage is located at: <a href="http://adph.org/CEP/index.asp?id=3965">http://adph.org/CEP/index.asp?id=3965</a></p> <p>After visiting the website, if you still have questions, call 334-206-3394 or 1-866-264-4073.</p> <p>Alice Floyd affirmed that there are N95 respirators still available, however the number of requests have dropped significantly.</p>
In-Progress	Tina Givins	<p>"Are liquid bulk O2 suppliers be able to meet the demand during a disaster?" Tina Givins offered to work on this topic on the previously "ON HOLD" project. Work will be conducted to update the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide to reflect the work regarding this subcommittee project regarding oxygen and ventilators. Tina spoke with a oxygen supply company (Linde's) Emergency Planning Coordinator, Kevin Phillips, who says that they have an Emergency Plan in place. They have 24 Hour operation and use telemetry to monitor the bulk systems oxygen levels constantly. They did participate in the Katrina disaster and also have portable units in certain districts in the US that are ready to be dispatched to alternate sites if needed. Tina can call them for further information if needed. Tina and Wesley Granger will be working to help update the Alabama Healthcare Planning Guide's "Ventilators and Oxygen" section.</p>
In-Progress	Tim Hatch, Sallie Shipman, Dr. Geary, & John Wible	<p>Update for all subcommittees - The ventilator triage conferences are available on-demand at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949">http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949</a>. The ventilator triage document is being modified to the Alabama Emergency Management (AEMA) emergency operation plan (EOP) format. The changes will include pre-hospital emergency medical services (EMS) protocols. The AEMA EOP Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 will reference the name of the document. The document is available on the ADPH website at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/VENTTRIAGE.pdf">http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/VENTTRIAGE.pdf</a></p>
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<b>Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives &amp; Projects</b>	<b>Subcommittee Name</b>	<b>Training and Exercise Planning</b>
		<b>03-17-2010 Attendees:</b> Sallie Shipman, Ann Brantley, Alice Floyd, Charlie Crawford, Val Patton, John Wible, and Jora Patton
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time</b>		<b>Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Updated 3-17-2010</b>		<b>Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 &amp; Room # 3251726</b>
<b>Co-chairs</b>		<b>Jora White and Dr. David Wallace</b>
<b>Subcommittee Purpose</b>		Educate healthcare staff and coordinate exercises between agencies.
<b>Subcommittee Goals</b>		Develop procedures and plans for coordination of exercises between public health, emergency management, homeland security, hospitals, community health centers, private providers, and all healthcare entities
		Develop plans and programs to educate healthcare providers
		Develop specific measures and program for training hospital staff in regard to NIMS
<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	
In-Progress	Entire Subcommittee	Report on emergency planning efforts and concerns from subcommittee member's agency
In-Progress	Val Patton, Jora White, and Sam Guerrero	State wide calendar with training opportunities including Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Department of Homeland Security, etc. The Alabama Healthcare Planning Guide refers to the AEMA and ADPH training calendars and is available at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=2634">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=2634</a> . Ideas will be derived from local emergency preparedness team members and local hospitals on how we can continue efforts to coordinate training opportunities.
In-Progress	Jora White, DeeAnn White, and Val Patton	<p>Closed POD Training</p> <p>Closed point of dispensing (POD) training will be conducted in the Hospital Planning Regions. The target audience will be Institutes of Higher Education (IHE), such as Community Colleges/Junior Colleges with nursing and social work curriculums. More information will be provided as it becomes available and will be updated on the CEP Training webpage located at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512</a> Dates and locations are as follows:</p> <p>April 7, 2010 - Troy University, Dothan, AL</p> <p>April 15, 2010 – Millbrook Civic Center at Village Green, Millbrook AL</p> <p>April 27, 2010 - Alabama Institute for the Deaf &amp; Blind, Talladega, AL</p> <p>April 27, 2010 - Central Alabama Community College, Alexander City, AL</p> <p>May 5, 2010 - Shelby County Instructional Services Center, Alabaster, AL</p> <p>May 6, 2010 - Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, AL</p> <p>May 13, 2010 - Faulkner State Community College, Bay Minette, AL</p> <p>Planning Region 1 – TBD</p> <p>Planning Region 3 - TBD</p>

In-Progress	Jora White and Val Patton	<p>Fatality Management Tabletop Exercises</p> <p>Two of the conference are complete. Mass Fatality table top exercises will be conducted in the Coroners Association Districts. The venues remaining are as follows:  March 29 - District 3 - Tuscaloosa County Health Dept. Community Room;  March 30 - District 4 - Shocco Springs Conference Center in Talladega;  March 22 - District 5 - Cullman Regional Medical Center; and  March 24 - District 6 - Etowah County Senior Activity Center.</p> <p>The target audience will be local coroners, funeral directors, medical examiners, hospital administrators, and nursing home administrators. The focus of the discussion is to review the area's local mass fatality response plan.</p> <p>Please visit the CEP Training webpage at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512</a> for additional training and exercise information.</p>
In-Progress	Jora White and Val Patton	<p>FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE - BIBB COUNTY: A functional exercise is planned in Bibb County. Since Bibb County is a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) county, the focus of this exercise is to test the response to an Anthrax attack in a small rural county. This exercise is a collaborative effort between ADPH, Bibb County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), and UAB's South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness and is scheduled for April 22, 2010, at the Bibb County High School, 220 Birmingham Road, Centreville, Alabama. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Please visit the CEP Training webpage at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512</a> for additional training and exercise information.</p>
In-Progress	Jora White and Val Patton	<p>FLOOD TABLETOP EXERCISE - CHAMBERS COUNTY: A flood table top exercise will be conducted in Chambers County. Since Chambers County is in a flood plain, the focus of the discussion is to review the current flood response plan. This exercise is planned for March 25, 2010 at the Valley Recreation Center, 100 Sportsplex Drive, Valley, Alabama. Please visit the CEP Training webpage at: <a href="http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512">http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512</a> for additional training and exercise information.</p>
In-Progress	David Wallace and Jane Reeves	<p>The 2010 dates for the Advanced Regional Response Training Center basic program training dates and brochure are available. The ARRTC is in the process of scheduling the Road Show dates and locations. This program is made possible by a grant from ADPH, CEP through a cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). This curriculum has been designed to teach and train effective collaborative healthcare community response to any disaster, natural or man-made, and has been updated to incorporate current challenges and issues facing disaster leadership. For more information visit <a href="http://www.arrtc.com">www.arrtc.com</a>. Jora White suggested that we direct the registration for ADPH staff through the Learning Content Management System (LCMS) so that employees will have this training on their employee transcripts.</p>
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