

Local Collaboration Southeast ND & West Central MN

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Who are we?

- Jim Hausauer
 - SE North Dakota
 - Hired through Local Public Health
 - Collaborates with PH, Hospitals, Clinics, EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire, Emergency Management, Behavioral Health, etc.
- Karen Moser
 - WC Minnesota
 - Hired through State Public Health
 - Collaborates with same list of people





How do we work together?

- Pre-Event Planning
- Community Influenza Collaboration
- Communications
- Clinical Care Issues
- Risk Communication to Public



Pre-Event Planning

- Strategic National Stockpile
 - Shared Receiving, Staging, Storage Site (RSS)
 - Pharmaceutical Cache/essential personnel
 - Wilkin County MN & Richland County ND have one plan & shared site(s) for Mass Dispensing
 - ND RSS is planning to provide resources to Moorhead & to West Central MN
- Memorandum of Understanding Agreements
- On-going cross-border meetings
- Participation in exercises of border states

Community Influenza Collaborative

- Partners Include:
 - MN & ND Public Health, Hospitals, Clinics, Family Health Care, Nursing Homes, Red Cross, Emergency Management, EMS, NDSU, MSU, Health Officer, and ND Epidemiologist
- PH/Infectious Disease Issues
- Assisted in writing regional Pandemic Flu Plan

Communications

- Local Public Health includes cross-border county partners on Health Alert Network (HAN)
- If a one-state event, regional PH are included in Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC)
- Wilkin/Richland Counties:
 - Hospital on MN side
 - Clinics on ND side
 - MN Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA) group included and purchased communication devices for Wahpeton clinics

Communication Con't...

- Existing Gaps:
 - Surveillance process may not be well coordinated between all border communities or at state to state level.
 - Recognition of Legal issue for Doctors, Nurses, Lab personnel, & Pharmacists to work on both sides of the river.

Clinical Care Issues

- Surge Capacity
- Volunteers
- Sharing of medical supplies between PH agencies
- Management of dead bodies
- Chempak-both SE ND & WC MN have received Chempak resources

Risk Communication to Public

- We've identified we need:
 - Consistent messages about who should receive prophylaxis
 - Coordination of risk communication messages between jurisdictions
 - Identification of key spokespeople for risk communication

Strategies to build Alliances

1. Be Prepared to Commit
2. Communicate one message
3. To end well, start smart
4. Don't abandon your leader
5. Keep your friends close--and your competition closer
6. Imagine the worst. Plan for it.



"And should there be a sudden loss of consciousness during this meeting, oxygen masks will drop from the ceiling."

Summary of Local Collaboration

■ It's all about...

- **Building/Maintaining Relationships:** PH & Community Partners has led to more effective response
- **Planning & Exercising across borders:** Previous agreements between Law & Fire has been conduit for LPH agreements.

Summary Continued.....

■ It's All About...

- Communication
 - Internal
 - External (Public)
 - Across the Borders
- Get to Know Your Neighbors!

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Questions?

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■ **Thank You!**
