Healthcare Coalitions

About Kansas Preparedness Healthcare Coalitions

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has defined healthcare coalitions as: A collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners that serve as a multiagency coordinating group to assist with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations.

The purpose of a healthcare coalition is a healthcare system-wide approach for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from incidents that have a public health and medical impact in the short and long-term.

The primary function of a healthcare coalition is sub-state regional healthcare system emergency preparedness activities involving the health and medical members. This includes planning, organizing, equipping, training, exercises and evaluation.

Kansas Healthcare Coalitions Map
Development of Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) became a federal preparedness cooperative agreement requirement in 2012. In Kansas, a decision was made to create seven HCCs to minimize the burden of meeting this requirement at the local level. To date, all seven HCCs have been established and started meeting on a regular basis.

Kansas Statewide HCC Steering Committee

The steering committee is charged with working on healthcare coalition projects and facilitating statewide information sharing and networking. In addition, the steering committee will give guidance and suggestions to KDHE, the Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD), and the Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF) and will function as an advisory board to share the local and regional perspective on HCC-related gaps, strengths, best practices, lessons learned, etc.

The Committee is an advising body with a range of health and medical representation across the state. The Committee is comprised of 14 core members, three ex officio members, and six at-large members.

Coalition representatives are invited to participate based on the selection by their respective healthcare coalition. Core members include, but are not exclusive to, at least two individuals (one public health and one hospital) representing the following:

- Northeast Kansas Healthcare Coalition
- Southwest Hospital Emergency Response Team (SHERT) Healthcare Coalition
- South Central Kansas Healthcare Coalition
- Northwest Kansas Healthcare Coalition
- North Central Kansas Healthcare Coalition
- Southeast Kansas Healthcare Coalition
- Kansas, Kansas City Healthcare Coalition

Ex Officio Members include:

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
- Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation (KHERF)
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD)

At-Large Community Members include at least one individual from each discipline:

- Behavioral Health
- Emergency Medical Services and Trauma
- Emergency Management
- Long-Term Care
- Coroner and Mortuary Services
- Primary Care/Federally Qualified Health Center

At-Large members are filled through a nomination process. Nomination forms are reviewed, and the member is selected by the HCC Steering Committee Members.

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**Kansas Specific Healthcare Coalition Resources**

- HCC Surge Capacity Estimator Tool: Hospital Data Collection Form
- Aggregator Tool
- Kansas Healthcare Coalition Consistent Message Flyer Version January 2014
- Kansas Healthcare Coalitions Overview Version Oct 2012
- PowerPoint for Kansas Healthcare Coalitions Version Oct 2012
- Healthcare Coalition Charter Template Version January 2013
- Healthcare Coalition Engagement Flyer Version January 2013
- Purpose & Charge of Regional Coalitions Version July 2013