

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning/Pharmacy Issues
		<p>9-9-2010 Attendees for HC/OP: Ann Brantley, Sallie Shipman, Charlie Crawford, Ginger Letson, DeeAnn White, Tina Givens, Karen Holland, Carolyn Dean, and Valerie Cochran</p> <p>9-13-2010 Pharmacy Attendees: Sallie Shipman, Charlie Thomas, Ann Brantley, Heather Hogue, Stanley Batchelor, and Carter English</p>
Next Meeting Date/Time		Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.
Updated 9-13-2010		Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 & Room # 3251726
Co-chairs		<p>Lead for HC/OP Issues Teresa Porter, Carl Taylor, and Dr. Wesley Granger</p> <p>Lead for Pharmacy Issues Charlie Thomas and Dr. John Fisher</p>
Subcommittee Purpose		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.
Subcommittee Goals		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
		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.
		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.

Project Status	Responsible Party	
		<p>Starting in December the Pharmacy Issues and Healthcare Coordination/Operational Planning subcommittees efforts will be consolidated. Each issue is noted below.</p>
In-Progress	Charlie Crawford	<p>Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers Sector Issue - The Healthcare Sector will continue to work with the Faith Based/Community and Other Volunteers to meet the volunteer issue. Volunteer symposia for 2011 is in the planning stages.</p> <p>Medical Station Demo Dates Friday, September 17, 2010 – Limestone County, Athens Alabama Friday, November 5, 2010 – Pell City Exercise Wednesday, October 6, 2010 – AUM Montgomery, Alabama Sunday, September 26, 2010 – Birmingham, Alabama Wynfrey Hotel Thursday, September 23, 2010 – Morgan County, Decatur Alabama Sunday, October 10, 2010 – Pharmacy Trailer Demo, Montgomery, Alabama</p>
In-Progress	Jane Reeves, Ann Brantley, and Sallie Shipmen	<p>HC/OP Issue - 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. Progress is ongoing.</p>
In-Progress	DeeAnn White	<p>HC/OP Issue - Coordinate/discuss ideas for Chempack protocol/template development with Chempack Custodians; no feedback has been obtained from Chempack coordinators. Progress is ongoing. DeeAnn stated that presently the Chempacks throughout the state are being inventoried. During the inspections DeeAnn will discuss with the CDC Chempack coordinator the next steps concerning this agenda item.</p>
In-Progress	Betty Jowers and Teresa Porter	<p>HC/OP Issue - Discuss/develop better communication methods to get out messages to the public during an event especially in rural areas. Can 211 be utilized? 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). The response was outlined in the May edition of Alabama Health and is located at: http://www.adph.org/publications/assets/AHnew_may2010.pdf More information will follow regarding lessons learned from the response. No report on this call. More information will follow.</p>

In-Progress	Tina Givins	<p>HC/OP Issue - Update Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide Tina and Wesley Granger will be working to help update the Alabama Healthcare Planning Guide's "Ventilators and Oxygen" section. Tina Givins and Wes Granger are working on this topic with Sallie and Ann. Tina sent an emergency plan from Airgas an oxygen distributor. She is requesting in writing if we can post the document in the updated version of the Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide. Also Karen Holland and Dereck Morrison sent hospital plans and exercises that can be modified into templates for use of other facilities. The hospital names will be deleted before making the documents public. Wes sent a link regarding oxygen planning issues located at: http://www.health.state.mn.us/oepp/healthcare/scarceoxygen.html More information will follow.</p>
In-Progress	Tim Hatch, Sallie Shipman, Dr. Geary, & John Wible	<p>HC/OP Issue - The Criteria for Mechanical Ventilator Triage Following Proclamation of Mass-Casualty Respiratory Emergency was approved by the State Committee of Public Health (SCPH) on April 8, 2010. The final approved version is available at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/VENTTRIAGE.pdf Because of the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill response the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) will incorporate the approved protocol into the Alabama Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in the December 2010 revision. Work is ongoing from promotion protocol through the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA).</p> <p>The ventilator triage conferences are available on-demand at: http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN/index.asp?id=3949.</p>
In-Progress	Ann Brantley and Sallie Shipman	<p>HC/OP Issue - The improvement process for the County (located at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/CountyESF8All-HazardsAssessment.pdf) and Area (located at: http://www.adph.org/CEP/assets/AreaESF8All-HazardsAssessment.pdf) Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 All-Hazard Assessments is complete. The date for the next submission has been extended to September 30, 2010. The data derived from the assessments is extremely important to ADPH emergency preparedness planning efforts. The Alabama Healthcare Disaster Planning Guide is a companion document to the assessment tool. The documents are approved and available at: http://www.adph.org/CEP-Preparedness A-Z.</p>
In-Progress	Sallie Shipman	<p>HC/OP Issue - On Tuesday, April 20, 2010 an explosion aboard the Deep Water Horizon sunk the drilling rig, causing oil to spill into the Gulf of Mexico. Operations have tapered down and reports are being sent weekly. On Friday, November 19, 2010 from 9 AM—3:30 PM at the University of South Alabama, College of Nursing in Mobile, AL, there will be a one day workshop designed to inform nurses of the environmental health consequences of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill titled "Nurses & Environmental Health: Health Consequences of the Gulf Oil Spill." In this workshop participants will learn health risk communication strategies. Nursing CEU's to be offered.</p> <p>The workshop is sponsored by: The University of South Alabama College of Nursing, University of Maryland Environmental Health Education Center, UAB School of Nursing, and Leadership Education in Child-Health Nursing (LECHN) Program. More information to follow.</p>

In-Progress	DeeAnn White and Jim Barrett	<p>Pharmacy Issue - 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. 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. Progress is ongoing.</p>
In-Progress	DeeAnn White, Heather Hogue	<p>Pharmacy Issue - 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: http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=512#POD Progress is ongoing. A MOU approved by legal is needed to proceed with planning efforts. Email will be sent to John Wible and DeeAnn regarding the status of an MOU for Closed POD.</p>
In-Progress	Val Patton, DeeAnn White, & John Fisher	<p>Pharmacy Issue - 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. Discussions are ongoing regarding an exercise in the next grant.</p>
On Hold Issues are below		
On Hold	On Hold	HC/OP Issue - Develop a N-95/Infection Control protocol/recommendations.
On Hold	On Hold	HC/OP Issue - University of South Alabama (USA) has developed, internally, a program used by life insurance companies that models and determines the financial impact of a particular event/disease. How can ADPH and partners have access to this program?
On Hold	On Hold	HC/OP Issue - Continue research for an operable continuity of operations plan (COOP) template.

On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - 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.</p>
On Hold	On Hold	<p>HC/OP Issue - 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.</p>

Healthcare Sector Subcommittee Objectives & Projects	Subcommittee Name	Training and Exercise Planning
		9-15-2010 Attendees: Sallie Shipman, Ann Brantley, Tim Hatch, Shila McKinney, Julie Cobb, and Tom Tucker
Next Meeting Date/Time		Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
Updated 9-15-2010		Conference Call # 1-888-776-3766 & Room # 3251726
Co-chairs		Val Paton, Jora White, and Dr. David Wallace
Subcommittee Purpose		Educate healthcare staff and coordinate exercises between agencies.
Subcommittee Goals		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
Project Status	Responsible Party	
In-Progress	Val Patton, Jora White, and Sam Guerrera	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: http://www.adph.org/CEP/Default.asp?id=2634 . Ideas will be derived from local emergency preparedness team members and local hospitals on how we can continue efforts to coordinate training opportunities. No update on this call.
In-Progress	Bart Crabtree, Sallie Shipman, and Ann Brantley	ADPH just completed an exercise to test the Patient Tracking - Just in Time Training Module for the new Patient Tracking Module in AIMS. The AAR/IP will be reviewed and this could be incorporated as a new technology/skill into an exercise where Patient Tracking is potential task. The module for medical needs shelter just-in-time training will serve as the pilot for an emergency preparedness training project that is under development. The training will be web based and include all aspects of emergency response. More information will follow.
In-Progress	Stanley Batchelor	Building Collaborative Disaster Planning Processes Between Hospitals and Emergency Management is now available. Stanley forwarded information regarding this training for the subcommittee to review. The link is as follows: http://tinyurl.com/acepcdp . This link will be added to the email with the subcommittee minutes for September.
In-Progress	David Wallace and Jane Reeves	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 www.arrtc.com . 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. Discussions are continuing to see how LCMS can be utilized for registration for ARRTC. Progress is ongoing.
In-Progress	Tim Hatch	Julie Cobb noted an earthquake exercise was in the planning stages. The website is http://newmadrid2011.org/ Tim Hatch said that he would find out in the management meeting what our departmental involvement would be with this exercise. More information will follow.