

Nonurban Missouri Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Plan



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PURPOSE

This plan provides the framework for the Nonurban Missouri Healthcare Coalition (HCC) to prepare for all-hazard incidents among diverse health and medical entities supporting ESF-8 functions within the coalition's boundaries.

The Nonurban MO HCC's primary role in preparedness is to ensure representation from organizations through multi-agency coordination and to develop and strengthen support of organizational incident management through information and resource coordination, collaboration and communication. This requires coordination among a broad spectrum of health care providers and their partners to include but not limited to hospitals, local public health agencies, emergency medical services and emergency management. HCC preparedness structures also incorporate representation from the 17 provider and supplier types outlined in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Conditions of Participation, mental/behavioral health providers, community and faith-based partners, as well as state and local governments.

All emergencies require a coordinated approach in which multiple disciplines and organizations, both public and private, work together. The health care coalition prepares through meetings, drills and exercises to test how the Nonurban MO HCC will coordinate, collaborate, and communicate among a diverse group of healthcare organizations. This planning is essential given that disasters often necessitate public health and medical response.

SCOPE

This plan applies to all Nonurban MO HCC members on preparing for support if an event occurs that is beyond regional healthcare resources.

This plan is intended to support, not replace, existing facility and jurisdictional plans. Healthcare entities and jurisdictions should develop and maintain their emergency management programs.

HCC PREPAREDNESS

Member Roles and Responsibilities

Nonurban MO HCC members will be entered into the eICS application as facilities are expected to engage during drills, exercises, and real-world events.

Members are required to attend and contribute through meetings, planning coalition exercises and participation in the exercise.

HCC COMMUNICATIONS

The Nonurban MO HCC utilizes the following communication platforms. Each platform is tested through reoccurring drills.

Juvaré

The Nonurban MO Board adopted the Juvaré platforms EMResource® and eICS® for primary monitoring and notification tools for Nonurban MO HCC members. Members are required to participate in any drills or exercises to strengthen their knowledge of the systems.

MOSWIN, HEAR, VHF and 800 MHz Radios

Refer to the MOSWIN Standard Operating Guide for utilizing the radios.

Amateur Radio

Healthcare coalition members should use amateur radio as a backup communications service, specifically for point-to-point communications. The HCC relies on the members who are certified to operate the radios to assist with communication.

REGIONAL ASSETS

MHA provides oversight of facilities that house and maintain the regional assets. All assets available to Nonurban MO HCC members are on the Mobile Medical Asset view of EMResource®.

The housing facilities must maintain and ensure that the assets are always ready for deployment. This is done by quarterly testing, preventive maintenance, and drills.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

The Nonurban MO HCC provides a variety of convenings to include meetings, educational opportunities, and trainings to ensure HCC readiness. Nonurban MO HCC members are strongly encouraged to attend these offerings to continue to strengthen the coordination, collaboration, and communication among Nonurban MO HCC members and the Nonurban MO HCC.

HVA KEY PRIORITY FINDINGS

Each region of the Nonurban MO HCC conducts a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment each year. The nonurban board reviews the results to determine the top 5 to 7 priorities for the coalition.

Top 5-7 Priorities:

- Pandemic/Epidemic
- Severe Weather
- External Violence/Civil Disobedience
- HazMat Incident
- Patient Surge/Mass Casualty
- Technological Hazards (IT, Electronic, Communications)

REVIEW AND AMMENDMENTS

The board will conduct an annual review of the preparedness plan. Amendment of this plan may be proposed and voted on at any meeting of the Coalition board.