

# National Health Security Preparedness Index Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Workgroup



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# Agenda

- Updates on 2016 Index Release & Follow-On Activities
- Updates on 2017 Index Planning
- 2016 Index Discussion
  - Feedback from the Field
  - September Use Event
  - Prioritizing Stakeholder Engagement/Outreach:  
*Sectors and Venues*
- 2017 Index Discussion
  - Workgroup Structure: Who Is Missing
  - Potential Workgroup Activities:  
*Qualitative, Quantitative, and Other Feedback*
- Other Business



# Updates on 2016 Index Release & Follow-On Activities

## The National Health Security Preparedness Index

### Providing Decision Support for Local Public Health

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#### Background

The National Health Security Preparedness Index ("the Index") is a tool for assessing the preparedness of the U.S. across various sectors.

#### 2016 National Findings

Results from the 2016 release of the Index, containing data from 2013 through 2015, reveal that preparedness is improving overall, but protections remain uneven across the U.S., with declines in some critical areas.



#### Using Index Findings

Since January 2015, the Index program management office at the University of Kentucky and Index workgroups have collected qualitative and quantitative data from state and local public health practitioners and emergency managers, as well as other public and private sector stakeholders, to elucidate past Index use and improve future use, usefulness, and usability through enhanced methods and innovative tool development. To date, these efforts indicate a need both to heighten Index awareness and to increase its usage across many sectors, including local public health, where the Index often is perceived as solely a state or national tool.



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THE HILL'S FORUM FOR LAWMAKERS AND POLICY PROFESSIONALS

June 24, 2016, 01:30 pm

### How prepared are we for disaster?

By Glen Mays

Every day the news headlines tell grim tales about the spreading Zika virus, the water supply in Flint, or a fast food chain's fight against foodborne illnesses. Floods, fires, industrial accidents, and infrastructure failures add to the constellation of emergencies that threaten health and safety somewhere in the U.S. nearly every day. All of us are at risk of experiencing these unpredictable events during the course of modern life. But unfortunately, we are not all equally protected from the health consequences.

Every community experiences a large-scale health emergency eventually, but no single organization within the community can perform all of the actions needed to keep people safe and healthy when disaster strikes. Decades of research and experience show that communication, coordination, and collaborative preparation across sectors are major determinants of how communities fare during and after emergencies. We also know that effective multi-sector collaboration does not happen automatically. Communities require the right combinations of information, infrastructure and incentives in order to allow each sector to play their part in emergency preparedness and response.

Most Americans probably do not think very much about big, inevitable threats like natural disasters, outbreaks, or terrorist attacks. And when thoughts occur, many people probably assume that their leaders in government and social organizations generally have all the bases covered. Do we? Can all Americans safely make that assumption?

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# Updates on 2017 Index Planning

- Recent Joint Methods and Models Workgroup Meeting
- August NAC Meeting
  - Will discuss production timelines and priorities
- Communication Timelines will be developed based on the production calendar that emerges after the NAC meeting



# Feedback from the Field

- What are you hearing from colleagues and stakeholders?
- Are you aware of anyone using the Index and, if so, how?
- Are there specific individuals or organizations we could/should highlight in Preparedness Month Index use communications?





# Prioritizing Stakeholder Engagement/Outreach

## ■ Sectors and Organizations

- Public Health
- Emergency Management
- Health Care
- Non-Profit/Volunteer
- Private Business/Industry
- Legislative (state, federal)
- Research
- Who?



# Prioritizing Stakeholder Engagement/Outreach

## ■ Venues/Calendar

- ASTHO DPHP (Sept. 20-22)
- NEMA Forum (Oct. 1-4)
- IAEM Annual Meeting (Oct. 14-19)
- APHA (Oct. 29-Nov. 12)
- Council of State Governments (Dec. 8-11)
- National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference (Dec. 13-14)
- Preparedness Summit (Spring 2017)
- NVOAD (May 15-18, 2017)
- IOM (TBD)
- NCSL?



# Workgroup Structure: Who is Missing?

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- Public Health (Local, state, federal)
- Emergency Management (local, state, federal)
- Health Care
- Non-Profit/Volunteer
- Private Business/Industry
- Research
- Legislative





# Potential Workgroup Activities

- Qualitative Feedback
  - Workgroup-focused
  - Focus Groups and/or Targeted Interviews
    - With whom?
    - What focus?
- Quantitative Feedback
  - Bolstering survey response
- Other Feedback
  - Calls for new measures
  - Public comment mechanisms

# Other Business

- NAC Chair
- Meeting Dates/Times
- Other?



# Open Virtual Workgroup Meetings: Participating Further in Index Evolution

- **Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Workgroup**

*Fourth Thursdays, 1:30pm-2:30pm Eastern*

**NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: August 23rd, 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

- **Analytic Methodology Workgroup**

*Second Wednesdays, 2:00pm-3:00pm*

- **Model Design Workgroup**

*Third Tuesdays, 1:00pm-2:00pm*

*Login Information and Archived Slides/Recordings are available at: <http://nhspi.org/tools-resources/>*



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