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Cross State Collaboration-

**Washington and Oregon Working Together to Build a
Stronger Healthcare Volunteer Response**

May 16, 2012

- **Road to Collaboration- Overview of OR / WA state's volunteer programs.** *Including Region X MRC partnerships, AmeriCorps VISTA, ESAR-VHP (IT) systems, and TTX/ Citizen Corps Expo joint exercise*
- **Describe MRC Planning and Training Activities needed to operate an FMS**
- **Demonstrate value of FMS exercise in building trained volunteer pool in both states.** *Including value of leveraged grant funds for both Oregon and Washington (MRC State Award from NACCHO)*

Background

- **Relationships in HHS Region X- Oregon and Washington have similar planning needs**
- **ESAR-VHP and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program provide unique opportunities to work together**
- **Explore Program Similarities & Differences**
 - **Volunteer liability**
 - **Different ESAR-VHP platforms**
 - **State vs Local etc.**

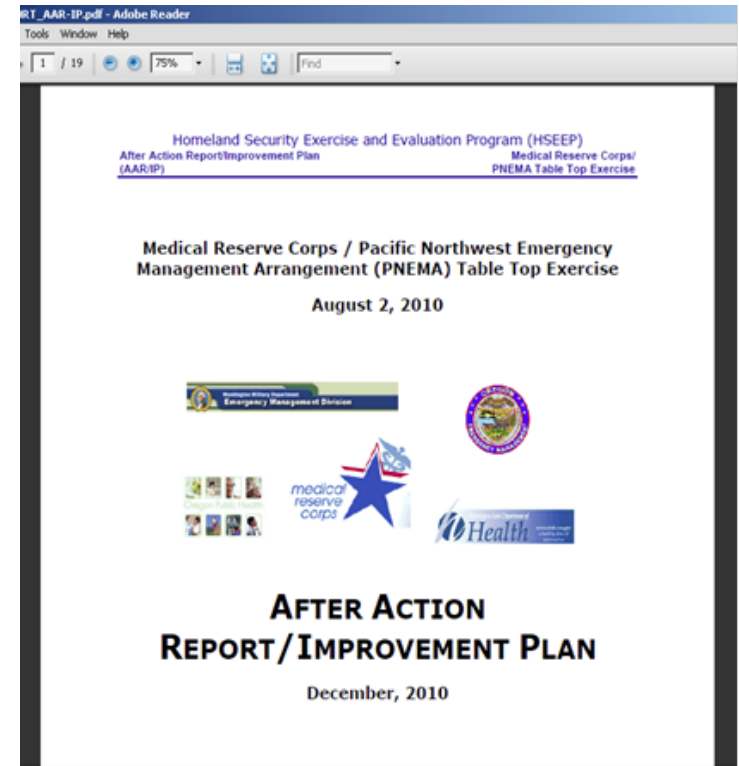
Early Successes

- **AmeriCorps VISTA Program**
 - *At one point- only 2 states sponsoring AmeriCorps members in MRC units*
- **MRC / ESAR- VHP PNEMA TTX (8/10)**
 - *WA & OR DOH, WA & OR EMD*
- **NW Citizen Corps Expo (8/10 & 8/11)**
 - *NACCHO Grant Funded OR- WA ESAR-VHP/ MRC volunteer Deployment- State Fire Training Academy*



Lessons Learned

- Clarified details of MRC Deployment Process
- Identified Gaps in the PNEMA Process
- Clarified Roles of Participants
- Next steps that need further resolution
 - Oregon Senate Bill (SB563)

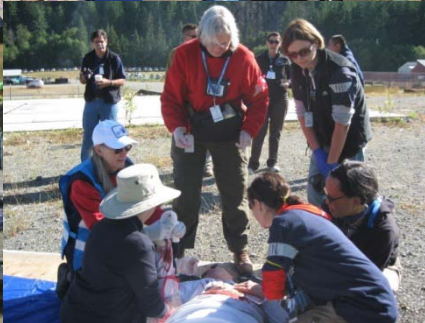


Senate Bill 563

- Allows previously licensed, certified or otherwise authorized health care provider to register and provide health care services **without license** or certification **during Governor-declared emergency**
 - Unencumbered license with last 10 years
- Added authority to conduct background checks
- Directed establishment of education and training requirements
- Included authority to deploy to other states via EMAC/ PNEMA

Reflections....

Citizen Corps Expo



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Evergreen Earthquake

Overview...

- **Functional Exercise: June 5-6, 2012**
 - DOH EOC Activated
 - ESF 8 Activated
- **Full-scale Logistics Exercise: June 12-14, 2012**
 - Receipt, Stage and Store (RSS) facility activated
 - Federal Medical Station Activated (Puyallup Fair Grounds in Pierce County)

Quake Scenario

- **The Puget Sound Region experiences five, near simultaneous, earthquakes on five separate faults.**
- **The earthquake locations cover the entire Puget Sound Region and magnitudes range from 5.7 to 7.4.**
- **Casualty estimates are in the tens of thousands, deaths estimates are in the thousands and much of the infrastructure, including bridges, roads and buildings has received extensive damage.**
- **Exercise begins at 24 hours post-earthquakes.**

Federal Medical Station (FMS)

- Provided through US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) – *Response to Medical Surge*
- Provides medical supplies, equipment, and pharmacy items to care for 250 non-acute special needs patients for up to 3 days
- All age populations
- Modular, scalable to the incident
- Needs a building to create temporary medical shelter(Puyallup Fairgrounds Building...)



FMS Capabilities

- **Medical Special Needs sheltering for displaced persons with chronic diseases, limited mobility or behavioral health needs**
- **Inpatient care that is non-acute, non-traumatic, non-surgical treatment where hospital bed capacity has been exceeded**
- **Support to quarantine missions for persons suspected of being exposed or affected by contagious disease (e.g. assist to CDC Quarantine Stations)**

What FMS is not...

- **It's not a field hospital**
- **It's not a nursing home**
- **It's not an emergency room**
- **It's not mobile**
- **It does not come with tents**
- **It's not light**
- **It does not have generators, food, water or toilets**



FMS Staffing- ESAR-VHP & MRC

- **ESAR-VHP & MRC Volunteers will staff FMS**
- **Pierce County MRC volunteers- Day 1 (June 12, 2012)**
- **ESAR-VHP Volunteers from statewide locations support Days 2 & 3 (June 13-14, 2012)**
- **ESAR-VHP Volunteers from Oregon Deploy Day 2 (June 13, 2012)**
 - **PNEMA / EMAC**



Challenges....

- **Recruitment and Scheduling Volunteers**
- **Credentialing & Background Checks**
- **Identifying Leadership Positions**
- **Just in Time Training (JITT)**
- **Position Descriptions**
- **Volunteer Reception, Intake and Tracking**
- **Lodging & Meals**
- **Safety**
- **Demobilization**

- **SERV-OR**

State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon

<https://serv-or.org>

- **WAserv**

Washington State Emergency Registry of Volunteers

<https://waresponds.org/>



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