



Heartland Centers' Webinar Series

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Building Sustainable Health Care Coalitions in Rural and Small Metropolitan Missouri Communities



Thursday, February 8th, 10:00am CST

Webinar is free of charge.

Registration is required and limited to first 100 registrants.

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Description: In recent years, the Medical Surge Capacity and Capability Framework, specifically the Tier 2 – Health Care Coalition concept has been adopted in outstate Missouri to provide guidance and structure to emergency preparedness planning and response. This webinar will summarize the strategic vision and approach implemented in Missouri to develop practical and sustainable healthcare coalitions and review the guidance developed to facilitate and strengthen local leadership and sustainability. Participants will learn specific strategies and approaches implemented by one health care coalition to develop and test specific coalition roles and responsibilities for preparedness and response.

Presenters:

Leslie Porth, Vice President, Missouri Hospital Association

Jackie Gatz, Director, Emergency Preparedness, Missouri Hospital Association

Chris A. Smith, MHA, MEP, CEAS, Coordinator Worker Safety and Emergency Preparedness, University of Missouri Health Care - Columbia, Missouri

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PRESENTER BIOS

Leslie Porth, RN, MPH

Leslie Porth is Vice-President of Missouri Hospital Association. Prior to joining MHA in 1999, she worked in a mid-Missouri hospital as a nurse in critical care and emergency care units and in an administrative position. Today, she is responsible for a wide range of population-based strategies to improve the health and safety of Missourians and the quality of care provided in Missouri hospitals. Currently she administers a sub-contract for the federal Hospital Preparedness Program and leads many of the strategic initiatives to develop a sustainable emergency preparedness program for Missouri's hospitals. In addition, Leslie also serves as part-time faculty for the University of Missouri – Columbia, where she teaches principles of emergency preparedness for the masters in public health program. Leslie received her bachelor's of nursing from the University of Missouri – Columbia, Sinclair School of Nursing and her master's in public health from Saint Louis University. She currently is pursuing her doctorate in public policy and administration with an emphasis in homeland security policy and coordination from Walden University.

Jackie Gatz, MPA

Jackie Gatz is the Director of Emergency Preparedness for the Missouri Hospital Association. In this capacity, she directs the strategic operations of a sub-contract for the federal Hospital Preparedness Program in an effort to increase the medical surge capacity and capabilities of the health care infrastructure and improve overall health care system disaster preparedness in Missouri. This is accomplished through education, hands-on training, equipment acquisition, development of communication infrastructures and comprehensive all-hazards planning. In addition, Gatz facilitates the development and operation of eleven health care coalitions for emergency preparedness and response. Jackie earned her bachelor of arts in political science from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut and her master of public administration with an emphasis in public health policy from the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Chris A. Smith, MHA, MEP, CEAS

Chris A Smith currently serves as the coordinator of worker safety and emergency preparedness with the University of Missouri Health Care in Columbia, Missouri. Chris began her career in public health and long term care regulation, working 10 years in the environmental health field. The last 10 years of her career has been in the field of Public Health and Health Care Emergency Preparedness/Management; working 4 years for a health care system consisting of a level 1 trauma/academic medical center, 2 specialty hospitals, cancer center, and 50+ clinics, and 6 years as a Bioterrorism Response Planner for 3 local health departments. She serves on several advisory boards at the state level, the statewide hospital coordinating council, and is one of the chairs of the Region F Emergency Health Care Coalition. Her areas of expertise include planning, training, exercise design and implementation, and program management.