



**Drill Name: RHCC HID Plan Annex**

**DATE of Event: April 1, 2021 to May 6, 2021**

**References: ASPR Grant 1901 BP2**

**Participants: DPHHS HPP and MHA, all RHCC**

**Program Manager (PM): Don McGiboney**

**Description of Event: RHCC Highly Infectious Disease (HID) Plan Annex TTX**

**Summary of Event: Actual COVID19 Highly Infectious Disease (HID) outbreak event evaluating the RHCC HID Plan Annex**

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**Objective: 1. Validate RHCC HID Plan Annex  
2. Determine planning gaps**

**AAR Completion Date: May 7, 2021**

**AAR Submitted to PM: May 10, 2021**

**PM Approval Date: June 30, 2021**

## **Improvement Plan**



Strength or Improvement	Observation	Corrective Action	Job Info / Progress		
			POC	Status	Notes
Strength	RHCC Staff and Regional Coordinators had pre-existing partnerships with many of the affected provider types	Maintain			
Strength	Hospitals were reporting data on a daily basis due to CMS data reporting compliance requirements	Maintain			
Strength	Ongoing monitoring of the situation	Maintain			
Strength	RCs are monitoring facility resource gaps	Provide guidance to healthcare facilities on ways to mitigate resource gaps			
Strength	Adequate collaboration informatics initiatives such as electronic laboratory reporting, electronic test ordering, electronic case reporting, electronic death reporting, and syndromic surveillance	Maintain			
Strength	Promote coordinated training and maintenance of competencies among public health first responders, health care	Maintain			



	providers, EMS, and others as appropriate, on the use of PPE, environmental decontamination, and management of infectious waste				
Improvement	LTCF and EMS data was not accessible by HCC Staff	Explore and utilize existing resources to obtain relevant data.	Regional Coordinator	In-Work	Complete by: 12/31/2021 11/4/2021 - No information has been acquired to date. Change complete date to 3/30/22. 02/23/2022 - LTC contacts have been acquired, working on gathering EMS contacts. 01/04/2023 - EMS & LTC contacts have been updated. Will continue to update to maintain the most accurate list possible. 5/4/2023 – Continue as above.
Improvement	Provider types were not involved in coordinated periodic status updates	HCC Staff and Regional Coordinators reach out and attempt to establish/build partnerships via site visits to initiate status updates as needed	Regional Coordinator	In-Work	Complete by: 12/31/2021 11/4/2021 - No progress to date. Change complete date to 3/30/22. 02/23/2022 - We are working to build/establish partnerships through outreach in other ways, including trainings, conferences, exercises, etc. 01/04/2023 - Continuing efforts to expand partnerships through outreach.



					5/4/2023 – Continue as above.
Improvement	Supply Chain disruption occurred and crisis contingency planning was not adequate	Create a process to validate and accomplish a Supply Chain Integrity assessment	HPP Staff	In-Work	Complete by: 9/1/2021 9/15/21 - No information has been acquired to date. Change completion date to 3/30/22. 02/2022 - No changes. 01/04/2023 - Completed the assessment and we will work to identify and address gaps. 5/4/2023 – Supply Chain assessment tool sent out during BP%; projected date for data aggregation; Q1 of BP5.
Improvement	AFN populations are mentioned in plans, however, AFN populations are not being included in planning elements for specific activities to improve access	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Create State-level AFN Work Group.</li> <li>2) Create Advisory position on the ESF8 Advisory Council.</li> <li>3) Guidance provided from 1 and 2 above given to RHCC Executive Committee and to Member planning.</li> <li>4) RHCCs will identify and add AFN representation on Executive Committee.</li> </ol>	HPP Staff/Regional Coordinator	In-Work	Complete by: 10/1/2021 9/15/2021 update: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) No progress</li> <li>2) No progress</li> <li>3) No progress</li> <li>4) No progress</li> </ol> 11/4/2020 - No progress to date. Change completion date to 3/31/2202. 2/23/2022 - DPHHS is establishing representation from AFN on the ESF8 Advisory Council. Change complete date to 06/30/2022. 01/04/2023 - DPHHS is establishing representation from AFN on the ESF8 Advisory Council. Change



					<p>completion date to 06/30/2023.</p> <p>5/4/2023 – Continue research and encouraging members of the AFN community to engage and participate in RHCC activities. Collaboration with DPHHS and the ESF-8 Advisory Counsel.</p>
Improvement	DPHHS IAP does not occur at regular intervals	DPHHS IMT process to accomplish IAPs	DPHHS PHEP/HPP	In-Work	<p>Complete by: 10/1/2021</p> <p>9/15/2021 - DPHHS has suspended IMT, no progress.</p> <p>11/4/2021 - No progress to date. Change completion date to 3/31/2022.</p> <p>02/23/2022 - Work in progress.</p> <p>01/04/2023 - Work in progress. Change complete date to 06/30/2023.</p> <p>5/4/2023 – Ongoing collaboration with DPHHS to ensure completion.</p>
Improvement	DPHHS IMT does not clearly define in the IAP the inclusion of the RHCC	Include RHCC Regional Coordinators in the IAP	DPHHS PHEP/HPP	In-Work	<p>Complete by: 12/1/2021</p> <p>11/4/2021 - No progress to date. Change completion date to 3/31/2022.</p> <p>02/23/2022 - Work in progress.</p> <p>01/04/2023- Work in progress. Change complete date to 06/30/2023.</p>



					5/4/2023 - Ongoing collaboration with DPHHS to ensure completion.
Improvement	DPHHS, RHCCs, and Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) planning and communications was disjointed and did not fully coordinate responses to outbreaks of a highly infectious disease to sustain community resilience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Request to be included with all of the stakeholders when planning and in communication regularly when a suspected outbreak is escalating in scope and provide updates to IAP as appropriate</li> <li>2) Conduct regular updates at meetings of stakeholders regarding Infectious Diseases.</li> </ol>	HPP Staff/Regional Coordinator	In-Work	<p>Complete by: 10/1/2021          11/4/2021 -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) No progress to date. Change completion date to 3/31/2022.</li> <li>2) Regular updates of Infectious Diseases being provided. Continue to monitor.</li> <li>3) 02/23/2022 - On going, no estimation of completion date.</li> <li>4) 01/04/2023 - Work in progress. Change completion date to 06/30/2023.</li> <li>5) 5/4/2023 – MT DPHHS has incorporated the RHCC's into their Montana Healthcare Emergency Response Coordination Center (MERCC).</li> </ol>
Improvement	RHCC Executive Committee did not understand their role in an infectious disease outbreak	Better education of the RHCC Executive Committee on the capability, roles, responsibilities of the Regional Coalition	Regional Coordinator	In-Work	<p>Complete by: 10/1/2021          11/4/2021 - Will share AAR/IP with Executive Committees at next meeting. Will reassess 3/31/2022.</p> <p>02/23/2022 - AAR/IP was shared with Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>COMPLETE.</b></p>



Improvement	RHCC does not have an Anthrax Response Plan or Pandemic Response Plan	Include an RHCC Anthrax Response Plan in HID Annex Include the state Pandemic Plan in the RHCC HID Annex	HPP Staff/Regional Coordinator	Completed	Complete by: 12/31/2021 9/15/2021 - Anthrax is not identified as a high priority threat in our HVA. The State Pandemic All-Hazards Plan is available upon request. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
Improvement	Inadequate collaboration between multiple agencies to develop and implement strategies to ensure availability of supplies of PPE.	Improve communication and situational awareness to ensure that the needs of providers are met, as able.	DPHHS PHEP/HPP	Completed	Complete by: 10/1/2021 9/15/2021 - Education has been provided on methods of requesting PPE and testing supplies from multiple agencies. Education will continue as needed. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
Improvement	Plans for caching or redistribution and sharing PPE were not adequate.	Identify multiple suppliers for products, develop cache and distribution plans for both HCC and HPP cache.	HPP Staff/Regional Coordinator	Complete	Complete by: 10/1/2021 9/15/2021 - Information has been provided from a variety of sources on suppliers for PPE. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
Improvement	The HID annex was not adequately informed and coordinated with member plans upon development	Acquire copies of Member plans and ensure activities align	Regional Coordinator	In-Work	Complete by: 12/31/2021 11/4/2021 - No progress to date. Will reassess 3/31/2022. 2/23/2022 - On going. 01/04/2023 - On going, Working to encourage facilities to put facility HID plans in the eICS library. Verify through site visits. Instruct facilities on how to upload their plans into the eICS library.



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					5/4/2023 – Location of RHCC plans and annexes are being shared with partner facilities and agencies during meetings, trainings and exercises, and during facility and agency visits.
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