



TDC4CFR Conference Call: January 18, 2017

Discussion of work plan and direction of the coalition for 2018 project year

LSUHSC/TDC4: Drs. Howard and Joy Osofsky

- Important to focus on recommendations/lessons learned from the experiences this year with disasters.
- Also, what lessons would be helpful for us to consider as we expand the coalition to other geographic areas in the country?

Dee Harrison, Manager, Disaster Behavioral Health Services, Texas Health and Human Services

- Discussed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Implementation Objectives (Documents are attached to the e-mail with these notes). The document is open for public comment until February 5, 2018.
- One lesson learned with Harvey is that there is greater interest in the initial mobilizing operation immediately following the disaster compared to the things needed for long-term recovery. There are places in Texas that are just starting to put their long-term recovery committees in place.
- The US Public Health Services conducted the initial landscape recovery assessment- They spoke to local emergency responders, elected officials, schools officials, etc., in the 13 most impacted areas of Texas. They used more of a national recovery framework in conducting the preliminary assessment.

Kathleen Hubbard, Program Specialist, Texas Health and Human Services Commission

- Question from Marisol Acosta: Can we do a series of webinars on the landscape assessments, referrals, identification of high-risk groups, etc., for people in Texas?

Howard Osofsky

- Maybe we can do webinars or some papers on building during this phase and preparations that are needed?

Dee Harrison

- Highlighted the need to make some "just in time" types of training: Workers may start at different points of the response. Additionally, there is a need to provide training ahead of time. Some of the SAMHSA trainings are only available when the disaster happens. Different workers will have different needs.
- Other things to consider- People answering phone lines were not prepared for the types of call coming into the call centers (e.g., people with suicide ideation).

Coalition discussion on "Just in time" trainings

Dee Harrison:

- Maybe having shorter podcasts for the "Just in time" trainings and longer webinars for other types of training.

Jenny Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director, University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Behavioral Health and Resiliency Center:

- Reiterated the coalition's focus on children and families and how the calls have reflected how crucial it is for schools to understand their response. The coalition may need to develop information for schools on developing response. (Dee Harrison agreed with this point and also suggested CJ Huff as a potential contact).

Rosaura Orengo-Aguayo, Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina, National Crime victims Research and Treatment Center:

- Lessons learned from recovery in Puerto Rico- Responders want to have a road map from the experts. Having "Just in time" training for the variety of school officials- Targeting administration, teachers, etc.

Melissa Brymer

- Discussed NCTSN working with Dr. Rick Costa at LSUHSC on standardizing Psychological First-Aid for schools, specifically targeting the different roles within the school system (administrators, teachers, nurses, etc.) This seems to be in line with the discussion of targeting trainings for specific types of responders at school.

Howard Osofsky:

- Highlighted the need for a committee on long-term response as well.

Danny Patterson, Coalition Coordinator, Gulf States Health Policy Center:

- Highlighted the lack of help/support and long-term strategies for community organizations and churches. Trainings are not largely available for this group.
- Focus on non-governmental/organizational perspectives of lessons learned is important.
- Verified that the webinars/trainings would be available after the end of the grant: Joy Osofsky suggested we upload the trainings to YouTube, the TDC4 website, and potentially the Terrorism and Disaster Center of NCTSN.

Novella Evans, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Policy Specialist:

- Identified the need to develop podcasts and webinars to target the juvenile justice system, which is often overlooked.

Potential subcommittees for coalition projects

Development of podcasts/webinars

School response

Long-term response

Trainings/lessons learned for community organizations and churches

Trainings (podcasts/webinars) targeting the juvenile justice system

Next meeting date:

February 22, 2018 at 12:00pm Central/1:00pm Eastern

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