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## MDH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE NEWS

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# From the Director

Welcome spring!

With our excitement for warm weather, many of us in Minnesota forget about the importance of personal emergency preparedness in spring and summer. Severe Weather Awareness Week (April 17 – 21st) is a good reminder to review your severe weather plans and update the contents of your summer emergency car kit. Our partner, the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), has a lot of good weather safety resources available on their website: https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness.

While Minnesota does not currently pose a risk for Zika transmission, we know that our residents vacation around the world. If you receive questions from travelers, I encourage you to send them to the new "Know Your Zika Risk" web tool (https://www.cdc.gov/zika/pregnancy/) created by the CDC.

Finally, I would like to thank you for reading this issue of EPR News. The EPR News is one of our primary methods for communicating important updates, opportunities and resources to our local partners. If you have questions or suggestions for improvement please contact Jennifer Miller, a member of our staff, at 651-201-5726 or jennifer.miller@state.mn.us. This quarterly issue includes information on the MDH Burn Surge Project, and updates on the Workspace Migration and SharePoint Migration projects.

Happy Reading!                    *Cheryl*

## MDH Burn Surge Project

According to the American Burn Association (ABA), over 70% of burn injuries are directly tied to home fire incidents, and one civilian fire death occurs every 2 hours and 41 minutes. Treating and stabilizing burn victims is a specialized practice with limited resources under normal day-to-day operations. A small scale mass casualty incident can rapidly escalate from conventional or contingency levels to a crisis level of response.

The MDH Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response has teamed with our 2 ABA verified burn centers (Regions Hospital-Burn Center and Hennepin County Medical Center-Burn Center), 8 regional Health Care Coalitions, and 13 Burn Surge Facilities to develop a statewide burn surge plan that fully integrates local, regional, state and national partners and resources.

On March 8, 2017, MDH launched a statewide Burn Surge roll out event where participants reviewed the recently completed MDH Burn Surge Plan, engaged in a table top exercise, and reviewed burn victim case studies. We had 99 attendees join us (in person and virtually) and participants ranged from medical professionals, emergency medical services, emergency managers and state partners. The day was packed with great discussions, quality feedback on both strengths and opportunities for improvement, and high energy and passion to continue such discussions at the local level.

Statewide partners have since moved forward with additional burn education, exercising and planning efforts. Their dedication and interest in keeping this momentum going is commendable, and will help ensure Minnesota's burn surge preparedness. For more information, please visit the MDH Burn Surge webpage (http://www.health.state.mn.us/oep/healthcare/burn/index.html).

### Inside this Edition

# What's up with the Workspace?

As referenced in the previous issue of EPR News, plans are underway to ensure a smooth migration to a new Workspace system. A migration team, comprised of MDH and local public health members, is meeting monthly to work through key issues.

**Updates for this quarter**: The migration team has completed an assessment of the 33 roles currently in use in the Workspace. They are now in the process of clarifying the role titles and updating the role definitions.

As an example, the team realized that there were four separate local public health leadership roles: CHS Administrator, Local Public Health Nursing Director, plus a back-up role for each. Additionally, they noticed a lack of consistency as to which roles were selected when messages were sent. As a result, some local leaders were missing out on important communications some of the time. To improve this situation the team has proposed combining the four roles into two: a Local Public Health Leadership role and a back-up role. Local jurisdictions will be able to select who and how many people to assign to the role to best meet their local needs.

With input from local public health leaders around the state, the migration group has identified another improvement for the new Workspace. The new system will be set up to automatically copy the leadership role on all general messages. This will help ensure that leaders are always "in the know".

**Don't forget!** The Workspace is still in use until further notice. Thank you for continuing to keep your contact information in it up-to-date.

# SharePoint Migration Update

The MDH SharePoint Migration is finished and it is time for local and tribal health departments to get access to their migrated sites. You should have received an email(s) from Toby McAdams inviting you to your new MDH 0365 SharePoint site(s). Click on the link in the email and that will start the process of getting you connected into the MDH 0365 SharePoint system. If you have problems, please talk to your IT department first and then if it isn't resolved, please contact us: health.epr@state.mn.us.

## Useful Resources

### TRACIE Topic Collection: Access & Functional Needs

The Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), a service of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), has put together a collection of useful resources that address at-risk population planning.

Check out the TRACIE Topic Collection: Access and Functional Needs (https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/62/Access-and-Functional-Needs--at-risk-populations-vulnerable-populations-CMIST/62) today!

## Meet the Staff

**Tom Garcia — Medical Countermeasures Planner / Trainer**
Tom, who is a graduate of St Cloud State University, started in his new role at MDH in March.

He was formerly an 18D (Special Forces Medical Sergeant) in the US Army, and has been contracting overseas, on and off, for the last five years. Specifically Tom has been training and mentoring Afghan Special Forces in combat medicine.

Before his work in the Training Industry, Tom was a professional in the museum field, working as a Curator of Collections and Exhibits at various museums in Minnesota. He is looking forward to using his creative and administrative skills at MDH!

## Important Dates

**May 3, 2017**---------South Central Emergency Preparedness Conference ---------- Mankato, MN ---------gingrich.lavida@mayo.edu

**May 16-17, 2017**---Under One Roof Conference---------------- Duluth, MN ----------------- http://www.underonerooftwinports.com/

**June 7-8, 2017**------Skills for Psychological Recovery (SPR)--- St. Paul, MN ---MN.TRAIN Course ID 1069576 ---http://mn.train.org

**June 9, 2017** --------SPR Train-the-Trainer Training ------------- St. Paul, MN ---MN.TRAIN Course ID 1069577 ---http://mn.train.org

**July 12, 2017**--------Medical Countermeasures Updates *(Webinar)*-------------MN.TRAIN Course ID 1069979 ---http://mn.train.org

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