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Utah's Statewide Virtual Ebola TTX



Twelfth Annual DPHP Meeting
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NYC

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Purpose


- Brag a little about our great state
- Introduce concept that turned into one of the most successful exercises we've conducted.

“It's not bragging if you can back it up.”

Muhammad Ali

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What do you know about




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State of Utah

Statistics

- Population 2.5 million
- 29 Counties
- 13 LHDs
- 7 Tribes
- 54 hospitals
- 106 EMS Agencies
- Federal lands
- Urban/Rural



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Excellent Partnerships!











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Effective Partnerships



Statewide Health Improvement Plan
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Principles for a Unified and Effective State and Local Public Health Partnership
- 2013

Partnership Principles




TRUST

Effective Communication



Funding

R-E-S-P-E-C-T
find out what it means to me
R-E-S-P-E-C-T

PH Service Delivery

collaboration


Virtual TTX


**UTAH PREPARED:
EBOLA VIRTUAL TABLETOP EXERCISE
AFTER ACTION REPORT**

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Concept




- Looking for ways to:
 - involve more partners &
 - save money when conducting exercises.
- Learned concept from the FEMA Virtual TTX.
- Excellent buy in from our LHDs.
 - Part of planning process
 - Excitement to participate




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Catalyst




- Utah video conferencing infrastructure
 - Utah Education and Utah Telehealth Networks.
- Connected all the LHDs and several hospitals.
- Also used other connections
 - Teleconference
 - GoToMeeting



Utah Education and Telehealth Network

Video Conference Sites

NEVADA

Utah

COLORADO

Fort Collins

Denver


Grand Junction

Colorado Springs

Pueblo

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VTTX Development & Structure



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Game Day




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Flow of VTTX



Present scenario –rural and urban



Group Discussion



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State Health





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County/LHD Groups





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Exercise Results



- Exercise tested:
 - communication technology
 - preparedness level of each health district
 - understanding the strengths and gaps in state Ebola preparedness plan
- Promoted outreach to local partners



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Strengths



- Successful technology connection of multiple sites.
- Understanding of plans for handling an Ebola patient.
- Clarity of the local, state, and federal roles.
- Reaffirmed strength of local partnerships.

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Areas for Improvement



- Establish a specific communication protocol for notification system.
- Ensure understanding of the plan at all levels.
- Clarify who takes the lead and when.
- Waste management process.
- Transportation needs in rural areas.

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Follow up VTTX



- April 2016 follow up exercise for the initial response actions regarding a Person Under Investigation (PUI).
- Test activation of public health response teams and incident command activities.
- Coordination between LHDs, frontline health facilities and state health to determine need for patient movement and testing.
- Identify additional actions necessary to protect the health and safety of the public and the health care workforce.
- Test public information coordination across multiple jurisdictional levels.

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Thank You!



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