Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise Review–A Strategic report

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- Actions to better integrate and involve the public health enterprise in PHEMCE and specifically to engage in priority activities identified in the 2012 HHS PHEMCE Implementation Plan.

- Actions to further the implementation of Executive Order 13527: “Establishing Federal Capability for the Timely Provision of Medical Countermeasures Following a Biological Attack.”

- Actions to enhance the effectiveness of ASTHOs MCM and Public Health Preparedness Program activities.
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Strategic Review

- **Methods**
  - Identification, cataloging, and review of relevant documents and websites (see Appendix A).
  - Individual interviews with federal officials, state and city directors of public health preparedness, ASTHO Preparedness Policy Committee Members, and other key informants (see Appendix B).
  - Review of source documents describing ASTHO’s current MCM portfolio (see Appendix C).
  - Participation in meetings and conference calls held by ASTHO’s Directors of Public Health Preparedness Executive Committee and Emergency Medical Countermeasures Steering Committee.
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Key Informant Interviews

Federal Officials

Lisa Kaplowitz, MD, MSHA
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy and Planning, ASPR

Greg Burel
Director, Division of Strategic National Stockpile, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, CDC

George Korch, PhD
Senior Science Advisor, ASPR

Nitin Natarajan
Director, National Security Staff, The White House

Christine Kosmos, RN, BSN, MS
Director, Division of State and Local Readiness, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, CDC

Tim Lant, PhD
Director, Analytic Decision Support, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, ASPR

Brooke Courtney
Regulatory Counsel, Office of Counterterrorism and Emergency Threats, Office of the Commissioner, FDA

Sally Phillips, RN, PhD
Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director, Health Threats Resilience Division, Office of Health Affairs, DHS

Susan Colier-Monarez, PhD
Chief, Threat Characterization and Attribution Branch, Chemical and Biological Defense Division, Science and Technology Directorate, DHS

Keith Holtermann, DrPH
Director of Planning, Response Operations, Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS

Other Officials

Jack Herrmann, MSEd, NCC, LMHC
Senior Advisor and Chief Public Health Preparedness, NACCHO

Bruce Altevogt, PhD
Senior Program Officer, Board on Health Sciences Policy, IOM
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City and State Public Health Preparedness Directors and Health Officers

John Dreyzehner, MD, MPH, FACOEM*
Commissioner of Health, State of Tennessee; Chair, Preparedness Policy Committee

Steve Wagner*
Chief, Division of Prevention and Health Promotion, Ohio Department of Health

Jim Craig*
Director, Health Promotion, Mississippi State Department of Health; Chair, Directors of Public Health Preparedness

Mike Harryman*
Director, Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority

Tim Wiedrich*
Section Chief, Emergency Preparedness and Response, North Dakota Department of Health

Mike Primeau*
Director, Health Emergency Preparedness, New York State Department of Health

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Director, Community Preparedness Section, Division for Regional and Local Health Services, Texas Department of State Health Services

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Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness, Michigan Department of Community Health; Chair-Elect, DPHP

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Director Emergency Preparedness and Response Program, County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health

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PHEMCE Wheel
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**Successes**

- There is significant evidence that the PHEMCE strategy and implementation plan, particularly the federal inter- and intra-agency organizational structure, have been successful in increasing collaboration and alignment among the federal agencies engaged in PHEMCE.

- Examples include:
  - MCMi, the Food and Drug Administration’s initiative to organize around MCM development approval and use.
PHEMCE Organizational Structure

- Work with ASPR to identify a point person to manage PHE’s relationship with PHEMCE.
- Discuss the optimal structure to engage PHE with the Enterprise Executive Committee.
- Identify PHEMCE priority activities that require PHE input.
- Meet with ASPR and DHS to address issues with the PHEMCE requirements setting process.
Executive Order 13527 Identified Strategic Issues

- Work to communicate the federal USPS dispensing model to PHE. (DHS/ASPR/CDC)
- Understand and communicate the federal rapid response plan to PHE. (DHS (FEMA)/ASPR/CDC)
- Identify and advance lessons learned from the first round of “Big City” reviews. (DHS (FEMA)/ASPR/CDC)
- Engage FEMA in the routine assessment of state SNS planning. (DHS and HHS/ASPR/CDC)
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Recommendations

*ASTHO Preparedness Organization Structure and Current MCM Project Portfolio*

- Identify an ASTHO staff member to be the primary PHEMCE liaison.
- Develop clear protocols for gaining the DPHP endorsement of federal guidance.
- Assign the DPHP Executive Committee to vet eMCM projects.
- Assign DPHP Executive Committee members as liaisons to the eMCM Planning Group
- Include a NACCHO representative on the Preparedness Policy Committee.
- Increase collaboration between ASTHO and NACCHO on PHEMCE issues.
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Feedback

- Comments, Concerns, Suggestions