

2020-2021 WATCH Work Plan



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Coalition Mission

The West Area Tennessee Coalition of Healthcare (WATCH) will assist the healthcare community and other emergency response agencies to jointly prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster events by supporting collaborative planning and information sharing among a broad range of healthcare partners in order to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of the people in Tennessee.

Coalition Purpose

The purpose of the West Area Tennessee Coalition of Healthcare is to support the development of cooperative partnerships in order to promote and enhance the wellbeing of the community's healthcare system through coordinated disaster preparedness, education, public information, response/recovery activities, and sharing of resources.

Work Plan

This work plan will guide the work of the WATCH for the 2020-2021 grant year. It is intended to be a fluid document, which will continue to evolve as necessary to ensure the coalition is effective and able to sustain its efforts. The work activities listed in this strategic plan are aimed to complement each member's Emergency Operations Plan for the purpose of

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ensuring proper utilization of the resources and disaster support to the WATCH Healthcare Coalition. This plan is intended to provide clear guidance on structure, activity, and project development.

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Coalition Subcommittees

From time to time, various subcommittees will be established to implement preparedness strategies and address capability development. Workgroup participants must be active partners in the coalition. Current workgroups include:

Training

The training subcommittee will prioritize training areas based on HVA and Gap Analysis results. These priorities will be presented to the full coalition, with recommendations for avenues of training. Consideration will be given to free/no cost opportunities first. The coalition will coordinate with regional and state activities relative to training and education when possible. The HCC will base training decisions on need and availability as we continue to navigate COVID-19.

Planning/Budget

The planning and budget subcommittee will prioritize planning and budget activities based on HVA and Gap Analysis results, and real world events. Recommendations will be presented to the full coalition for approval. The advisory board will provide oversight to ensure processes and outcomes conform to state and federal guidelines.

As an addendum to the planning committee, a pediatric subject matter expert, which may or may not be an active coalition member, will be utilized during this fiscal period to assist with planning, training and equipment needs for treating pediatric patients during emergencies. The subcommittee will make recommendations on equipment determined necessary to support an emergency event involving pediatric patients based on the expertise of the subject matter expert.

Equipment/Supplies

The equipment subcommittee will coordinate cache supplies, inventory assessment, and equipment check out when

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Communications

The communications group will work closely with hospital staff/IT, amateur radio representatives, and other subject matter experts as needed to create a more cohesive communications network across our region. Communications ranks high on our HVA annually and as an opportunity for improvement on many AAR's. This group will work towards completion and implementation of regional communications plan.

During this budget Period the WATCH HCC will complete the installation of a push to talk satellite phone system allowing all 12 hospital to have PTT capabilities to increase the interoperability and redundant communications during disaster response. This project will also allow the HCC to re-allocate previously purchased phones to a deployable CACHE for use by other facilities, strike teams or other HCC partners during disasters/deployments.

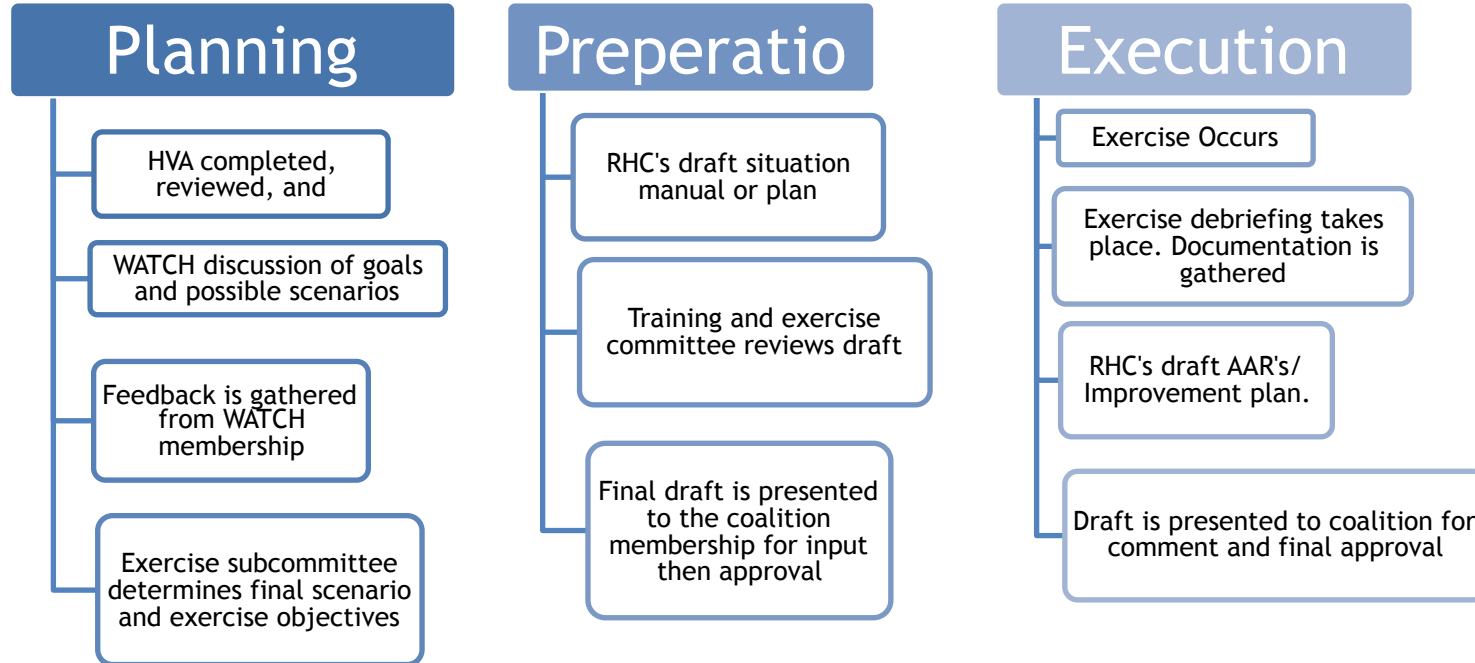
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Exercise

The exercise subcommittee will prioritize exercise activities based on HVA results, Gap Analysis results, real world events, and state, federal, and regulatory requirements. Recommendations will be presented to the full coalition for approval. When possible exercises will be coordinated with regional and state activities. Advisory board will provide oversight to ensure processes and outcomes conform to state and federal guidelines. Procedures for exercise planning are outlined below:

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Grant Funding Management Process



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Risk Analysis

All hospitals, nursing homes, and most other healthcare entities are required to complete a HVA at least annually as conditions of participation for CMS. The WATCH collects HVAs from individual coalition entities, reviews, and updates a Regional Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) annually. It was most recently updated May of 2020. The HVA used was the Tennessee Hazard Assessment Tool. The HVA is shared with all coalition members.

The top 6 hazards were identified as:

- Supply Chain Shortage/Failure
- Active Shooter
- Inclement Weather
- Bomb Threat
- Pandemic
- Tornado

The current HVA identified the top 10 hazards listed in the graph on the next page:

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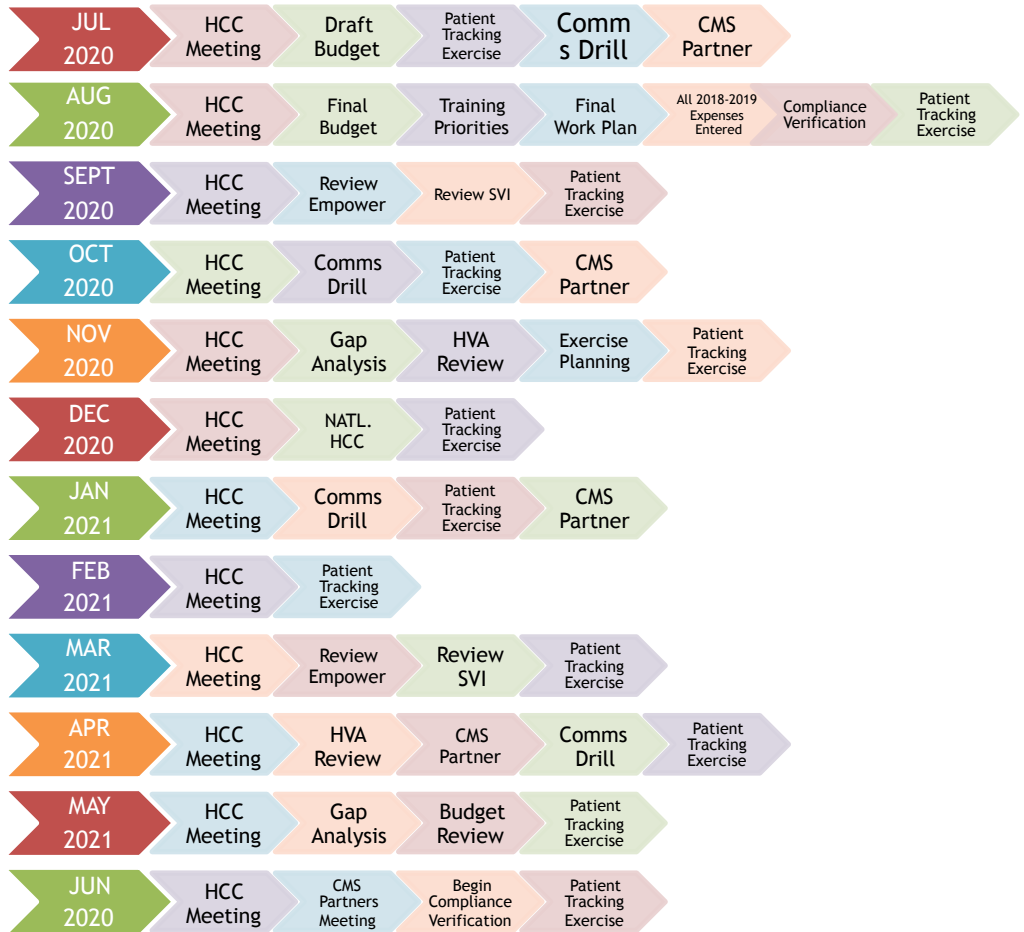
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Planning Time Line

This Planning timeline is intended to be a fluid document, which will continue to evolve as necessary to ensure the coalition is effective and able to sustain its efforts.

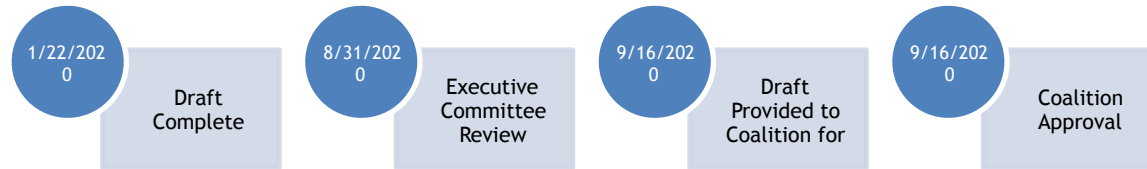
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The work plan will be presented to the Executive Committee for recommendations, then to the full coalition for approval. Changes will be made as needed to ensure the coalition meets all requirements and the coalition's members needs are met. 2020-2021 work plan date are as follows



Revision Dates:
8/31/2020