

Central Iowa Coordinated Response Coalition (CICRC) Exercise Overview March 2nd, March 30th, April 19th, & May 4, 2016

Overview:

The CICRC (Adair, Dallas, Guthrie, Madison, Polk, & Warren Counties) in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services (BETS) will be hosting and conducting a multi-module exercise beginning on Wednesday March 2, 2016. The purpose of this exercise is to provide an opportunity for participating local Health Care Coalitions (HCC) to meet performance measures outlined in the Healthcare and Public Health Preparedness capabilities and as well as the qualifying exercise requirements. Throughout the exercise all participating HCC will receive information regarding the exercise scenario. Exercise scenario information will be managed by BETS and will be provided to players via the Health Alert Network (HAN).

Overall Exercise Goal:

The HCC will follow its governance structure and established plans to participate in a series of exercises that test the HCC's abilities to: establish exercise goals, identify information and communications plans, have formal documents in place, have identified essential assets and services, have an established process to request and receive medical counter measures, and to have medical surge plans.

Wednesday March 2, 2016 – Tabletop (local location):

Participating HCC will receive information via the HAN throughout the day (at a minimum of 2 times) concerning a potential public health situation. Each HCC should review the information and respond according to the provided information and local response plans. Along with the exercise scenario information there will be accompanying questions or situations with each module that the HCC should discuss with their coalition members and response partners as needed and document their response to each question or situation. Some questions may be repeated throughout the exercise as the response may or may not change based on the most current information.

Note: Documented responses to the questions and/or situations from March 2nd should be brought to the March 30th portion of the exercise.

Wednesday March 30, 2016 – Tabletop (Des Moines location):

Participating HCC members will meet at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center at the Iowa Event Center in Des Moines for continued discussion of the exercise scenario. HCC members will be seated together by coalition to allow for local discussions. A review of the scenario information, questions, and situations from the March 2nd portion of the exercise will be conducted. The scenario will then continue with additional information, questions and situations provided to the participants for discussion and response.

Tuesday April 19, 2016 – Functional (local location):

Building upon the scenario information provided during the March 2nd & 30th portions of the exercise, additional information will be provided to the participating HCC members via the HAN. This information will require the development of specific products identified in each message by the HCC.

Note: Completion of all requested products will be necessary in order to meet the Qualifying Exercise requirements.

Wednesday May 4, 2016 – Full-Scale (Des Moines location):

HCC members will assemble in Des Moines at a warehouse location (to be identified later) to participate and observe how medical assets from state or federal partners could arrive at a designed site within the HCC. Participants will have the ability to off-load, stage, inventory, allocate, and prepare received assets for sub-distribution.

Note: Participants should come dressed in such a fashion to work in a warehouse environment (e.g. no open toed footwear, long pants, work gloves, etc.)

Additional Information:

Each HCC that will use this exercise to meet the Qualifying Exercise requirements will need to submit a completed AAR to John Hallman via email no later than 60 days (June 18, 2016) following the April 19, 2016 portion of the exercise.

All other AARs documenting completion of capabilities on the Capability Implementation Checklist should be completed no later than 60 days (July 3, 2016) following the May 4, 2016 portion of the exercise.

If you need additional details or if your coalition wishes to participate in this exercise please notify your Coalition Coordinator no later than Thursday December 31, 2015.

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