



TDC4CFR Conference Call: April 19, 2018

Welcome and review of last month's call on 3/22/18

Roll call

AI: Denise Riemer, Acquanetta Knight

FL: John Lanza

MS: Michael Gilliam, Jackie Chatmon, Randy Foster

LA: Rick Costa, Tony Speier, Kira Barker, Tim Craft, Garcia Bodley

TX: Dee Harrison, Chance Freeman, Marisa Nowitz (representing Julie Kaplow), Nova Evans

NCTSN: Kristine Louie, Melissa Brymer

Review from last month's call

- Received website about the Dart Center from Melissa Brymer.
- Tony Speier provided update from subcommittee call. Will be scheduling call soon.
- Danny Patterson gave presentation regarding faith-based and non-profit organizations
- Howard and Joy Osofsky provided update on developing NE coalition.

Noteworthy current events/state updates from members of the Gulf Coast Coalition and/or NCTSN Mississippi:

Randy Foster, Director, Mississippi Office of Mental Health, Office of Incident Management: Provided update regarding Tornado/storm (EF2) damage in some areas of the state, specifically in Lauderdale county. MEMA (Mississippi Emergency Management Agency) was partially activated in response.

- WebEOC is a central hub for information and the way resources are requested. Lauderdale can put in a request for mental health services. It alerts relevant groups in the system. It is a good way of alerting and keeping record of needs. You can also keep a log of needed inventory.
- Group discussion about WebEOC. WebEOC does not go across state lines, E-MAC is able to cross state lines (**Dee Harrison**, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Manager of Disaster Behavioral Health Services). MEMA would make the request for help to outside of the state for services (**Michael Gilliam**, Mississippi Dept. of Child Protection Services, Facility Operations Director).

Information to coalition related to discussion above:

WebEOC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfyuwV5ZkCk>

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC): <https://www.emacweb.org/>

The Immediate Response Information System (IRIS):

<https://rtl.preptoolkit.fema.gov/Public/Home/LinksTools>

Rick Costa (LSUHSC TDC4): Have kids been impacted related to MH?

Randy Foster: The difficulty for us is getting the information about specific kids being impacted and need services, but we are mindful of not overstepping. We often have to give reminders that we are here for mental health needs, make sure we are included. We have been working to get mental health into each of the response plans, to make sure that mental health is on the checklist with responders.

Michael Gilliam: Have you all developed a support mental health plan to go with the comprehensive emergency management plan? (Randy- it would be a great idea to come up with a step-by-step or guide) The schools may not be calling on mental health, but it would be better if it was an automatic part of the response/recovery effort).

Jackie Chatmon (Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Child and Youth Division Program Administrator):

- The Mississippi Trauma Informed Care Conference “From Knowledge to Skill Practice” will take place September 18-21, 2018 at the Jackson Convention Complex. This is the 5th trauma-informed care conference Over 500 participants every year attend the conference in Mississippi. We have a first responders track on the first day. Jackie will provide more information about workshops as soon as they have made the final selections. For more information: <https://2018mstraumainformedcareconference.weebly.com/>
- Update children and youth services- At one point we had a trauma-informed workgroup is to provide a blueprint for the state. We know people are doing things in silos, but they are not well-connected to other community and state-level groups. We are trying to get a list of these trauma-informed therapists so we can make a list of resources.

CJ Caufield (President of the Mississippi Crisis Response Network)

- E-mail update: If anyone is interested in attending the Mississippi Crisis Response Network meeting on April 28, 2018, please RSVP: https://mscrisis.org/membership?mc_cid=f02616c7e3&mc_eid=9aac094732

Alabama Updates:

Acquanetta Knight, Director, Alabama Department of Behavioral Health: noted Alabama also experienced tornados on 3/19/18 and officials remain in standby-mode to assist as needed.

Rick Costa, LSUHSC TDC4: Reminded coalition about goal of providing help to children and families. Discussed NCTSN information and *Help Kids Cope App*. (Flyer attached to e-mail)

Help Kids Cope App (**Melissa Brymer**, NCTSN): App was created after the 2011 EF5 Joplin, Missouri tornado. Information can be shared with caregivers, responders, and school personnel. Link to the the application is: <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/help-kids-cope>

Denise Riemer (Mobile County Public Schools, Homeless Education Social Worker):

- May is Trauma Awareness month, so we are wanting to focus on providing training on trauma-informed care for schools, parents, and the community. Currently focusing r efforts on getting services in the schools and e-learning on active shooting scenarios so we can train safety.

Sherrie Graham (Alabama Mental Wellness Coalition):

- Rick Costa provided her update. She provided some websites and flyers related to trainings. Of particular relevance is an upcoming training on creating trauma-informed networks to be presented at the 6/21/18 South Alabama Mental Wellness Conference <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/south-alabama-mental-wellness-coalition-amp-conference-series-12722261775>).

Florida Updates:

Missy Lee (Florida Department of Children and Family Services, Program Director for Substance Abuse and Mental Health).

- E-mail update: “Regarding the event in Parkland, I know that the Managing Entity in that region was a part of dedicating staff from the providers to the schools. The state of Florida is working on a better collaborative between LE and the mental health providers as well as community leaders. At DCF, the secretary’s office has tasked each local region with making sure that each county sheriff is aware of community meetings that they can be a part of in order to build better relationships, bridging any gaps between LEO’s and providers.”

Texas Updates:

Chance Freeman (Director, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Harvey Crisis Counseling Program- Dr. Brymer and her team is doing training here on Psychological First Aid

NCTSN Updates:

Melissa Brymer: In addition to PFA trainings in Texas, The Medical University of South Carolina is doing trainings for the Department of Education in Puerto Rico on Skills for Psychological Recovery. (SPR).

Website for more information on SPR: <https://www.nctsn.org/treatments-and-practices/psychological-first-aid-and-skills-for-psychological-recovery/about-spr>

Louisiana Updates:

Tonya Hansel, LSUHSC TDC4:

- We will be passing around a survey link to everyone in the coalition that will build on many of the themes that we found in the focus group that we did in the meetings in July and August in a more quantitative way. We will also be including some information about PFA for schools. If you can think of other people that could provide additional information on coalitions, community needs, and/or needed trainings, please pass along the survey to them. It should take about 10 minutes. We also have a section on community needs, but also there is a way for people to bypass questions that may not be relevant to them.

Brief discussion on upcoming Hurricane Season (Tony Speier):

Melissa Brymer: NCTSN is organizing a webinar series with three webinars: 1. Helping local communities network with disaster agencies ahead of time. 2. National resources that are available after critical incidents. 3. Activities/services that can be implemented in the longer term after a critical incident and make these efforts sustainable.

Tony Speier: Dee Harrison sent us the Texas plan as to how they are dealing with Harvey and FEMA’s strategic plan. It builds on resilient communities. This is something we will talk more about it- how do we shape this information so it is palatable to others. If you would be interested on working on this endeavor, please send me an e-mail.

Next meeting date:

May 24, 2018 at 12:00pm Central/1:00pm Eastern

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