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| **Welcome to the The Southwest Colorado Healthcare Coalition (SWCHCC) monthly newsletter!** The Southwest Colorado Healthcare Coalition is a collaboration of health care organizations, providers, public health departments, emergency medical services, emergency management agencies and community partners working together to enhance regional preparedness and response capabilities.SWCHCC promotes, develops, and works to enhance regional coordination for medical and public health system preparedness, response, and recovery.  **Our Mission**Coordinate and promote healthcare emergency preparedness and response activities for Coalition partners throughout the Southwest Colorado Region.  |

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| **SWCHCC Member Spotlight** |

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| This month we are highlighting our members who presented at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR) Annual Partner's Meeting.  The theme of this year's meeting was planning for the next full-scale public health exercise, focusing on information sharing, emergency public information and warning, and medical surge.  Ron Trucott of Mercy Regional Medical Center, Connie Cook of Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS, and Jeff King of Axis Health System represented the SWCHCC, in addition to our public health partners in the region.  Becky Joyce of San Juan County Public Health, Lori Zazzaro of San Juan Basin Public Health and Ron Trucott presented on a panel addressing public health and healthcare coalition responses in 2018.  Jeff King and Theresa Campbell of La Plata County Human Services presented on an Access and Functional Needs Stories and Resources panel, and Karen Dickson of Montezuma County Public Health presented on successful communication with diverse personalities.  Congratulations to all for representing the Southwest Region so well.  |

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| **Deliverable Tracker**Interested in seeing how the SWCHCC is doing with their deliverables? Click on the "Grant Reporting Spreadsheet" button below.    |

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| **Access & Functional Needs Panel**  |

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| Disasters can surge on already taxed healthcare systems, especially hospitals.  This surge behavior can be driven by many types of needs, some medical, some not. Access & functional needs that are not inherently medical but have consequences on individuals’ maintenance of their own health can drive people to hospitals if other community-based options don’t exist.Surge behavior can also increase due to assumptions made by both community members and by other response agencies – seeing hospitals as (the only) source of help and resources, fears that missing family members have been taken to a hospital.  In order to prevent and mitigate medical surge, it is important that health care coalitions understand what drives behavior in jurisdictions they serve.Please join the Southwest Colorado Healthcare Coalition for an Access and Functional Needs panel discussion on Monday, December 10, 2018 (see full details in the events section below). The SWCHCC will be bringing together partners from across our region to participate in a conversation about how we can collaboratively prepare for health needs during disasters. This includes knowing what factors affect our communities’ health during disasters and what is expected or needed from the health care system.  |

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| **Hazard Vulnerability Analysis**Each year, the Southwest Colorado Healthcare Coalition is tasked with developing a Joint Risk Assessment reflective of the risks and gaps associated with the health and medical system that operates within our region. Although this document is a deliverable for the Hospital Preparedness Program, it also serves as an integral tool in the strategic planning process, assists with the prioritization of activities, helps guide funding decisions, and provides a comprehensive view of our region to our members, as well as those partners at both the state and federal levels.This regional risk assessment pulls in multiple data points from throughout the region, including the Hazard Vulnerability Analyses (HVAs) that have been have been developed by our members for their facilities, systems, and/or jurisdictions. **What is an Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)?**A HVA provides a systematic approach to recognizing hazards that may affect demand for the hospitals services or its ability to provide those services. The risks associated with each hazard are analyzed to prioritize planning, mitigation, response and recovery activities. Additionally, the HVA serves as a needs assessment tool for healthcare coalitions to analyze their greatest threats/vulnerabilities, and to better plan for emergencies. An example of how we could utilize this data would be planning trainings and exercises, or approving funds request to increase capacity based on the greatest risks for our region.**How do I complete an HVA?**[Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Training Webinar](https://swchcc.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4563d44d6255997806da8c35c&id=3df5eb49b4&e=6260cff1f5)**How do I share my HVA with the SWCHCC?**Once you have completed your facility's HVA, follow the link below to submit your results to the SWCHCC. The information you submit will be used to create a regional HVA.[SWCHCC Hazard Vulnerability Analysis Survey](https://swchcc.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4563d44d6255997806da8c35c&id=7b52aad4e3&e=6260cff1f5)  |

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| **Upcoming Trainings & Events (Regional):**Emergency Preparedness Training: Disaster Preparedness Kits* **Location:** Durango Public Library - 1900 East Third Avenue, Durango, CO
* **When:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 from 12:00-1:00PM
* Lunch is provided.  Participants will receive an item for their kit.
* **Registration:** Contact LWard@sjbpublichealth.org970.335.2069

Advanced Planning Concepts: Developing Incident Action Plans* **Location:** Grand Mesa Oncology Mesa Lakes Room - 1501 East Third Street, Delta, CO
* **When:** November 28-29, 2018 from 8:00-5:00 pm
* **Registration:** [https://www.train.org/colorado/](https://swchcc.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4563d44d6255997806da8c35c&id=3a10dc4015&e=6260cff1f5)
* **Registration ID:** 1021078

Southwest Colorado Healthcare Coalition Access & Functional Needs Discussion Panel:* **Location:** Mercy Regional Medical Center
* **When:** Monday, December 10 from 2:00-3:00 pm
* **Audience:** Southwest Colorado Healthcare Coalition Members
* **Registration:** [https://www.train.org/colorado/](https://swchcc.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4563d44d6255997806da8c35c&id=d007d4a396&e=6260cff1f5)
* **Registration ID:** 1081368

Medical Countermeasures: Point of Dispensing (POD), Planning, and Response (MGT-319)* **Location:** La Plata County Fairgrounds
* **When:** March 19-20, 2019 from 8:00-5:00 pm
* **Registration:** [https://www.train.org/colorado/](https://swchcc.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4563d44d6255997806da8c35c&id=b72f76cec3&e=6260cff1f5)
* **Registration ID:** 1081152

Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness (MGT-439)* **Location:** Mercy Regional Medical Center
* **When:** June 27-28, 2019 from 8:00-5:00 pm
* **Registration:** Contactsusantipton@centura.org970-764-1250

**Upcoming Trainings & Events (National):**  National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference* **Location:** New Orleans
* **When:** November 27-29, 2018
* [**Register Here**](https://swchcc.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4563d44d6255997806da8c35c&id=48aaacd685&e=6260cff1f5)
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