



TDC4CFR Conference Call: October 12, 2017

State Updates:

Texas: **Marisol Acosta**, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (DBH State Operations)

- Working with FEMA and Health and Human Services Administration to visit the area to address/access the needs to create a plan of action
- Revising emergency grant application for crisis counseling.
- Creating plan to deploy trainers to psychological first aid into the needed areas.
- Collaborating with Texas Education Agency for getting crisis counseling and related services into school districts.
- Opioid crisis before the disasters, but seeing an increase in the impacted areas. Currently trying to address the increase in need for those impacted areas
- 60,000 people in shelters and temporary housing, a lot of people unemployed. Displaced residents are going as far as Fort Worth, Amarillo, and the south Texas border. A lot of children are far from their school districts.
- Chance Freeman is now working with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission as director of the Harvey Crisis Counseling Program. (If you need contact with the Texas School Safety Center, please contact the director, Kathy Martinez-Prather).

Kelly Kravitz, Texas Education Agency, Foster Care Education and Policy Coordinator

- Continuing to assess the needs in communities impacted by Harvey
- Trying to link school communities with local resources
- A task force being organized to address mental health impacts preschool through college
- A lot of mobility of children away from their original districts- still needing to get data on the extent of displaced students. Will get more data on that in a week or so.

Julie Kaplow, Ph.D, Baylor College of Medicine, Director of Trauma & Grief Center;

Megan Mooney, Ph.D, Baylor College of Medicine, Training Coordinator of Trauma and Grief Center.

- Continues to conduct trainings with teachers and pediatricians (including to reaching out to over 50 area pediatric clinics) on helping kids to cope and recover from the storm.
- Webinar with pediatricians on how to respond to the needs of the kids and how to make referrals to local community resources.
- Currently training a mobile clinic staff on screening kids and making referrals. Hiring a social worker to work with the mobile unit.
- Working with UNICEF on targeting highest risk schools. Reaching out to those schools that may be in need (which includes over 90 schools that indicated needing help).
- Partnering with Mental health America partnership on Tier 1 interventions.
- SAMHSA is funding an upcoming learning collaborative trauma intervention, specifically on addressing traumatic grief and loss related to Harvey.

- Working with Sesame Street on where they can provide programming in community settings. Julie will link Marisol with the contact person for Sesame Street.
- New Harvey clinic opened last week.
- Partnering with LYFT to help families access the services.
- A large focus in recovery has been on housing.

Florida: **Missy Lee**, Florida Department of Children and Family Services, Program Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health

- As a whole, DCFS is involved in response through FEMA. Purpose of ISP is providing brief counseling support at SNAP locations in those impacted areas. People from NW region of Florida being deployed to work in the 48 counties impacted. Conducting needs assessments in identifying needed community outreach.
- Numbers on of impacted persons still being determined.
- DCFS participating in state initiatives on providing supports to persons from Puerto Rico that are at the Florida airports. Response organizations, resource identification, and brief counseling supports at airport centers to greet new arrivals. Expected to last through November and a contingency plan is being developed for future needs.
- She requested time on the next call's agenda scheduled for 10/26/17 to discuss updates on other initiatives being developed in two other regions.

Elana Reyes, Ph.D, Florida State University College of Medicine, Immokalee Health Education Site, Regional Director of Southwest Florida

- Introduced herself to the coalition. Works with rural community and migrant farm workers and agencies working with children.

Mississippi: **Randy Foster**, Mississippi Office of Mental Health, Director, Office of Incident Management

- Hurricane Nate was not as severe of what it could have been.
- Preparations prior to storm on state response and then Dept. of MH efforts. Internal programs- Discussed plan, programs, group homes that may be impacted to look at generators.
- MEMA remotely activated to monitor any MH needs over the weekend.
- Statewide- minor damage, mostly in Jackson county- about 300 people received some damage
- Mississippi hoped to fulfill request from Florida needing crisis counselors. Lessons learned about figuring out costs upfront to deploy people. They have learned the process, hopes that it can be more streamlined if needed in the future.

Washington, DC: **Madeline Sullivan**, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Safe and Healthy Students, Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools. <https://rems.ed.gov/>

- She is hoping to work collaboratively. If there is a way she can provide support- help in identifying needs or gaps, support in informing contact at the federal level, please contact her (madeline.sullivan@ed.gov).
- The [Resiliency Strategies for Educators](#) (self-care training, compassion fatigue)- developed this in collaboration with gulf states in response to their disasters. This program has a training and "train the trainer" component. Please review to see what may be needed. She would like to develop a strategic plan for the "train the trainers" in a way to build capacity in the impacted states. Train the trainers and training educators takes a full day.

TDC4CFR and NCTSN National Center current linkages and collaborative activities/updates:

NCTSN: Melissa Brymer, Ph.D, National Child Traumatic Stress Network

- Puerto Rico- There are NCTSN network sites in Puerto Rico. Currently working with the secretary of education to do workshops for 30-40% of educators. Some schools hoping to open next week.
- Las Vegas mass shooting- Many people across the country flew in for the concert, so trauma impacts will be widespread. Agencies across the county are trying to determine the extent of impact and are trying to help with victim's assistance resources.
- NCTSN is responding to the wildfires in California

LSUHSC/TDC4: Joy Osofsky, Ph.D, TDC4 Project Co-Principal Investigator, Update on Consults to FL & TX

- Has done some consultation on short/long term effects on children that can be expected in schools. Importance of providing training and support for teachers, administrators in schools.
- She provided information to Florida courts for young children in child welfare and foster care. Florida would like more support to the child welfare courts. 11 out of 15 of these courts were heavily impacted.
- Caring for caregivers and responders presentation- will do that on next call if people think that is a good idea and we will add that information to the website. Marisol also suggested the section on secondary traumatic stress in the workforce from NCTSN.

Rick Costa, Psy.D, TDC4 Project Coordinator, Update on 10 Considerations Handout in Spanish

- Currently identifying and seeking culturally relevant resources for families impacted by terrorism and disasters.
- Any resources, please send it to Rick (rcosta@lsuhsc.edu). We are compiling them on the website to make it easy to access for everyone.
- Update on Top 10 Considerations for Mental Health Professionals Working in Schools after a Disaster- Received favorable reviews/feedback. We have a prototype translated into Spanish, currently in the works. We are also looking for help from people who may be able to review to make sure that we are translating it in a way that will address various Spanish dialects/language. Marisol also willing to look it over.

Tim Craft, TDC4 Research Associate, Update on TDC4 website and access to resources

- The TDC4 website continues to be updated with information and resources. On the website you will find:
 - Information for hurricane preparedness and recovery.
 - Information from the regional meeting
 - Notes from past conference calls <https://www.medschool.lsuhs.edu/tdc/ccalls.aspx>
- Information that has been submitted that are more state-specific have not been uploaded yet. We continue to figure out a way to organize the information for efficient access.
- We continue to build resources for disaster and terrorism. Feel free to submit information that you feel will be helpful to the group.

Any topic areas that we should do more investigations on, we are open to do that for our meeting on the 26th.

Additional Updates:

Skip Forsyth, Florida Department of Education, Director of Florida Homeless Education Program

- Currently waiting on the initial district reports on the migration of students. The State DOE is providing and updating guidance as necessary.
 - Saw some incoming students to the Florida panhandle as a result of Harvey.
 - Most students stayed close to home with Irma. Some of the Florida Keys residents evacuated toward the Florida panhandle. The Florida Keys are open for business, but not all schools are open and most residents are not back in their homes.
 - Hundreds of students are coming into the state from the Virgin Islands. Thousands of students and teachers are entering from Puerto Rico.
 - Hurricane Nate affected the western Florida panhandle. Schools were closed for a day or two at most.
 - School districts seem to be handling things well so far, though families, students, and staff are likely in shock. The State Dept. of Agriculture is providing free meals for displaced students for the remainder of the school year.

Next meeting date: October 26th at 12:00pm Central/1:00pm Eastern