

Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance

Three coalitions working together to increase healthcare resiliency in North Florida
CHAMP ♦ North Central Florida • Northeast Florida
Healthcare Coalitions



Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance Quarterly Membership Meeting December 18, 2024 @ 1:00

The General Membership Meeting of the Region 3 Healthcare Coalition Alliance meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Documents provided to the Alliance Membership:
Agenda, 2024-2025 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by HCC staff. The meeting was facilitated by staff due to the size of meeting attendees across the Coalitions and there were no action items to vote on.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Staff welcomed the Alliance members. Board members from CHAMP, North Central and Northeast HCCs introduced themselves.

II. The Alliance

- a. History of the Alliance: With new members within the Alliance, staff provided an overview of the history of the Healthcare Coalition (HCC) program and the relationship with the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) since 2014. This past July was the start of the new 5-year funding cycle from ASPR; the FDOH will contract with the NEFRC for 1-year, renewable contracts.
- b. Organizational Structure: The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC), based in Jacksonville, Florida is contracted by the Florida Department of Health to manage the HCC program. The Region 3 Alliance is the umbrella organization that aligns the activities of the three coalitions; CHAMP (one county), Northeast Florida HCC (six counties), and North Central Florida HCC (eleven counties). Governance documentation exists to explain the purpose of the Alliance while still preserving each Coalition's identity.

III. Business

- a. Members Only Website Tutorial: Staff demonstrated to meeting attendees how to navigate to the "Members Only" portion of the new website. All registered members can enter their email, and the documents stored within that portion of the website will populate. Documents include the HVA, Regional Supply Chain Assessment, Readiness Assessment, and member contact information.

- b. Review of Deliverables: Staff shared the 3 upcoming deliverables for this January – the Regional Supply Chain Assessment, the Readiness Assessment, and the Hazard Vulnerability Assessment. All documents are available through the website and the HVA was emailed with the meeting packet.
 - i. Regional Supply Chain Assessment – Staff shared there were no major changes to this document. In the upcoming fiscal year(s) there will be more substantial changes. Due to the late start of the contract, the old document was sufficient for this year’s deliverable.
 - ii. Readiness Assessment – Staff shared this is a new requirement from ASPR and DOH, and is a new spreadsheet. The spreadsheet is an administrative function of the HCC program.
 - iii. Hazard Vulnerability Assessment – The HVA is a living document and underwent review and updates by the regional resources and gaps working group. Changes and updates were made to the regional levels of risks and types of risk categories, and additions to the regional gaps based on healthcare system impacts. Staff shared the gaps identified in the HVA are what coincide with the regional projects to fund.
- c. Specialty Working Group on Regional Resources & Gaps: The Regional Resources and Gaps working group began this fiscal year. All members across the three coalitions were invited to participate, and the overall group had representation from each Coalition. The group met virtually twice within the last few months. The group reviewed and updated the HVA, discussed regional mitigation strategies and gaps (i.e., equipment), and began the discussion of both short-term and long-term project ideas. Project ideas will be brought before the Alliance Board in January. Equipment ideas include equipment for evacuation and alternate care sites.
- d. Hospital Assessments: The idea of surveying the acute care hospitals in the region was raised during the working group meetings. Staff sent a hospital equipment survey in December to identify what existing equipment is in the region, and where there are gaps. The intent is to branch out to other facility types in the future. The results of the survey will be captured in January and will also be used as a planning tool for the Alliance Board as they discuss project funding.
- e. *NEW* FHA Funding Opportunity: Staff shared there was a project funding opportunity up to \$100,000 offered through the Florida Hospital Association (FHA). The funding is the same as the previous FHA dollars the Alliance used to purchase infectious disease related equipment for hospitals. The application was put in for the full amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of PVC medical sleds. If awarded, staff will survey the hospitals in the region to distribute the equipment.

IV. Training and Exercise

- a. Virtual Tabletop Exercise Opportunities: Staff shared the virtual tabletop exercise series will launch in January. These exercises are beneficial and can be used to meet facility’s CMS ‘Exercise of Choice’ requirement. As a reminder, each scenario is offered two times. The exercise flyer and registration information will be sent in January.
 - i. Active Threat Scenario

1. January 30 & February 4
 - ii. Evacuation Scenario
 1. March 19* & March 25
 - iii. Loss of Water
 1. April 28 & May 6
- b. BOLDPlanning Workshops: Staff shared more BOLDPlanning workshops will be scheduled for both the Statewide and Region 3 Coalition in the new year.
 - c. CDP Virtual Training Offerings: Staff shared the upcoming virtual training opportunities offered to anyone in Florida through the Center for Domestic Preparedness. Trainings include: Patient Management: Receiving a Highly Infectious Disease Patient, and Patient Management: Management of a Highly Infectious Disease Patient in a Healthcare Facility. The flyer with more course information and registration links is attached to the minutes.
 - d. Medical Response & Surge Exercise (MRSE): The Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) is an annual requirement and is designed to test the region's capability and capacity to manage and support a surge of patients equal to at least 10% of their licensed general medical/surgical bed capacity. The exercise will be held in the Northeast region this fiscal year. Planning meetings will start in March, and the exercise will take place in May of 2025.

V. Discipline & Member Reports

Hospitals

- Mark Cromer with HCA Florida North Florida Hospital shared their facility has a new free-standing ED in Gainesville. There is current construction underway to make it a hospital. It will start with 90 beds and expand to 300 beds within the next few years. Shared they provided assistance during the hurricanes with taking in patients from south Florida. Reported their hospital is currently at patient surge.
- Rich Ward with HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital shared HCA as a whole has a big push for workplace violence initiatives. This will include new standards like metal detectors in the ER, additional staffing throughout the facility, etc.
- Dave Chapman with Ascension St. Vincent's Southside shared Southside had their Joint Commission survey last week. Shared the surveyor was very interested in their HVA process (i.e., tools used [Kaiser, RISC, etc.]). Overall, the surveyors spent a lot of time with the EM portion on the survey than previous surveys.

Public Health

- Sonny Rodgers with DOH-Clay shared they currently have nurse refresh training underway with the Regional Special Needs Consultant, with about 40 students. Reported they will be attending the BPR workshop in January, FEPA, and MGT-319 in Duval. Following their approval for their special project funding with BPR, they will have a surplus of concentrators which are about 6-8 years old and at 96-97% O2 meter. They will first share the available concentrators to public health partners, and then

other disciplines as available. This applies to the excess cots they will have. Shared upcoming activities include tabletop exercises on disease control and special needs sheltering, working with the school district for back-to-school immunizations, and conducting emergency preparedness training with ALFs and other community partners.

- Katie Jones with DOH-Duval shared they are mainly focusing on planning for hurricane training and hosting MGT-319 in January. Shared they will be attending the BPR workshop in January. DOH-Duval was also awarded funding through BPR's special projects, and they will be purchasing nursing kits for activations.
- Jaffy Lee with DOH-Flagler shared they continue to work on training and will plan to attend MGT-319 and FEPA. Shared DOH-Flagler also received special project funding, and they will be using it to conduct POD training and exercise.

EMS – Nothing to report.

Emergency Management

- Francine Vincent with Alachua County Emergency Management shared the EM program with FDEM and in partnership with the University of Florida just launched a new radio communications platform. This broadcast system will be able to reach people during emergencies when cell towers, internet, and other modes of communications go down. Emergency alerts from local and state jurisdictions will be shared through this platform. Additionally, they are planning a cybersecurity class on January 22, and it will be posted to SERT TRAC and they are pushing to get social media/public messaging class or PIO class offered in Alachua.

Home Health – Nothing to report.

Long-Term Care

- Jerry Lynn Daniels with Senior Living at the Greens shared she will work on connecting with the other long-term care facilities in the area to connect and garner more participation from the discipline at HCC meetings.

VI. **Adjourn**

Next Alliance Meeting:

March 19, 2025 @ 1:00 PM

Virtual Only – Virtual Tabletop Exercise

CDP Virtual Training Opportunities

Florida Healthcare Coalition

September 2024-February 2025

- You **must** have a FEMA SID before applying for a course.
 - To register for a FEMA SID number, go to: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID> and click “Register for FEMA SID” or “Forgot FEMA SID”
 - If you encounter any issues, please contact the FEMA SID help desk at: femasidhelp@cdpemail.dhs.gov
- Registering for a FEMA SID number **does not** register you for a class
- All students **must** register using the links below
 - If you encounter any problems registering, please contact VILT Support at: VILTSupport@cdpemail.dhs.gov

Healthcare Facility Patient Evacuation Planning and Preparedness (HCV12)

The Healthcare Facility Patient Evacuation Planning and Preparedness virtual healthcare topic imparts knowledge and lessons learned in the planning and execution of evacuating a healthcare facility in preparation for, during, or after a disaster or emergency to class participants. Students review essential components of an evacuation plan from conducting a hazard vulnerability assessment through recovery and repatriation of the facility with real world examples. Students leave the course with the knowledge to evaluate and revise their facility’s evacuation plan.

Date	Time	Class Name	Link
September 17, 2024	10:00 AM-12:00 PM EST	24NV-1045 HCV12	Click Here to Apply

Hospital Incident Command System (HCV7)

Introduction to the National Incident Management System and the National Response Framework. Explores the Hospital Incident Command System as a methodology for effectively applying the incident command system in a healthcare environment. The Hospital Incident Command System is discussed as it pertains to improving emergency management planning, response, and recovery capabilities for both planned and unplanned health and medical emergencies.

Date	Time	Promo Code	Link
October 10, 2024	1:00 PM-3:00 PM EST	25NV-0232 HCV7	Click Here to Apply

Healthcare Facility Emergency Management Program (HCV6)

Addresses the nine steps for the effective creation of a comprehensive healthcare facility emergency management program. Discusses considerations and procedures for designating an emergency program manager, establishing an emergency management committee, developing an all-hazards emergency operations plan, conducting, and maintaining a hazard vulnerability analysis, developing incident specific guidance or planning guides, coordinating with external entities, preparing individuals and teams through training, exercising the emergency operations plan, and conducting program review and evaluation and planning for improvement.

Date	Time	Promo Code	Link
November 5, 2024	1:00 PM-4:00 PM EST	25NV-0233 HCV6	Click Here to Apply

“Training the Best for the Worst”

Autism Awareness for Emergency Services (OLS-V19)

Discussing the behavioral complications of autistic adults and children. Identifying some of the subtle signs typically associated with autistic individuals, hazards associated with autistic individuals in a stressful emergency, calming techniques, dangers autistic individuals may put themselves, the public and responders into, recommendations for police and fire departments to better understand autism and the autistic individuals in their communities.

Date	Time	Promo Code	Link
December 5, 2024	10:00 AM-11:00 AM EST	25NV-0234 OLS-V19	Click Here to Apply

Patient Management: Receiving a Highly Infectious Disease Patient (HIDV3)

A discussion of infectious disease patient management processes for effectively receiving patients who are self-presenting, transported by EMS, or transferred from a community health provider.

Date	Time	Promo Code	Link
January 14, 2025	10:00 AM-11:45 AM EST	25NV-0235 HIDV3	Click Here to Apply

Patient Management: Management of a Highly Infectious Disease Patient in a Healthcare Facility (HIDV4)

A discussion of the critical processes, procedures, and considerations for safely managing a highly infectious disease patient in a healthcare facility.

Date	Time	Promo Code	Link
February 6, 2025	1:00 PM-4:00 PM EST	25NV-0236 HIDV4	Click Here to Apply