



Drill Name: RHCC Burn Surge Annex Tabletop Exercises

AAR Author: Regional Healthcare Coordinators

DATE of Event: April 14, 2022 to April 29, 2022 (Various Dates)

Objectives:

1. Discuss and assess the assumptions and assign responsibilities in the Regional Burn Annex and the capacity of local and regional partners to meet expected roles and capabilities
2. Discuss and assess the ability of the local healthcare system and other participants to triage, prioritize, receive, stabilize and manage burn patients
3. Discuss and identify potential gaps in local and regional planning, training, resources or capabilities

References: ASPR Grant 1901 BP3

AAR Completion Date: July 18, 2022

Participants: DPHHS HPP and MHA, all RHCC

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Program Manager (PM): Don McGiboney

PM Approval Date: July 19, 2022

Description of Event: RHCC Burn Surge Annex TTX

Summary of Event: Multiple tabletop exercises conducted with various Healthcare Coalition partners evaluating the RHCC Burn Surge Annex



Improvement Plan

Area for Improvement	Issue/Area for Improvement	Corrective Action	Primary Responsible Organization	Start Date	Completion Date	Notes
Healthcare & Medical Response Coordination	1. Few participants were familiar with the RHCC Burn Surge Annex	Encourage all participants to read and become familiar with Regional Coalition response plans as well as their own facilities and community plans	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	1/16/2023- Plans and annexes are available to members on the HCC website, eICS library, and discussed during site visits. Annexes will be shared when relevant to coalition trainings and exercises. 5/4/2023 – Continue as above
	2. Most of the participants do not have enough staff or space nor do they have the needed specialized equipment to manage multiple severe burn patients simultaneously	Continue building relationships and promoting the use of mutual aid agreements (MHMAS) to fill gaps	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/2023 – We will encourage facilities to utilize MHMAS and obtain MOUs with surrounding facilities during our site visits and trainings. 5/4/2023 – Continue as above, as well as encourage utilizing CORES.
		Continue utilizing HPP and other grant funds to mitigate training and equipment shortages	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/2023 – Provided links within our HCC Burn Annex referencing recommended treatments and supplies. SME input will be sought out for specific supplies to be included in future draft of annex. Will also research whether DASH tool can help



						provide this information. Coalitions will continue to offer ABLS as able. 5/4/2023 – Will also discuss DASH tool during our facility/agency visits.
Medical Surge	1. Some facility surge plans do not address burn, including pediatric, patients	Provide a burn mass casualty plan template and gather contact information for regional burn centers to share with Montana facilities as well as the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT) Guidelines for the transfer of patients to a burn center link.	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/2023 - Contact information will be gathered from Regional Burn Centers and disseminated in future iterations of the regional burn annex. 5/4/2023 – Will research for a plan template to be added to the Burn Annex.
	2. Facilities may have difficulty tracking multiple patients that are transferred out of the local facility	Research “best practices” and “lessons learned” for tracking patients in MCI events. Consider holding regional trainings on such practices through the coalitions to help improve capabilities	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/23 - During site visits, mention the importance of patient tracking and to utilize best practice protocols for their facility. 5/4/2023 – Continue as above.
	3. Facilities were not confident that they would be able to maintain situational awareness between the scene and the hospital given the rapid pace of the incident, the large number of patients, and the fact that they would	Continue to conduct training and exercises that allow facilities to practice communication and situational awareness, Incident Command processes, and field medical logistics.	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/23 - The RHCCs will support and encourage hospitals to continually improve their ability to provide patient care during MCI burn events. The RHCCs will also encourage facilities and agencies to be familiar with the Incident



	likely be overwhelmed and understaffed					Command Systems and structure as it affects them. 5/4/2023 – Continue as above; also offering IC training and hands-on practice at upcoming regional meetings in 5-2023.
Foundation for Healthcare & Medical Readiness	1. EOP and surge plans may not be adequate with regard to family assistance and/or reunification	Gather and share family assistance/reunification plans and best practices. Encourage facilities to improve their plans with best practices from other facilities and incidents.	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/2023 - The RHCCs will continue to support and encourage hospitals to continually improve their ability to provide family assistance and reunification during MCI burn events. 5/4/2023 – Consider offering family reunification training in the next grant year as budget allows.
		Consider providing MCI family reunification training and exercises.	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/2023 - Further training will be considered as funding allows. 5/4/2023 – Continue as above.
	3. Montana does not have a Regional Burn Center	Continue to support ABLs courses across the state and encourage all facilities to send staff for training. Provide quick references for the Rule of Nines and the Parkland Formula. Encourage agencies to have MOUs and utilize MHMAS.	RHCC Regional Coordinator	6/1/2022	6/30/2023	01/16/2023 – Continue to offer ABLs classes as funding allows and venues are available. Continue to research alternative methods of providing this education. 5/4/2023 – ABLs classes are scheduled. According HCC MYTEP, ABLs will be offered every other year.