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# 2019 Health Emergency Preparedness Conference

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January 9 & 10, 2019

Stevens Point Holiday Inn and Convention Center

State of Wisconsin, Division of Public Health

Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC)

### January 9, 2019 Pre-Conference Session Agenda

Time	Session	
1:00pm-5:00pm	Pre-Conference sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training and Exercise Planning Workshop, Svea Erlandson, OPEHC</li><li>• Intro to Preparedness, Joe Cordova and Maggie Thelen, OPEHC</li><li>• Strategies to Strengthen Team Resilience, National Ebola Training and Education Center staff</li></ul>
6:00pm-8:00pm	Networking	

### January 10, 2019 Conference Agenda

Time	Session	Information
7:45am-8:30am	Conference Check-in	
8:30am-9:45am	Welcome Keynote: Lessons Learned	National Ebola Training and Education Center
9:45am-10:15am	Current State of Preparedness	Jeff Phillips, OPEHC
10:15am-10:30am	Break	
10:30am-11:45am	Breakout sessions	Various presenters
11:45am-12:45pm	Lunch	
12:45-2:00pm	Multi-state Ebola Exercise	Svea Erlandson, OPEHC
2:00pm-2:15pm	Break	
2:15pm-3:30pm	Breakout sessions	Various presenters
3:40pm-4:00pm	Closing remarks	Dave Rozell, OPEHC

# 2019 HEP CONFERENCE SESSIONS

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## Pre-Conference Sessions

### **Training and Exercise Planning Workshop, led by Svea Erlandson, WI Department of Health Services, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC)**

The Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) will be a collaborative environment for local public health emergency preparedness coordinators, healthcare emergency readiness coalition coordinators, and OPEHC staff to engage in a forum to discuss and coordinate training and exercise activities across the state.

This time will be used to share regional priorities, plan a schedule of training and exercises to meet these priorities, and roll out training and exercise program improvements for the New Year. This session will support the development of OPEHC's Multi Year Training and Exercise Plan.

For more information, contact Svea Erlandson at [Charlotte.erlandson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Charlotte.erlandson@wisconsin.gov).

### **Strategies to Strengthen Team Resilience, led by the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC)**

This session, led by NETEC will:

- Describe the emotional stressors caregivers face.
- Provide tools and strategies to address stressors during team preparedness.
- Assist in preparing for media and social media exchanges.
- Help develop a plan for transitioning post activation.

### **Introduction to Preparedness, led by the WI Department of Health Services, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care**

Staff from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health's Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care will provide an overview of health emergency preparedness.

Public health and hospital preparedness has been funded by the federal government for 17 years. Through the years there have been many changes from Focus Areas to the new Capabilities. This session will provide a historical perspective of where preparedness started and where it's going. This session covers some of the main concepts of health preparedness and provides an overview of preparedness grants, and preparedness information technology systems.

At the end of this session, attendees will be able to:

- Recognize the roles of the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care
- Identify the roles and responsibilities of state agencies in preparedness and response
- Describe legal authorities for public health to act
- Explain preparedness grant funding and deliverables

## Keynote Speakers

### **A discussion on the experiences and lessons learned from Georgia, Nebraska, and New York in the care of patients with Ebola Virus**

National Ebola Training and Education Center

The mission of the National Ebola Training and Education Center is to increase the capability of United States public health and health care systems to safely and effectively manage individuals with suspected and confirmed special pathogens. It is comprised of faculty and staff from Emory University, the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Nebraska Medicine and the New York Health and Hospitals Corporation, Bellevue Hospital Center. All three of these health care institutions have safely and successfully treated patients with Ebola and have worked diligently to share their knowledge with other health care facilities and public health jurisdictions.

This session will focus on the experiences and lessons learned from Georgia, Nebraska, and New York, as they treated patients with Ebola Virus.

### **Multi-state Ebola Exercise**

Svea Erlandson, WI Department of Health Services, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care

In October 2018, St. Mary's Hospital, Baraboo EMS, and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health joined partner agencies in Wisconsin and Minnesota to participate in a first of its kind multi-state Ebola exercise. During the exercise, a live patient was transported in isolation from Madison, WI to the regional Ebola treatment center in Minneapolis, MN. This session will discuss the exercise and the lessons learned.

## Breakout sessions

### **Mobile infectious disease team: a collaborative approach**

Tracy Froiland, FVHERC

Is your healthcare agency ready for the return of the next emerging infectious disease emergency? Keeping staff and providers current and competent in high risk Donning and Doffing procedure seems to be an impossible task, so why not take an outside of the box and collaborate regional approach, train and respond as a multidisciplinary, multiagency team to improve outcomes, safety and patient satisfaction. This new and innovative approach is a demonstration and pilot of this approach.

### **Bleeding Control Training Using Multiple Approaches to Enhance Community Preparedness and Resilience by Educating Medical, Non-Medical, Government, Community, and Vulnerable Populations**

Ashley Haas, Public Health Nurse – Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Greendale Health Department

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. No matter how rapid the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will most likely be first on the scene. A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes, therefore it is important to quickly stop the bleeding. The "Stop the Bleed" campaign began from a federal interagency workgroup. The purpose of the campaign is to build resilience by better preparing the public to save lives with bleeding control measures. These measures may be implemented following everyday emergencies and man-made or natural disasters. In this session, participants will learn how control life threatening bleeding, identify ways to engage and enable their community to develop a culture of resiliency and preparedness, and implement a bleeding control program in their own community.

### **Modified Incident Command: The Scalable Response**

Lisa Hass-Peters, RN, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Froedtert Hospital

Once an incident has occurred, a full Incident Command is not always warranted. Modified Incident Command is a scalable approach for an incident response. A key group of dedicated leaders from specific areas are trained to provide standardized, effective, and coordinated management response for the organization that it can address an interruption in operations and/or emergent situation. Modified Incident Command is used only for small scale, low operations impact freeing up other leadership.

### **Disaster Strikes in Dodge County**

Brittany Rasmussen, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Amanda Mersch, Public Health Nurse

In March of 2018 in Beaver Dam, there was a fatal explosion in a 16 unit apartment building that ended in complete thermal destruction of the building. It was first thought to be a meth lab gone wrong and Public Health was activated, however it was later determined that homemade explosives were the cause. Public Health played a major role opening up a Family Assistance Center, helping with evacuations and air quality monitoring. In this presentation, we will discuss Dodge County Public Health's response, lessons learned and how we are changing our plans.

## **Finding Common Ground: Public Health & Healthcare Working Together to Improve Community Health and Preparedness**

Allison Gosbin, Public Health Nurse and Kelli Engen, Health Officer

This presentation will share how one local county is collaborating on the current CDC high-priority areas of preventing and controlling healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and emerging infectious diseases. The presentation will give the history of Eau Claire County's HAI Coalition, which began when two local hospitals approached the health department about their concerns of increasing *C. difficile* rates. The coalition has focused on relationship building and using those relationships to reduce and prevent communicable disease in Eau Claire County as well as prepare for potential HAI outbreaks and emerging infectious diseases. The coalition works to recruit individuals in many different roles, many of whom don't typically serve on community coalitions. The group has found that this has been one of the most successful ways of pushing this complicated work forward. All players have brought valuable and unique knowledge and perspectives to the table, some of which will be shared in this presentation.

## **Route 91 Harvest Music Festival Shooting Peer Assessment and Crisis Standards of Care**

Michelle Seitz, State Health Emergency Preparedness Planner, and Doug Hill, Program Manager

Through the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials' (ASTHO) Peer Assessment program, Michelle Seitz traveled to Las Vegas with other colleagues from around the country to learn about the Route 91 Music Festival mass shooting response. In the first part of this session, Michelle will discuss the resulting ASTHO report and its findings, as well as the most significant take-aways for Wisconsin.

Repeated events like those in Las Vegas have shown that a major challenge facing the health care system is how to respond when faced with sudden, dramatic, increased demand for care and resources. This topic is often referred to as "crisis standards of care." Doug Hill will use the second part of this session to provide an overview of efforts other states have used to tackle this issue and an introduction to a new initiative in 2019 to discuss what Wisconsin can do to advance its readiness.

## **Hepatitis A: Outbreaks and Interventions**

Susann Ahrabi-Fard, Communicable Disease Epidemiologist, Wisconsin Division of Public Health

This session will explore the increasing outbreaks of Hepatitis A nationwide, and the interventions that can be implemented by public health and health care agencies to combat increasing numbers. Although Wisconsin has not yet had an outbreak, staff from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Bureau of Communicable Disease will talk about the use of vaccines in-state, as well as what actions the Department is supporting to take a preventative approach to this disease.

## **Healthcare Ready**

Sarah Baker, MPP, Programs Director – Healthcare Ready

Healthcare Ready is a national-level information sharing and analysis center. It leverages unique relationships with government, nonprofit and medical supply chains to build and enhance the resiliency of communities before, during and after disasters. This session will explore how Healthcare Ready, with over 11 years of experience partnering with private and public sector, and as an independent non-profit positioned between them, helps ready the US healthcare system to protect continuity of care.