2016 SD HCC INTER-REGIONAL

Beautiful sunny weather, great speakers, delicious food, a new app, a fun exercise and great networking! What more could you ask for in a conference?

This year’s HCC Inter-regional Conference was terrific! The lineup of speakers offered interesting and diverse topics. From Dr. Kightlinger’s travels to Guinea, to learning about ways to partner with the 211 Helpline.

A great time was also had at the evening social with dinner, no-rules volleyball and sunset pontoon rides.

However, the highlight might have been the EMTrack exercise. Teams of HPP members ran station to station, scanning in patients with the new EMTrack mobile app. Once successful, they collected an item of PPE. At the final station, a member of each team had to don the PPE. Now I don’t know if anyone would have passed CDC muster, but it sure was a lot of fun!

And we owe it all to the Inter-regional Planning Committee. Thank you to Alexandra Little, Carol Taylor, Nancy Hussey, Kathy Thorpe, Dawn Tomac and Erin Hacecky for the work you did in putting together a great conference. We all look forward to next year! See all the photos in the Special Edition!

In fact, we did the best!
Team USA -121 medals.
Everyone else - less.

And now the wait begins for the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea. At which time I will undoubtedly develop a wholehearted, yet temporary, obsession with bob-sledding, figure skating and yes...curling. Go Team USA!
**REGION 1 – MEET OUR NEW REGIONAL CO-CHAIRS**

In early spring, Nancy Hussey and Richard Rice stepped up to serve as Co-Chairs for the Region 1 Healthcare Coalition. So we figure this is an excellent time to ask silly questions to get to know our leaders better!

**Nancy Hussey** – Nancy is responsible for infection control, safety, employee health, HPP, and several other acronyms at Fall River Health Services. If she could have any other career, she’d be a rancher. If she could be named after a location, it would be Oral, her home town. She has a weird scar on her index finger that she got from the lid of a can. Her favorite movies are Pretty Woman, Dirty Dancing and anything and everything involving John Wayne. Her favorite word is “mom,” and her perfect pizza is a combo. The best piece of advice she ever received is treat others how you want to be treated. Lastly, she doesn’t like answering personal questions in general, so my thanks to Nancy for playing along!

**Richard Rice** – Richard is the Director of Safety Services at Regional Health. If he could be named after any location, it would be “USA All-The-Way.” His perfect pizza is pineapple, and he hates to be asked if he knows why he was pulled over. If he could have any other career, it would be a wilderness guide. If you hire him, you might be in for an adventure because his favorite movies are Predator, Rambo, and anything with Chuck Norris. He doesn’t have any interesting scars, though, so you might work out in the end. Richards favorite word is “jedi” and the best piece of advice he’s every received is “Under commit. Over achieve.”

**REGION 2 – REMINDERS AND DEADLINES**

Funding Reports were due on July 10th. If you have not already done so, please submit as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted!

The next Region 2 Healthcare Coalition Meeting is September 19th from 1-3PM, at the Avera State Street Medical Square. Our special guest will be Chad Sheehan presenting the SAVE Yourself Program. See page 8 of this HiPPO for more information.

I look forward to visiting each of the Region 2 facilities during our upcoming site visits.
REGION 3 - SITE VISITS

Special Projects
Thank you to the facilities who have submitted proposals for special projects funding. Thank you for doing the extra work to get those projects done and for building capacity in our facilities and regions. And thank you to the Executive Committee for the extra time to meet, review and approve the proposals.

Funding Reports
Please don’t forget to complete your funding reports and upload them, along with receipts, into eICS. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Also, your form for this current year is already uploaded for you if you’d like to get a head start!

Site Visits
As summer rolls on, I’m in the process of completing site visits to Region 3 facilities. I’ll be sending out emails to set up times and dates. I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

REGION 4 - END OF YEAR WRAP UP

The Region 4 Coalition has been quietly busy during the summer. As we finish up one grant year and move into another, facilities are completing their Award Year 14 Funding Reports, submitting their special funding invoices, and completing their FCQ’s (Financial Capacity Questionnaire). It will soon be time to complete End of Year reports. More information will be sent out in the near future on that.

Upcoming Region 4 Healthcare Coalition meetings are as follows:
- September 21st
- November 16th
- January 18th
- March 15th
- May 17th

The meetings are held at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell at 1:00 p.m.

PORTABLE DENTAL X-RAY ALREADY DOING GOOD IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Earlier this year, the Mass Fatality Management program was able to purchase a NOMAD portable dental x-ray machine for use in making identifications during a mass fatality incident.

As with any new piece of equipment, training is essential. Minnehaha County Coroner staff as well as CAST (Coroners Advance Support Team) members and volunteer dental professionals received training on how to use the software and how to take x-rays with the NOMAD.

We decided to store the NOMAD at the Minnehaha County Morgue so that on the off chance they would need it, it would be handy. Also, so the staff could stay up to date on operations and software.

As it turns out, since we acquired the NOMAD in the Spring, Dr. Snell has indeed had cases where dental x-ray was necessary for identification. So far, it has been used in four cases. With the NOMAD, he was able to quickly make the ID’s.

Having this technology at the ready, helps law enforcement move forward in their investigations. But more importantly, we’re able to provide answers to families who have a missing loved one.

Punchline
A hippo is very heavy.
A Zippo is a little lighter.
Seeking Executive Director
for South Dakota Healthcare Coalition (SDHC)

Individual will work under a contract agreement with a fiduciary agent in four regional planning districts that make up the South Dakota Healthcare Coalition, an organization formed to enhance statewide relationships for healthcare emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. The selected individual will be responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating activities associated with SDHC by providing general oversight of SDHC activities; grant development; coordination of an all hazard healthcare emergency preparedness and response plan in accordance with regulatory requirements; assistance to regional coalitions, and development of strategies that will lead to sustainability of the SDHC. Contractor fees for this position will be negotiated on an annual basis contingent on Federal/State funding for healthcare emergency preparedness administered by SD Department of Health.

Minimum qualifications include Masters’ degree or relevant experience in public health or related field such as health education, administration, policy/planning preferred; or bachelor’s degree and 5 years of appropriate experience in managing or coordinating a health-related agency; or any such combination of education, experience, and training as may be acceptable; at least 2 years experience related to emergency planning, response, and recovery within a healthcare organization or related field; certification in ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 with completion of 300 & 400 within one (1) year if not currently certified. Must have a valid driver’s license.

Knowledge, skills, and abilities include but not limited to the following: knowledge of the practices of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP); effective organizational skills; ability to work with minimum supervision; ability to effectively communicate and work with groups of individuals of diverse backgrounds and interests; experience working on multiple priorities simultaneously; strong and successful leadership among colleagues and constituents; developed relationship building and networking skills; general computer skills to include Word, Excel, Power Point; travel will be throughout South Dakota and may include state/national conferences and meetings.

Application deadline is February 1, 2017. This position will be open until suitable candidate selected.

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WAY TO GO!

Congratulations to the recipients of our 2016 South Dakota HPP Outstanding Emergency Preparedness Partner Awards!

Partnership- SD Human Services Center and Avera Sacred Heart
Planning- Avera McKennan and Sanford Medical Center
Response- Bowdle Health Care Center

Pictured from left to right: Erin Hacecky, Kevin Schlosser, Greg Santa Maria, Hope Larson and Randy Bylander.
THE HUNGRY, HUNGRY HIPPO

The Nunda Bar—Sam Hill—Region 3 Coordinator

1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup butterscotch chips
1/3 cup peanut butter
Melt in the microwave. About 1 minute.
Pour over 3 cups of Rice Krispies. Let sit about 3 minutes to cool off a bit.
Stir in 1 cup mini marshmallows.
Give the pan a light spray of Pam. Press into 8x8 (thick) or 9x13 (not as thick) pan.
Let cool. Cut into bars.

Hungry Hungry Hippo says, “Be daring!! Add a little coconut on top of The Nunda Bar! Delicious!”

The Legend of the Nunda Bar—A true story.

One day I heard a friend mention the Nunda Bar. Being new to South Dakota, I’d never heard of it. I knew Special K bars, Scotcharoos, and lemon bars, but not the Nunda bar. So I said “The Nunda bar! It sounds delicious! What’s in it? Chocolate? Coconut?” And she said “No. It has people drinking beer in it. It’s the bar...in Nunda, South Dakota.” After much ridicule and a look at a map to see where Nunda is, I declared that I would someday create a delicious dessert and name it “The Nunda Bar”. Enjoy!!

Every four years Americans must make a decision,
And it’s usually an easy one for this competition.

It starts with a parade of contenders, full of moxie and torque,
From the North, the South, and yes, even New York.

Years of commitment, hard work and strife,
Preparing for this, the biggest race of their life.

They pledge to compete with honor and grace,
As they set forth to win the ultimate race.

But each and every time, without missing a beat,
One of them will be exposed as a crook or a cheat.

It invades our TVs and takes over front pages,
Headlines that read, “A Battle for the Ages!”

In the beginning, many will enter the pool,
But we all know, in the end, only one will rule.

Some will take a dive, a few will just fall flat,
While others will be taken down to the mat.

Some early favorites will amuse and delight us,
Like that guy from back east, with more gold than Midas.

Americans will have a choice,
Confident that she will take home the prize.

Huge crowds gather to cheer for their favorite,
There at the podium, taking a moment to savor it.

And of course the media is at each of these events,
Ready to speculate and throw in their two cents.

Cameras and mics at every turn,
Waiting for someone to crash and burn.

There will be groans of defeat and victorious cheers,
The winners and losers. The smiles and tears.

And while Old Glory waves from America’s front porch,
All nations are united by the light of that great torch.

Our patriotism will soar, love of country won’t sway,
As we all chant together “U-S-A! U-S-A!”

Yet as I finish this somewhat patriotic rhyme,
I notice something different this time.

It seems a bit vague and lacking specifics.
So is this poem about the election?
Or is it about the Summer Olympics?
As these hero stories always start...April 22, 2016 was an average day at the Dallas/Fortworth Airport as I made my way to gate B47. I was catching a flight back to Sioux Falls after the weeklong NACCHO Preparedness Summit. When I arrived, I saw a few familiar faces! Scott Christensen and Jeff Kaufman from Paramedics Plus. Turns out they had been in San Antonio at the National Rural EMS Conference. After our Texas style exchange of “Howdy!” and a few “y’alls,” I made my way to a seat at the gate.

It was just then that I heard the most recognizable sound in the world. That sort of thunk-plop-gonk-splat hollow sound a head makes when it hits a tile floor. That awful sound was immediately followed by a collective gasp and everyone at the gate staring at the same spot on the floor, frozen in place. Except for Scott and Jeff! They were on the move!! Pushing past the stunned crowd, they found the source of that thunk-plop-gonk-splat hollow sound.

I buzzed over to see what was happening, because I’m super nosy that way, and there he was. Poor guy was dazed and had a pretty good puddle of blood forming at the back of his head. And there at his side was Scott and a local EMT who had also been at the gate. They were tending to the patient while airport staff called local EMS. On a side note, I totally got yelled at by the airport lady when I walked over and handed Scott the latex gloves from my first-aid kit. She told me, “Ma’am, step aside! These men are medical professionals!” (Roger that!)

For those of you who are already diagnosing this gentleman, it turns out he felt himself having a bit of a supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) episode and tried to do a vagal maneuver while standing up. Unfortunately, he passed out and timbered backwards to the tile floor.

In the end, our Paramedics Plus pros stayed with the gentleman for a good 20 minutes before Dallas Fire showed up and took him away to a local hospital. Now, according to Jeff, this isn’t the first time Scott has been called to action while flying. On a previous trip, he was called to the front of a plane for a seizure. So the next time you get on a plane and see Scott Christensen, try to get seated next to him! He may come in handy!

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE CREATURES LURKING IN THE HALLWAYS OF YOUR HOSPITAL?

We’ve all seen people wandering around downtown, at the park or in the mall with their noses to their phones, oblivious to the world around them. But now there is a new phenomenon. A new group of people ambling through our communities who are obsessed with their phones. They’re different from the texters and selfie takers. They often travel in small packs, but can also be solitary. And once you’ve seen one, you can spot them a mile away. They’re Pokémon Go players.

A friend tried to show me how Pokémon Go worked, but I didn’t really catch it all. Basically, there are these little critters and you use the GPS on your phone to hone in on them. Once you find one, you throw a ball at it and then you get points. I’m sure it’s more involved, but that’s how much of it I understood.

It didn’t ring my bell, but it has rung the bell of over 20 million players in the US. Thus, these Pokémon characters are showing up everywhere for folks to find. From local city parks to the Eifel Tower! The globe is now “virtually” infested! The other day I was at a gas station in Brookings and they had a sign posted offering a free pop if you find a critter in their store. Great marketing for the convenience store, but what happens when people start wandering the halls of your hospital or clinic looking for these characters? Click here to read an article we found on the ASPR Blog about how medical facilities are dealing with the Pokémon craze.
On May 10, 2016, Beaumont, Texas Police seized 24.4 kilograms of liquid and crystal meth concealed in Mexican-brand beer cans, plastic toy balls, and candy.

On March 31, 2016, more than a million dollars’ worth of liquid meth was seized at the border near Laredo, Texas. Customs and Border Protection officers discovered the drugs hidden inside the gas tank of a Ford pickup truck during a secondary inspection at the Gateway to the Americas Bridge.

On March 1, 2016, six gallons (27 lbs.) of liquid meth was found in anti-freeze containers inside a 2007 Volvo XC90 during a traffic stop in Arkansas. The vehicle was en route from California to Tennessee. The liquid meth was concealed in Purple Power degreaser and Prestone anti-freeze containers.

On March 30, 2015, 276 lbs. of liquid and dry methamphetamine were located inside a tractor trailer during a traffic stop in Lonoke County, Ark. The liquid meth was contained in five-gallon water bottles and an oil container.

Cases involving liquid meth have popped up throughout the Southeast, including Alabama and Georgia.

Liquid meth is the newest form of methamphetamine that is reported to be surfacing throughout the United States. Meth manufacturers dissolve meth in water to make transporting the drug easier. Liquid meth is often concealed in different types of liquor bottles and shipped or transported to their destination. Users will then boil away the water, leaving only the solid form of meth.

Liquid meth is also being applied to paper, and sometimes sent through packages in the U.S. mail. Users can easily tear off a piece of the meth-laced paper and put it into their mouth in order to get the drug into their system.

Reportedly stronger than any other available forms of meth, liquid meth is created from Pseudoephedrine HCL (commonly found in pill form). The rest of the ingredients can be purchased at local grocery stores or pharmacies.

Use of liquid meth may cause tremors and involuntary spasms in the body. Other effects include chest pain, high blood pressure, dilated pupils, extreme irritability, talking incessantly, sleep disturbances, extreme nervousness, and an increase in body temperature. Long-term effects include damage to major organs of the body, panic attacks, paranoia, repetitive behavior patterns, and homicidal or suicidal tendencies.
Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare/Hospitals—FREE

This online FEMA course introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of ICS. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This course uses the same objectives and content as other ICS courses with healthcare/hospital examples and exercises. Click here to begin this class.

S.A.V.E. Yourself Program by Chad Sheehan—FREE

Region 2 is bringing in Chad Sheehan to present on the S.A.V.E. Yourself Active Shooter Training Program. Sheehan Strategic Solutions will educate and train your staff to recognize and survive workplace violence. The specialized training empowers employees to make decisions that will increase their chances of surviving a violent encounter. Allow Sheehan Solutions to assist you in meeting your OSHA required "general duty" to provide a safe working environment.

The training will take place September 19th at 1:00 PM, at Avera State Street Medical Square, 105 S State Street, Aberdeen SD.

Please email Alexandra.Little@state.sd.us if you plan to attend.

Chad is a 22 year veteran of Law Enforcement, currently working for the Sioux City, IA police department assigned to patrol. Additionally, Chad is assigned to the hostage negotiation unit, field training officer, Honor Guard member and Critical Incident Stress Management team.

Click here for more information on Sheehan Solutions.

The National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference (NHCPC) is expanding opportunities for learning about the implementation of healthcare coalitions and coalition activities in our communities. While the NHCPC supports coalitions attempting to meet HHS/ASPR HPP and CDC PHEP grant program requirements, the Conference is independent and exists for coalitions, by coalitions. The Conference is celebrating its 5th year of continued opportunities for coalitions to connect and share their successes and lessons learned.

Funding is available for South Dakota Healthcare Coalition Members to attend from each region. Please take advantage of this opportunity! Talk to your Regional Chairperson or Regional Coordinator to reserve your spot today!

Post it here!!

Is your facility hosting a training event?
Did you hear about a great webinar?
Do you have a suggestion for new classes?
If you have training opportunities that you would like to share with the coalitions, please contact the HiPPO editor, Sam Hill at Samantha.Hill@state.sd.us

If you are a 2, B, E, G, or F, E, G, C.
Healthcare Preparedness Partners:

As I read messages a few weeks ago, a news report describing a Sturgis Rally motorcycle stunt gone wrong flashed up on my computer screen. It emphasized to me just how close we all are to a mass casualty incident. All it takes is one accident, one mistake, or one purposeful act and many victims could be in need of transport and treatment or worse case, victim identification.

During the run up and the planning for this year’s event, everyone was relieved that the size of the 2015 Sturgis Rally wasn’t likely to be repeated. Yet, even during a “down” year, an incident similar to the motorcycle stunt could still happen. Fortunately, I don’t think there were very serious injuries but it certainly could have been more severe with many more victims. This incident reinforces the fact that none of us can afford to become complacent and let our level of preparedness wane. Over the past decade, our HPP group has worked to prepare South Dakota’s healthcare systems for a wide range of hazards. From tornadoes and floods, to infectious diseases and terrorism. We’ve trained and exercised until our response activities have become second nature and we continue to do so as new threats emerge.

Please know that the steps you have all taken to prepare your facilities and staff for mass casualty incidents continues to be vitally important. Thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,
Bill Chalcraft

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South Dakota Healthcare Coalition

Mission: To enhance statewide relationships for Healthcare Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

Vision: To significantly improve coordination of healthcare resources among South Dakota Healthcare Coalitions.
WORD SEARCH

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Bonus Word
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MEDICAL MIX-UP! - HELP THIS NURSE DON HIS PPE IN PROPER ORDER (PER CDC GUIDELINES)

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