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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—November 2023

Florida Health Statewide Pulsara Initiative

The Florida Department of Health is partnering with Pulsara to provide access statewide to their platform, to improve patient tracking and communication within the healthcare community.

Pulsara at a Glance

Pulsara can connect all emergency responders, hospital teams, and health officials in a single, secure network. It is a centralized solution for clear, concise, and quick communication across any incident's scale. It can be used for everyday transports, urgent emergencies, or large-scale crises.

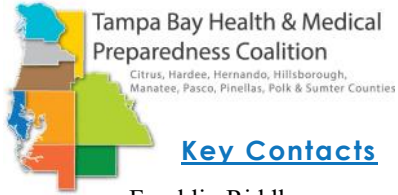
Florida's Strategy for Enhanced Care

Florida's healthcare system has taken a giant leap forward by offering Pulsara statewide—at no cost to organizations. Benefiting from ongoing state funding, a broad coalition of healthcare services, including EMS, hospitals, and fire departments, are welcomed to opt-in.

Having one centralized communication system will help streamline local, regional, and statewide response during disasters. When responders use Pulsara daily, it creates muscle memory, comfort, and confidence to use Pulsara for the large-scale event or MCI.

What stands out with Pulsara? Here's a snapshot:

- **Reduce the Chaos:** Say goodbye to the "telephone game." With Pulsara, each patient gets a dedicated communication channel, dramatically reducing errors and delays.
- **Unified Communication:** No matter the scenario—from routine transports to critical emergencies—Pulsara keeps you connected through a single, versatile system.
- **One way to Communicate:** Pulsara can be used to communicate for any patient needs from the routine transport to the time sensitive stroke patient to the MCI or large-scale event.
- **Community Paramedicine:** Based on state and local guidelines, Pulsara enables EMS to provide on-scene treatment and alternative transport options such as behavioral health, urgent care, and recovery centers.



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
November 3rd

Manatee CHAMP:
November 8th

Hernando ESF-8 Working Group:
November 9th

Pasco Health & Medical Coalition:
November 13th

Hillsborough Health Care Coalition:
November 16th

Polk Health Care Coalition:
November 16th



Pulsara, Continued... What Florida Gains

Embracing Pulsara, Florida is taking the lead in healthcare communication:

- **Resource Optimization:** Eases the strain on healthcare resources, ensuring a more responsive local and regional system.
- **Improved Patient Flow:** Efficiently addresses patient surges, capacity issues, and resource limitations, bolstering the overall healthcare infrastructure.
- **Enhance Existing Systems:** By leveraging common smart devices and web browsers, Pulsara overlays onto your current infrastructure without the need to replace your current protocols or technologies.
- **Coordinated Response:** Critical event management is streamlined, ensuring prompt, coordinated care during emergencies, disasters, all the way through to reunification.

Take the Next Step

Interested in how Pulsara can transform patient care in your practice? For an in-depth look at how Pulsara works and what it means for Florida's healthcare system—including implementation details and training opportunities—visit <https://www.pulsara.com/florida-resources>.

Important Info & Updates

ASPR Launches New Health Care and Public Health Cybersecurity Website

ASPR has launched a new website with cybersecurity resources and information for health care and public health entities. The website contains links to tools and resources, links to trainings, webinars and other educational materials, updated news, and access to sign up to ASPR's Cybersecurity Bulletin newsletter. Learn more and view the new [ASPR cybersecurity website](#).

A graphic for the ASPR Cybersecurity Bulletin subscription. It features a blue background with a person in a blue lab coat holding a white padlock. The text reads: "Subscribe to ASPR's Cybersecurity Bulletins", "Get information on cyber incidents, news, resources, engagement opportunities, and security updates sent right to your inbox.", "Stay Informed. Subscribe Today.", "More alerts: Health Sector Coordination Center 405(d) Mailing List".

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Request for Information (RFI): HHS Initiative to Enhance National All Hazards Hospital Situational Awareness

ASPR, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS), and the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) are seeking broad public input from entities across the health care readiness community on a national, all-hazards standardized set of essential elements of information (EEI) and vendor-neutral data collection mechanisms for hospital data that drive action for emergency preparedness and response. This input will inform efforts to provide recommendations for a standardized lens into the readiness of, stress on, and resources available in hospitals before, during, and after emergencies. The public comment period ends on December 18, 2023. [Please see the posted RFI for more detail and submission of public comments.](#)

CDC Develops New Toolkits to Prepare for Flu, COVID-19, and RSV

CDC recently released a new [Resources to Prepare for Flu, COVID-19, and RSV](#) webpage which provides toolkits and resources for various communities on preparing for the flu, COVID-19, and RSV during the fall/winter season. Healthcare providers

- [Healthcare Provider Toolkit: Preparing Your Patients for the Fall and Winter Virus Season](#)
- [Long-Term Care Facilities: Viral Respiratory Pathogens Toolkit](#)
- [Project Firstline: Infection Control Actions for Respiratory Viruses](#)



CDC Publishes New Vital Signs on Health Worker Mental Health and Launches new Campaign for Hospital Leaders

In October, CDC released a new Vital Signs highlighting the mental health crisis in health workers. The report, which contains an analysis from the CDC Quality of Worklife survey, focuses on well-being and working conditions, comparing data from 2018 to 2022. The report also compares health workers with essential workers and all other workers across industries. Researchers found that reports of poor mental health symptoms increased more for health workers than for other worker groups.

CDC has also launched the first federal campaign to help hospitals tackle healthcare worker burnout. The new campaign, Impact Wellbeing, provides hospital leaders with evidence-informed resources to improve workplace policies and practices that reduce burnout, normalize help-seeking, and strengthen professional wellbeing.

Additionally, hospital leaders can remove one of the most substantial system barriers to healthcare worker wellbeing—intrusive mental health questions on hospital credentialing applications. Auditing and changing hospital credentialing application questions removes barriers to care and sends a clear message to healthcare workers that their hospital supports their wellbeing and mental health. The Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation developed three simple steps hospital leaders can follow to make it safe for their healthcare workers to seek care.

Read more [here](#).



Upcoming Trainings & Events

Crisis Standards of Care Virtual Tabletop Exercise– December 7th, 1pm-4pm

The Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition has partnered with All Clear Emergency Management Group for a virtual tabletop exercise that will address how to utilize crisis standards of care communication, resource coordination, alternate strategies for staffing and more.

[Register here](#)

Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT)

We have HERT classes being offered through Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (JHACH) and Baycare in the coming months. See below for registration info and/or who to contact!

- December 13th- <https://cdp.dhs.gov/apply/to/241-0061%20HERT-B-2>
- November 9th– Countryside (West Region — Dirk Palmer, dirk.palmer@baycare.org)
- December 4th– Winter Haven (Polk Region — Tim Allen, timothy.allen@baycare.org)

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**DISASTER DILEMMA:
A CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE
VIRTUAL TABLETOP EXERCISE**

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**DECEMBER 7, 2023
1:00PM
TO
4:00PM EST**

We invite TBHMP members including but not limited to: Hospital and Ancillary partners, Emergency Management, Department of Health, EMS, and others.

[Click Here To Register](#)

If you have questions about registration, contact Alyson Angeli at alyson@allclearmng.com



Save the Date! TBHMPC's next quarterly virtual drill will be on Tuesday, December 5th at 2pm. This drill will focus on your organization's plans and procedures related to **Workplace Violence and Lockdown**. This drill will allow you to examine these portions of your emergency plans, and fulfill CMS requirements for a community-based exercise. Registration for this drill will be out soon, so watch your email inbox for more info!

Florida Healthcare Coalitions & The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)

The following Virtual Trainings are available to any Coalition member/partner in Florida!

- [November 14th from 10am - 11:30am](#): Crisis Standards of Care and Treatment Decision Making (HCV1)
- [December 12th from 10am - 1pm](#): Healthcare Facility Emergency Management Program (HCV6)



Emergency Management Training

Here are upcoming EM trainings available for registration on [SERT TRAC](#).

- [Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Course \(HSEEP\)](#)- Tuesday, November 14th - Wednesday, November 15th at Hillsborough County EOC.
- [G-402 Incident Command System, Overview for Executives and Senior Officials](#)— Wednesday, November 15th at the Pasco EOC
- For more EM training opportunities, visit the [SERT TRAC Calendar](#).

Breaking the Silence: Putting Mental Health at the Forefront of Public Health- Nov 7, 2023 03:00 PM

NACCHO is hosting an important webinar dedicated to addressing the ongoing mental health crisis in our communities. This webinar is tailored for Local Health Departments and their diverse community partners, providing valuable insights and practical tools to enhance the mental health and overall well-being of our populations. [Register here](#).

Trauma: The First Ten Minutes November 15 at 11:00 AM PST, 2:00 PM EST

Join this free Air Methods Ascend interactive webinar and dive into the high-stakes world of EMS providers as we unravel the pivotal first ten minutes of a trauma call, shedding light on the crucial decisions that shape patient outcomes. Topics covered will include: Hazard identification, Resource assessment, Triage, Utilization of assessment tools to immediately detect life-threatening situations, Appropriate treatment protocols to respond effectively. **All attendants are eligible for 1 free hour of CE credit.** [Register here](#)

CyberSecureFlorida Training for Public Employees!

This training initiative has stemmed from Florida Legislation HB5001, Section 2944B, which directs Cyber Florida “to conduct cybersecurity training for state and local government executive, managerial, technical, and general staff.” Every employee has a role to play in preventing cyber-crime, and this effort aims to make Florida’s public sector workforce the most cyber-ready in the nation! [Click here](#) for more info.



SAVE THE DATES - TBHMPC Ambubus Training **FIRST LINE TECHNOLOGY**
February 29th and March 1st, 2024!



TBHMPC and First Line will be hosting a training on our Regional Ambubus Capabilities at the Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex in Tampa on February 29th and March 1st, 2024! All agencies who have an Ambubus in our Coalition Region are asked to attend ([and bring their bus and Ambubus teams](#)) to learn more about the capabilities and operations of these resources. **Attendance at this training will be required for those seeking additional Coalition funding to enhance their Ambubus capabilities.** More info on this training will be available soon!

Coalition Highlights

15 'til 50 Mass Casualty Exercise in Jacksonville

On October 23rd & 24th, TBHMPC sent a team to observe a 15 'til 50 Mass Casualty Exercise at Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital in Jacksonville. This exercise and the associated training prepares a hospital to prepare to receive a 50+ patient surge in 15 minutes or less. It was great seeing the process in action! Look for more on [15 'til 50](#) coming soon to our area!



The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Warehouse

Region 4 Department of Health Planners and TBHMPC staff toured the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Warehouse in Tampa on October 20th.

