

Public Health's role in

**Solutioning disaster
response activities to
support functional needs
POPULATIONS**



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The Beginning

Our Mission...

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This **interactive-dependent** seminar will **examine** the **tools, methods, and strategies** necessary to ensure equal access and delivery of services to people with disabilities in **all phases** of emergency management are met.

Objectives

You will be able to:

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- Briefly **describe** the challenges of identifying functional needs populations in communities.
- **Discuss** pinch points with public health in addressing equal access for functional needs during a time of disaster.
- **Solution** **immediately executable** emergency management activities to support functional needs populations.

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Who?

Identify Stakeholders

5 Broad categories

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- Communication
- Maintaining Health
- Independence
- Support and Safety
- Transportation

COIN Membership

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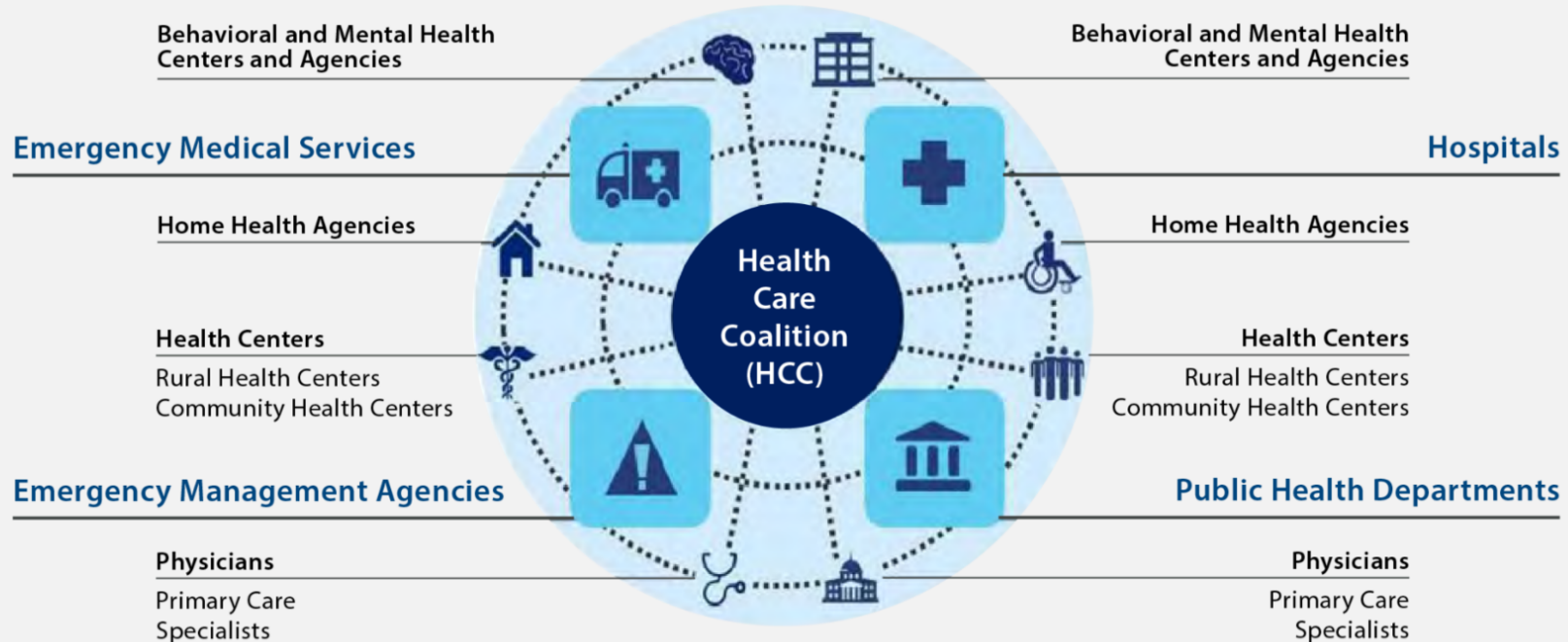
Community Outreach Information Network:

- Local government (*don't forget about public works, water, & utilities*)
- First responders (*law enforcement, fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS)*)
- State and local emergency management offices
- Community organizations
- Churches and religious organizations
- Social services
- Healthcare coalitions
- Public health agencies; and
- Other relevant partners.



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HVA

Locate Stakeholders!

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- Conduct hazard risk/vulnerability assessment
- Develop Community Outreach Information Network (COIN)
- Define at-risk populations
- Locate at-risk populations
- Reach at-risk populations

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Teamwork

Establish expectations

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- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
- Mutual Aid Agreements (MAA)
- Disaster-Specific MOUs:

Use MOUs as a way to clarify roles and solidify a partnership. They are not meant to exclude any partners.

Considerations

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- Shelter operations
- Medication planning
- Transportation procedures
- Evacuation/transfer procedures
- Sheltering in place
- Sustain utilities
- Messaging and notifications
- Political pressures/challenges
- Recovery/financial assistance
- Rebuilding/Return to normalcy

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Exercise for success

Test, Update, Maintain

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- **Most challenging** - maintaining accurate data
- **Most changing** - direct personnel
- **Most labor** - assessing each facility/home/group for operationally functional plan/procedure
- **Most difficult** - maintaining sense of importance for preparedness activities (e.g. involvement in exercises, attending mtgs, etc.)

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Success

Its Predictable!

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Success is not a random act. It arises out of a predictable and powerful set of circumstances and opportunities.

-Malcolm Gladwell

ANY
QUESTIONS



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