

BLUEGRASS HEALTHCARE COALITION MEETING

FEBRUARY 22ND, 2024

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No follow-up actions from previous meeting Minutes approved without changes or questions 	
Grant Application Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave has been providing Lauren Neustaedter necessary data for various grant applications. Lauren is currently submitting grants to the Kroger Foundation, NiSource Charitable Foundation, and the Gary Sinise Foundation. Additional grant opportunities are being explored and more updates will be provided soon. 	
Coalition App Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BGHCC branded app that has been in development is almost ready for use. The base template has been created and Patrick Parker (app developer) will be doing training with Dave and JT on using the app to better understand the various elements and functionality, as well as to improve the overall look to align with our branding. Investigating the best method for adding users to the app to have increased control over who has access while also trying to ensure the on-boarding process is relatively easy. 	
HPP Notice of Funding Opportunity – Next 5 Year Cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still waiting to receive our Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from ASPR. Dave has been participating on an advisory committee regarding the NOFO along with one of our HPP partners in the West, BJ Newbury. It's not known yet what the funding will be, though it is likely there will be neither a decrease or increase and funds will remain relatively static for the coming budget period. However, as mentioned in the previous meeting, the HPP “capabilities” that guide each fiscal year’s required deliverables will probably be more generalized during the next cycle, thus allowing for more flexibility in achieving those deliverables and how the funding can and will be spent. 	
CBRNE Exercise Report-Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed the CBRNE TTX at UK’s EOC on Feb. 15th. We had pretty good attendance and the interdisciplinary mix of participants worked well to identify each agencies’ strengths and weaknesses related to the TTX scenario – an explosion resulting in the release of chemical agent. Some of the strengths identified included increased capability to respond to a chemical incident for CSEPP counties due to regular exercising decon.; having an all-hazards IMT available to respond; having a better understanding of each agencies’ role, responsibility, capabilities, and procedures in this type of event; and improved HICS capability following COVID-19 and other responses. Gaps identified included inadequate patient-tracking experience with ReadyOp; concerns regarding post-CSEPP exercise options; a lack of telecommunicator involvement in exercises; technology vulnerability in communication systems; belongings/personal item tracking; and a lack of understanding the “when” of hand-off of responsibility. 	

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KDPH and BGHCC DEAL Day at EKU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEAL Day – Discover, Experience, Apply, Learn – was held at EKU on Feb. 27th. Students from various health occupation degree paths – Epi, Nursing, Public Health, etc. – attended and were involved in an investigation regarding a Hep A outbreak. • Dave and JT were asked to give a presentation on how KDPH might be involved during this type of scenario. We setup a Zumro tent and demonstrated how it might be used as possibly a vaccination POD, a testing site, or (less likely) as an alternate care site to relieve the burden of hospital surge. The students really enjoyed seeing the tent and had fun with Dave’s animated and engaging discussion! 	
Trainings/Exercises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triage Tuesday – First Tuesday of each month – Next dates are Mar. 5th and Apr. 2nd • Statewide Tornado Drill – Mar. 6th • NDMS Bed Reporting Exercise – Mar. 14th • Disaster Preparedness Training 101 – Finding a new date. More details to come. • Medical Response Surge Exercise – May 16th 	
Senior Living Communities Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting on Mar. 12th at Sayre Christian Village from 9:00-10:30am 	
RPC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LHDs are working on Q3 deliverables, one of which is reviewing last fiscal year’s AARs and reporting on the status of the Improvement Plans. Discussed the nationwide cell phone outage this morning and stressed the importance of getting back to basics of educating staff and the public to have disaster family plans, communication plans, and emergency kits ready. Cyber-attacks and possible communication disruption will likely continue this year since it’s an election year. HSEEP will be taught March 11-12 in Somerset and there are several opportunities coming up in April for ICS classes at UK. 	
MRC Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates at this time 	
NDMS Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NDMS Bed Reporting Exercise – Mar. 14th. Elliott reminded Coalition members to update their bed numbers when Dave sends out the notification message. This will enable our NDMS partners to have the most up-to-date data possible. • NDMS Full Scale Exercise (FSE) – June 28th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March 2024 – Mid Planning Conference and TTX – Elliott will work with JT and Dave on a firm date for this meeting. ○ April 2024 – Steering Committee meeting with hospitals after HCC meeting. Elliott needs to know firm decision from community partners about willingness to play and extent of play. ○ Final TTX will take place in June 2024 approximately 1 week before FSE. More information will be shared in the April briefing. 	

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Epi Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lexington-Fayette County: Seeing an uptick in Influenza, with most of the cases being subtyped to influenza A. We had seen a peak in cases near the end of 2023, but it seems we will see another peak, fueled by influenza A before the season is over. Normally, influenza A cases would peak in January or February and Influenza B cases peak in March or April, but this season is turning out to be unique. Covid cases are steady right now, but at a low number; there are even more flu cases than Covid cases each week. Also seeing an uptick in the amount of invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) currently. IPD is caused by a bacteria called Streptococcal pneumoniae and causes pneumonia, although it can be found in the blood of the patient. We don't know the cause for this uptick currently. 	
Next Coalition Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr. 25th at Lexington-Fayette Co. HD – 650 Newtown Pike 	

ATTENDEES

Elliott House	Sandy Darling	Aaron Foley	Tonya Watkins	Kim Thieneman	Lauren Sword
Candie McMaine	Hollie Sands	Shaun Caldwell	Marti Burton	Matt Simpson	Jacob Cook
Rudrani Ghosh	Maria Church	Amanda Coomer	Bethely Morton	Mia Williams	Gene Thomas
Ashley Powell	Mary Rose Bauer	Ralph McCracken	Amber Burkhart	Jenny Bardroff	John Townes
Dave Carney	Kim Yazell	Skip Castleman	Rebecca Lynn	Chuck O'Neal	Taylor Roundtree
Reshae Donovan	Jessica Cobb	Lindsay Ames	Merl Baldwin	Keri Noe	JT Moore
Kala Adams	Ashley Brookshire	Michael Fielden	Shane Bussell		