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KS Preparedness Times

Hospital Preparedness Grant Advisory Committee Meets for First Time in Wichita

By Jo Millett, Grant and Contract Specialist

The first meeting of the Hospital Preparedness Grant Advisory Committee (PGAC) was held March 9-10 in Wichita. Gary Martin, Kansas City Regional Hospital Coordinator, has been appointed chairman of the committee.

Presentation topics included the National Patient Tracking Project, the Telecommunications Service Priority Program, the newly released standard operating procedures for the Kansas System for the Early Registration of Volunteers (K-SERV), and evaluating the annexes related to workplan requirements.

During the second day, the committee spent time discussing issues to be addressed in the immediate future. Subcommittees were developed to discuss planning, training and exercise, technical assistance visits, information technology, communications and funding. The PGAC will meet monthly via conference call and reconvene in Salina in August for a two-day fall summit.

Through a contract with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Kansas Hospital Association's Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF) distributes funds to 115 community and seven regional hospitals across the state. The Emergency Preparedness Technical Advisory Group (EPTAG) has served as the comprehensive advisory group for all emergency preparedness issues, including grant management, operations, and policy matters. Recently, the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) determined there was a need to separate grant management from the advocacy and operations issues. On January 9, the EPTAG was dissolved and two separate committees emerged: the Emergency Technical Advisory Group (ETAG) and the PGAC.

The PGAC addresses grant management issues related to preparedness. Membership in the PGAC is composed of the seven regional hospital coordinators, seven additional community hospital representatives (from varying roles and hospital sizes), two ex-officio members (hospital representatives from the Bioterrorism Coordinating Council

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A Minute with Mindee

By Mindee Reece, CPHP Director



At the recent 2009 Public Health Preparedness Summit, I had the opportunity to spend time with colleagues from Kansas, other state preparedness programs, and our federal counterparts thinking and talking about all aspects of preparedness and response.

Nearly seven years into this endeavor, it's surprising how many new faces seem to appear each year when the nation's public health preparedness community comes together.

For me, the highlight of this year's summit was the keynote presentation by Amanda Ripley, author of the novel, "The Unthinkable, Who Survives When Disaster Strikes – And Why." She has performed exhaustive research on this subject and spoke of her personal experiences and interviews with survivors of disasters including the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center disaster, the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and

tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina.

Ms. Ripley characterizes three distinct phases of disaster survival. The first is denial, which typically translates into a delay to respond. Once through the initial shock of this phase, the second phase is one of deliberation. We know something is horribly wrong but are not sure what to do about it. The third phase is the decisive moment. We know we are in danger and it's time to act. Through her investigation, Ms. Ripley offers up some interesting thoughts on the subject of why some people survive disasters and others do not.

Ms. Ripley's comments and novel reminded me of the humanity of our work. While we often find ourselves immersed in grant requirements, paperwork, and political discussions, the real "why" of what we do is about people – neighbors, friends, and family – who we want to keep safe during times of disaster. Through our ongoing efforts to plan, train, exercise and respond, our skills in doing so continue to grow. Thank you for helping make Kansas a safer place with each passing year.

Sue Riley Retires from Ks. Health and Environmental Laboratories

Sue Riley, MT (ASCP), Laboratory Bioterrorism Program Manager, has retired from the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories. Her last day was on March 20.

"[Sue] is well respected and valued for her contributions to the Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories and the State of Kansas," said Shannon Gabel, Laboratory Preparedness Director and Sue's supervisor.

Sue started at KDHE in 1991 as an Educational Coordinator and became a Laboratory Improvement Specialist in 2001. She worked for the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program as laboratory certification director for lead testing labs.

Sue has served as the KDHE contact person



John Mitchell, Director of the KDHE Division of Environment, presents Sue Riley with a certificate of appreciation at her retirement.

for Medicare and Medicaid, and as the laboratory liaison with numerous other internal and external partners, including the Kansas Army National Guard 73rd Civil Support Team, the FBI, and others.

Traveling to facilitate or participate in trainings and exercises was a big part of Sue's job -- she carries the distinction of having visited every hospital in Kansas. Sue was elected President of the Kansas Society

of Clinical Laboratory Science (KSCLS) in 2002 and has served as board member and Membership Chair.

Also in 2002, Sue was named to her final position as the Laboratory Bioterrorism Program Manager. She also worked as a trainer in biosafety and biosecurity.

We wish Sue the very best in her retirement!

New State Health Director Joins KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is pleased to announce that Jason Eberhart-Phillips, MD, MPH, has started in his position as Health Director and Kansas State Health Officer. Dr. Eberhart-Phillips had served as the county health officer of El

Dorado County, California, since 2006. His first day at KDHE was on Monday, March 9.

“Dr. Eberhart-Phillips’ diverse experience, along with his clear dedication to public health, will be an asset to KDHE and the citizens of Kansas,” KDHE Secretary Roderick L. Bremby said. “His enthusiasm for coming to Kansas and becoming a part of our state’s public health community speaks well of us as a state, and I look forward to the benefit of his extensive background in preventive medicine to provide the leadership of our Division of Health.”

Prior to his appointment as health officer in El Dorado County, Dr. Eberhart-Phillips served as senior lecturer in the Department of Preventive and Social Medicine at Otago University in Dunedin, New Zealand.

He earned his undergraduate degree in journalism from Northwestern University and his medical degree from the University of California - San Francisco. He also holds a master’s degree in public health from the University of California - Berkeley, and a master of divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion.

“I am delighted at the opportunity to make Kansas my home and serve its citizens while working side-by-side with public health partners around the state,” Dr. Eberhart-Phillips said. “Kansas has a talented and dedicated public health community whose professionals have achieved much. But there remains plenty to do to help the many Kansans who are still unable to enjoy optimal health due to preventable illness and injury.”

He added that the current economic crisis is only making matters worse, especially for our vulnerable populations. “Now more than ever, smart, forward-looking public health interventions are needed that

reduce disease risk, improve access to care and create environments that support healthy choices,” he said.

Dr. Eberhart-Phillips has also served as the chronic disease director for the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, as a medical epidemiologist for the ESR Health Communicable Disease Centre in Porirua, New Zealand, and as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Before becoming a physician, Dr. Eberhart-Phillips worked as a news reporter in Pennsylvania and Arizona. He has been the lead or principal investigator on a number of research and surveillance activities, and he is a well-published author, writing two books and numerous medical articles.

CPHP Hires Chard as Information Systems Project Manager



On February 2, Regina (Gina) Chard joined the KDHE Center for Public Health Preparedness team as Information Systems Project Manager. In this role, she will be responsible for KS-HAN, K-SERV, and CRA applications for CPHP. Her position is located in the KDHE Information

Technology audiovisual section, assisting with agency webcasting, video and teleconferencing and live streaming broadcasts.

Gina spent the last two years as a Service Specialist – Inspector for the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services, and has been a Kansas-certified Emergency Medical Technician for 13 years, volunteering for rural ambulance services. Prior to obtaining employment with the state, she was the Technology Coordinator for USD 270 where she was responsible for all network and user function, maintenance and upgrades, as well as grant application and compliance monitoring.

Nobody Left Behind

What about People with Disabilities?

Resources for Disaster Preparation and Effective Communication

By Val Renault, MA, Cathy Rooney, MA,
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University of Kansas

Research and Training on Independent Living

The tornado siren is wailing. The computers and office lights have gone dark. Everyone is heading to the stairs. It is too late now to wonder about the best way to get Mr. John Doe, who is attending a meeting in the building and uses a wheelchair, down the stairs.

The Research and Training Center on Independent Living (RTC/IL) at the University of Kansas offers materials that can help you prepare for all types of hazards, whether natural or man-made, and enhance your communication with and about people with disabilities.

Be Prepared

Two posters produced by RTC/IL provide practical advice for individuals and communities who want to make sure people with disabilities are not left behind during a disaster. The “Do’s and Don’ts Checklist” posters are based on a consumer survey which provided concrete advice for and by persons with disabilities who have firsthand experience with catastrophic situations.

Tips for a community’s disaster preparedness include:

DO explore evacuation options with emergency managers and others.

DON’T overlook alternatives, such as evacuation chairs.

DO share the plan with all those in the building and then practice it.

DON’T wait until the disaster to raise awareness on disability issues.

And this advice is included in the tips for individuals:

DO register with or form a registry with emergency responders.

DON’T leave out those who can assist you in the planning process.

DO check out accessibility of local shelters and hotels.

DON’T put yourself in a dangerous situation when the power goes out.

These checklists are available free of charge as cubicle-friendly 8½ x 11” posters that can be downloaded at www.nobodyleftbehind2.org/resources/index.shtml (under Tools). Funding for this project came from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Language is Reality: Communicating about and with People with Disabilities

Whether you are involved in an emergency situation or daily life, you may also need to write about or interact with people with disabilities. Your choice of words in print and in person shapes the image you convey and the effectiveness of your communication.

Say you are writing a news release about a disaster. If you describe one of the people involved in the event as “wheelchair-bound” or “confined to a wheelchair” you are emphasizing his condition instead of relating to the individual as a person. Using person-first language is more neutral, avoids negative labeling, and is respectful to the individual. Thus, replace “wheelchair-bound,” “handicapped,” or “disabled” with “a person who uses a wheelchair” or “a person with a disability.”

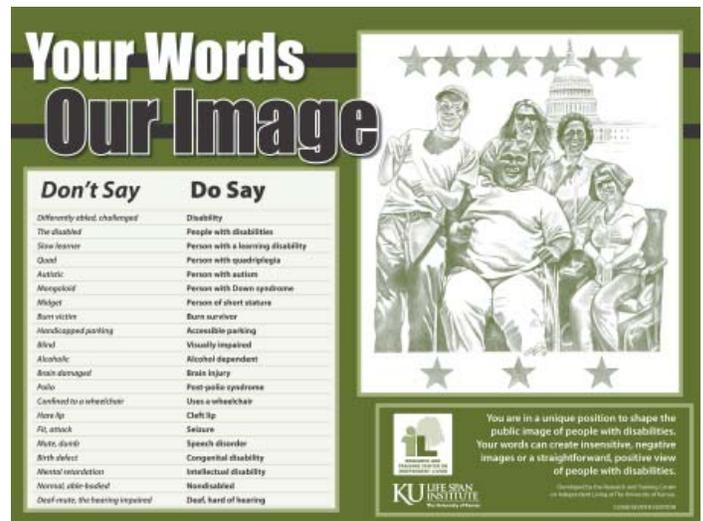
Likewise, if you tell a woman, “I’m so sorry you’re disabled,” or “The fact that you’re wheelchair-bound makes this evacuation tricky,” you are focusing on her condition, not her as an individual. If you use person-first language instead, the fact that she uses a wheelchair still makes evacuation tricky, but it does not require you to express condolences. However well-intentioned descriptors like “wheelchair-bound” and “handicapped” may be, they are still condescending to people with disabilities.

To help people make accurate word choices

about persons with disabilities, RTC/IL publishes a brochure and poster. More than a million copies of the brochure, “Guidelines for Reporting and Writing about People with Disabilities,” have been distributed since 1984. The brochure discuss portrayal issues and list appropriate terminology. The seventh edition is now available, along with a Your Words, Our Image poster, that offers positive terms for commonly used negative ones.

“Guidelines” reflects input from more than 100 national disability organizations and has been reviewed and endorsed by media and disability experts throughout the country. Portions of “Guidelines,” which was originally funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, have been adopted into the Associated Press Stylebook, a basic reference for professional journalists.

For information about how to obtain “Guidelines for Reporting and Writing about People with Disabilities” and the “Your Words, Our Image” poster, visit www.rtcil.org.



To order any of these publications, contact the Research and Training Center on Independent Living, The University of Kansas, 1000 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4089, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7555. Phone 785-864-4095, Fax 785-864-5063, rtcil@ku.edu, www.rtcil.org.

New Emergency Plan Template Available to Safety Net Clinics

By Cait Purinton-Day, Contingency Planner

The primary care clinics in Kansas, also known as safety net clinics, have a new tool to assist with emergency management planning. A new planning template has been created and posted on the CPHP website for the clinics and others to use in building emergency management programs.

The planning template was drafted as a group effort involving two bureaus at KDHE – the Center for Public Health Preparedness (CPHP) and the Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH) – as well as the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved (KAMU). The template focuses on all phases of emergency management, including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Under the new planning template, the clinics are strongly encouraged to communicate with health departments and hospitals to build relationships prior to an event in their communities. In addition, clinics participating in the preparedness grant program are

asked to regularly attend their Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) meetings.

There are 38 primary care clinics in the state that serve vulnerable, low-income, uninsured or otherwise underserved Kansas residents to help make certain they receive adequate access to affordable primary health care services. The demographics and funding sources of the clinics are varied, including federal, state, philanthropic and other private and public funding sources. Regardless of funding source, the clinics are eligible to be a part of the preparedness grant administered through CPHP. Approximately 20 clinics are participating in the 2008-09 preparedness grant.

A link has been created on the CPHP website for safety net clinics, similar to those for health departments and hospitals. The direct link is www.kdheks.gov/cphp/safety_net_clinics.htm. For more information about KAMU, visit www.kspca.org/.

K-SERV Registers over 400 Kansas Volunteers in First Year and a Half

By Sonia Jordan, Hospital and Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

K-SERV, a secure registration system and database for volunteers willing to respond to public health emergencies, has registered more than 400 interested volunteers throughout Kansas since going live in 2007. K-SERV, which stands for the Kansas System for the Early Registration of Volunteers, is part of a national program, called ESAR-VHP (Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals), which encourages the pre-registration and pre-credentialing of volunteer health professionals. The aim is to have a list of pre-identified volunteers whose healthcare credentials have been verified and are available for ready deployment in case of a disaster or incident. The K-SERV system also allows for the registration of non-healthcare volunteers in addition to volunteer health professionals.

After going live in August 2007, public health workers around the state have been recruiting volunteers to register in the system. The work has paid off, as nearly 300 healthcare volunteers have since registered. The registered professions include nurses, behavioral scientists, physicians and laboratory technicians. Additionally, over 100 non-healthcare workers have registered in K-SERV.

The database is maintained by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). System administrators, however, will be located throughout the state. If an event requiring volunteer assistance occurs, appropriate local public health officials will use K-SERV to generate a list of potential

volunteers based on information provided during registration, minimizing the role of the state in local incidents. Volunteer data entered onto the system is considered highly confidential and is protected by federal, state and local laws governing security and confidentiality.

Those interested in volunteering during a disaster should consider registering on K-SERV. Interested volunteers should visit the K-SERV website at <https://kshealth.kdhe.state.ks.us/>. Once there, click on "Login or Register for K-SERV." It should be emphasized that registration does not obligate one to volunteer during an emergency. Registration takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes, and it is recommended that one have their driver's license and professional licensure information with them in order to speed up the process.

Northwest Region Hosts First ESF #8 Meeting

By Michelle Wishon, Rural Planning Specialist

Northwest Kansas preparedness partners organized their first 18-county ESF #8 (Public Health and Medical) meeting in Colby on March 3. Representatives from EMS, hospital, public health and emergency management gathered to share planning efforts and opportunities. Topics included:

- Specific discipline information and best practices (structure and workforce, disaster roles, planning framework, resources, preparedness gaps and vulnerabilities, and meetings).
- ESF #8 Coordination (agency planning, training and exercise coordination, and utilizing K-SERV and the Kansas ESF #8 Network).

Most participants felt they reached a better understanding of ESF #8, and many commented that the atmosphere of information sharing increased mutual awareness and partnership to better accomplish goals. The Northwest ESF #8 group decided to meet biannually. Future meetings will discuss K-SERV, mutual aid, communication, exercises and more.

Do you have news about your agency's preparedness efforts?

If you would like to include it in the next issue of the KS Preparedness Times, please e-mail your news to Mike Heideman at mheideman@kdheks.gov or Cait Purinton-Day at cpurinton-day@kdheks.gov.

Kansas Medical Reserve Corps Units Looking for Additional Volunteers

By Sonia Jordan, Hospital and Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units throughout Kansas are looking for interested individuals who wish to become active volunteers in their communities. The MRC is a community-based volunteer organization for health professionals and others who wish to engage in response and public health based volunteerism. While many believe the MRC can only utilize healthcare professionals, volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds are needed, including interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, or those that simply want to be involved in healthy living and disaster preparedness and response.

MRC units participate in a variety of activities throughout the year that are of benefit to their communities. Kansas MRC volunteers are often involved in many public health activities, such as public health fairs, mass dispensing/mass vaccinations, pandemic flu planning, and general health promotion and education. Volunteers offer their time, energy, and expertise during natural disaster response. Many volunteers were active following the Greensburg and Chapman tornados.

Kansas currently has 12 MRC units located in many communities. The following counties currently have units: Butler, Doniphan, Douglas, Harvey, Jefferson, Nemaha, Marshall, Reno, Sedgwick, and Shawnee. Additionally, there are two regionalized MRC Units: North Central Region (including 14 counties in the North Central area of the state) and the Greater Kansas City MRC (including the four metro counties). If you are in one of these counties and are interested in joining the Medical Reserve Corps, please visit the national MRC website at www.medicalreservecorps.gov to find the contact information of your Local Unit Coordinator. If you do not reside in one of the previously mentioned counties, but are still interested in the MRC, visit the national website to get information, advice, and tips about starting an MRC in your area.

To apply to be a member, please visit the Kansas Center for Public Health Preparedness website at www.kspreparedness.org.

Applications are available under the tab "Individuals and Families." If you have any questions, feel free to contact your Local Unit Coordinator or Sonia Jordan, Kansas MRC Coordinator, at sjordan@kdheks.gov or 785-296-5201.

Preparedness Grant Advisory Committee Meets in Wichita

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and the Commission on Emergency Preparedness and Response), KHERF staff and KDHE staff. (The ETAG assists KHA in identifying current advocacy and policy issues dealing with hospital emergency services operations.)

Members of the Preparedness Grant Advisory Committee are Gary Martin, Kansas City Regional Coordinator and Chair; Bruce McFarland, Children's Mercy South – Overland Park; Ron Marshall, Northeast Regional Coordinator; Harold Blitz, Newman Regional Health – Emporia; Karry Moore, Southeast Regional Coordinator; Mary Wynn, Mercy Health Center – Fort Scott; Sue Cooper, North Central Regional Coordinator; Kiley Floyd, Osborne County Memorial Hospital – Osborne; Charlie Keeton, South Central Regional Coordinator; Loretta Kerschen, Harper Hospital District #5 – Harper; Tami Wood, Northwest Regional Coordinator; Kathleen Richmeier, Graham County Hospital – Hill City; Karen Luckett, Southwest Regional Coordinator; Curt Colson, Satanta District Hospital – Satanta; Melissa Dinsmore, ex-officio, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital – El Dorado; Rita Gumm, ex-officio, Via Christi Medical Center – Wichita; and staff from KHA and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Center for Public Health Preparedness.

For more information about the Preparedness Grant Advisory Committee, please contact Mindee Reece at mreece@kdheks.gov or 785-296-0201; or Dan Leong at dleong@kha-net.org or 785-233-7436.

Responding to Terrorist Incidents & Major Disasters: Preparedness & Response Training

Sponsored by University of Kansas Medical Center Continuing Education and Area Health Education Center through the generous support of the Kansas Health Foundation.

April 20-23, 2009 • Hays, Kansas – Ellis County Fairgrounds
1344 Fairground Rd (Schenk Building), Hays, KS

May 13-16, 2009 • Pittsburg, Kansas – Lamplighter Inn
4020 Parkview Drive, Highway 69, Pittsburg, KS

Overview

Emergency responders from health and public safety desire training that allows them to coordinate their response efforts and build expertise both within their units and in collaboration with other jurisdictions and agencies. This series of three classes offers that opportunity and provides the classroom training that is critical to the success of local and regional drills. The classes are Command, Emergency Operations Center, and Anatomy of a Disaster.

Outcomes

Outcomes are based on National Incident Management System (NIMS) components for disaster training events. Not all outcomes apply to each class:

- Perform functions of command and management
- Implement discipline-specific preparedness to terror response
- Execute resource management and mutual aid
- Implement appropriate information management
- Employ supporting technologies, as needed
- Perform ongoing management and maintenance

Class Training Schedule

All Classes are held 8 am – 5:30 pm with an hour for lunch (on your own)

Registration begins at 7:15 the first day of each course

Hays

Class		20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr
1	Command	all day	all day		
2	Emergency Operations Center			all day	all day
3	Anatomy of a Disaster		all day		

Pittsburg

Class		13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May
1	Command	all day	all day		
2	Emergency Operations Center			all day	all day
3	Anatomy of a Disaster		all day		

Instructional Team

Training will be conducted by Rescue Training, Associates (RTA) from Pompano Beach, Fla. Many of RTA's instructors have presented in Kansas on a number of occasions and are familiar with recent disasters that have occurred here.

RTA's team of expert instructors has had on-site involvement and leadership roles in some of the world's major disasters, including 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Oklahoma City bombing, numerous hurricanes (including Hurricane Katrina), the ValuJet crash, earthquakes and others.

Moreover, instructional staff has presented multiple training programs and designed and facilitated mass casualty simulations throughout the country. The majority of RTA instructors serve on FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Teams or Disaster Medicine Assistance Teams.

1. Command Class:

This 2 day training prepares command personnel and other government leaders to direct disaster incident operations. Selected topics include disaster planning, incident command systems (ICS), incident actions plans, ICS forms, emergency support functions, logistics, command hand-off, 24-hour disaster command functions, interoperability/communications, medical and cost recovery.

Small group activities, exercises, and hands-on experiences will reinforce material covered by allowing participants to problem solve and practice using the information and tools covered in the class. The class materials include numerous sample forms, sample reports, checklists and tools useful to individuals involved in incident command.

Note. Participants enrolled in the Command Class can also enroll in the EOC Class.

2. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Class:

This 2 day NIMS compliant training prepares leaders from a variety of institutions and agencies—fire, law, EMS, hospitals, public health, public works and others—to direct the emergency operations center where coordination and management decisions are made. Selected topics include emergency support functions, information systems, the unified command structure, EOC tactical operations, response and recovery and planning and scheduling

Small group activities, exercises, and hands-on experiences will reinforce material covered by allowing participants to problem solve and practice using the information and tools covered in the course. The course materials include numerous sample forms, sample reports, checklists and tools useful to individuals involved in the emergency operations center.

Note. Participants enrolled in the EOC Class can also enroll in Command Class.

3. Anatomy of a Disaster Class:

This one-day seminar is designed for emergency responders, public officials, public health and hospital personnel involved in disaster response. It provides an excellent overview of the on-scene activities as well as management and support functions during a disaster. Topics include the roles and responsibilities of various emergency response sectors—fire, law, EMS, hospitals, public health—and how these agencies operate in an integrated and coordinated manner. The seminar will cover the roles and responsibilities of public and elected officials, incident command, emergency operations center (EOC), local jurisdiction, and state and federal government in the response and recovery phase of a disaster.

Accreditation

Command	18 hours
EOC	18 hours
Anatomy	9 hours

Nursing: The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center East, as an approved provider of continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, presents this offering for a maximum of **36** contact hours. Kansas Provider Number LT0056-0749.

The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center Northwest, as an approved provider of continuing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, presents this offering for a maximum of **36** contact hours. Kansas Provider Number LT0086-1149.

EMS: The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center East, as an approved program provider by the Kansas Board of EMS, approves this course for a maximum of **36** hours of continuing education. Provider #PP 4040.

The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center Northwest, as an approved program provider by the Kansas Board of EMS, approves this course for a maximum of **36** hours of continuing education. Provider #PP 6128.

Other Professions: A certificate of completion will be provided to all activity participants in all other classes based on documentation of actual attendance time and meeting minimum attendance requirements specific to the activity.

All participants are required to sign attendance rosters at the beginning of each day.

Registration

There is no fee to register, but participants must complete and submit the registration form contained in this brochure. A copy of the registration form also is located at www.kansas-antiterror.org.

Lodging

Participants are requested to make their own lodging arrangements.

Lodging suggestions:

<http://www.haysusa.com/html/visitors.html>

<http://www.visitcrawfordcounty.com/>

Acknowledgements

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Programs in Pittsburg are sponsored in conjunction with SE KS Hospitals - All Hazards Preparedness, Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center, Southeast Regional Homeland Security Council and EagleMed.

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Register Early – Space is Limited

Please complete and fax this form to: 785.628.6034 (Hays) or 620.235.4041 (Pittsburg).

Note: All classes are free, but registration is required. Upon receipt of registration, you will be mailed a confirmation notice and a schedule for the class(es) in which you are enrolled. If you prefer email notification, please provide an email address.

Please Print

Name _____ County _____

Please check () preferred address:

Home Mailing Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Work Mailing Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Professional License # _____ E-mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Please indicate which programs you are registering for:

- | | Hays | Pittsburg |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Command | <input type="checkbox"/> April 20-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 13-14 |
| 2. Emergency Operations Center | <input type="checkbox"/> April 22-23 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 15-16 |
| 3. Anatomy of a Disaster | <input type="checkbox"/> April 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 14 |

Registration Deadlines:

Hays: April 6, 2009

Pittsburg: April 29, 2009

Registrations must be postmarked by these dates

Profession: ARNP Public Safety Communications EMS Fire Service

Government Official Law Enforcement Military Personnel Nurse PIO Public Health

Hospital Emergency Planner Emergency Management Nongovernmental Organization

Other (please specify) _____

Please *include* my information on the participant roster. Please *do not include* my information on the participant roster.

Special Accommodation If you will need special accommodation, please mark the box, and a member of the Continuing Education staff will contact you. CM094001/JCN090240

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discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, marital status, and parental status. The University of Kansas Medical Center is an AA/EEO Title IX institution.

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KU Continuing Education reserves the right to cancel one or more tracks in the event of insufficient registration. The University of Kansas will not be responsible for any losses incurred by registrants, including but not limited to airline cancellation charges or hotel deposits.

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