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

Background
The National Health Security Preparedness Index (NHSP Index) is a tool for tracking progress across various sectors in building preparedness against pandemics and terrorist attacks. The NHSP Index uses data from a diverse set of public and private sources to provide a comprehensive view of preparedness capabilities across the United States.

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

Using Index Findings
Since January 2014, the NHSP Index development 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.

How prepared are we for disaster?

Every day, the news headlines tell grim tales about the mounting wildfire smoke, the water main in Flint, or a series of natural high-speed disasters. For these events, there is no preparedness and people are told to pray for the best and to do their best. It is one of the most challenging times in the history of the United States and the world. But unfortunately, we are not all equally prepared.

Many communities experience a large-scale health emergency inevitably. But no single organization or community can be fully prepared.

The NHSP Index has been developed to identify gaps in national preparedness and to provide a common framework for understanding preparedness across the United States.

Most Americans probably do not know what to do in a disaster. They do not have a plan, and they do not have a way to know what to do. They do not have a way to stay informed.

Can we prepare for a disaster? Yes, we can. We can do it together.
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?

- Sectors and Organizations
  - 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

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