



TDC4CFR Conference Call: February 22, 2018

Noteworthy current events/updates regarding recent regional traumatic events and role of the Gulf Coast Coalition and/or NCTSN (including recent school shooting at Parkland).

Kristine Louie, Ph.D., Assistant Director, NCTSN/UCLA Terrorism and Disaster:

- The center has been sending a lot of resources and working with collaborators in Florida. The center has also been partnering to respond to related issues occurring in schools in other areas.

Group discussion about heightened awareness and increased response to threats of mass incidents at schools.

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

- A high school in Alabama had a shooting approximately 3 weeks ago. Schools in Alabama are reinstituting ALICE training for school staff in the next few months (active shooter training).

Joy Osofsky, PH.D, Co-Lead Investigator TDC4, LSUHSC:

- Proposed that the coalition may want to develop resources that may not be available for schools, parents, and law enforcement in regards to shootings at schools. Kristine Louie noted that NCTSN has resources related to school shootings; however, there is a need to develop information related to response to active shooter drills.

Workgroup Development Plan (refer to email sent 2/8/18 regarding focus areas for initial working group activities) Tony Speier, Ph.D., TDC4 coordinator, LSUHSC:

- 1. Disaster-Cycle Transitions**
 - Long-term recovery process activities
 - Transformation of recovery into all-hazards preparedness activities
- 2. Population Risk Assessment and Community Resilience**
 - Helping local communities identify and address pre-existing vulnerabilities
 - Resilience strategies for mitigating identified vulnerabilities

Group Discussion related to work groups

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

- Kids presenting with the highest levels of PTSD from the hurricanes had previous traumas and bereavement issues, which then exacerbated the grief. Probably falls under prior risk factors/vulnerabilities.

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

- Siloing of the different systems and how to navigate that for the people who have been impacted by disasters. It is difficult to navigate the different systems- schools, juvenile justice, social security, etc. following a disaster. This could be a pre-existing systemic vulnerability.

Nova Evans, Sr. Behavioral Health Policy Analyst, Texas Health and Human Services Commission:

- It would be helpful to build in an infrastructure to help those agencies to be better prepared for disasters and to recognize the pre-existing trauma. Working on coordination is something important moving forward.

Eastern Region Coalition Initiative: LSUHSC and TDC4CFR recent activities update

Joy Osofsky (summary of report):

- Our second coalition for the center is to develop a coalition in the northeast. Howard and I made a trip and met with a number of partners from NCTSN and some of their identified stakeholders. Overall, everyone was enthusiastic. While they are interested in disasters, there is a particular interest in terrorism/critical incidents. We shared a lot of how things have gone with this coalition and the response to the hurricanes- How much we have learned from you all since this started. We continue to welcome input, ideas, and relationships of people that you think we should be contacting. I would definitely be open to any feedback. We definitely want to have diversity in the group.

Rick Costa, Psy.D., TDC4 Project Coordinator, LSUHSC:

- How has the group been navigating the media? Many of us, and I am sure you all as well, have been asked to provide response to the recent shooting in Florida.

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

- We stressed in talking to the centers and providers that it is important to be in touch with the kids and knowing where your kids are on the internet. It is important to continue having communication with your child, knowing what they are doing, and having the resources available if your child needs help. We have been disseminating that information through the local health authority. We also disseminate media kits at conferences- includes a flyer of links and resources as well as talking points for kids. We also do calls with the centers to check in. We give the information to the local health authorities and they disseminate it.

Wrap-up and Adjourn:

Rick Costa and Tony Speier: We will be reaching out for those who stated that they would be interested in participating in a workgroup.

Next meeting date:

March 22, 2018 at 12:00pm Central/1:00pm Eastern/10:00am Pacific

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