

Annual Cross Border Public Health Preparedness Workshop

The Pacific NorthWest Border Health Alliance (PNWBHA) is an international public health partners' collaboration of all levels of government, including Tribal and First Nations. Its goal is to provide leadership in the integration of health sector preparedness and response initiatives throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The PNWBHA's annual workshop provides a forum for public health partners to form vital relationships and discuss crucial cross-border preparedness and response policies. The workshop's goal is to promote tracking of public health threats across borders and provide for a quick, efficient and seamless cross-jurisdictional response.

The workshop alternates between the United States and Canada. Each workshop brings together about 150-200 health professionals in communicable disease epidemiology, food protection, disease surveillance and investigation, public health laboratory diagnostics, emergency management, emergency medical services and first response, risk communication, Aboriginal health, surge capacity, public health law and academia.

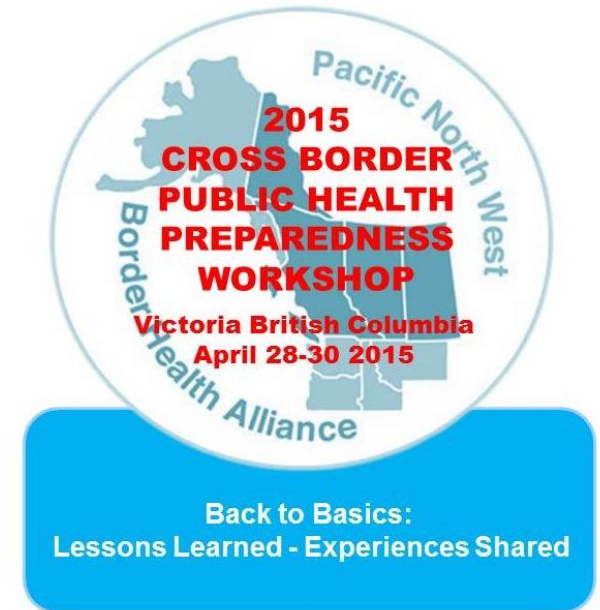
About the Pacific NorthWest Border Health Alliance (PNWBHA)

PNWBHA is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 2009 to provide a forum for inter-jurisdictional collaboration in the identification promotion of "best practices" in addressing the capability of the participating jurisdictions to prepare for, respond to and recover from the impacts of a health incident or other emergencies or disasters.

Why Support PNWBHA?

As a voluntary organization, the PNWBHA focuses on advocacy to protect, promote and improve public health preparedness. The Alliance is a non-profit organization joined in its mandate to the CA-US Pan Border Public Health Preparedness Council (PBPHPC) and other state, provincial and territorial branch organizations. This binational linkage enables the PNWBHA to participate in dialogue and act on matters of interest to both regional and national public health.

This ongoing collaboration facilitates the timely implementation of health related mutual assistance under the provisions of the *Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Arrangement* (PNEMA), or in the case of Alberta, Montana, North Dakota and Saskatchewan, *The State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding*.



Agenda at a Glance

**Tuesday April 28 2015
Day #1**

9:00 –11:00 PNWBHA JCC Annual Meeting (Members Only)

11:15-12:00 Orientation Session

PNWBHA: Who We Are and What We Do

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-4:00 Working Group Breakout Sessions

Track 1 Epidemiology and Surveillance

Track 2 Public Health Laboratories

Track 3 Health Emergency Management

Track 4 Emergency Medical Services

Track 5 Risk Communications

Track 6 Public Health Law

Track 7 Indigenous Health

Track 8 Clinical Medical Surge

Track 9 Environmental Public Health

**Wednesday April 29 2015
Day #2**

8:00-9:00 Opening Ceremonies

9:00-10:00 Plenary 1 Keynote

International Mutual Aid Agreements: Foundations of Health Security in North America

10:00 - 11:00 Plenary 2

Maximizing Emergency Support Across the Border in the Pacific Northwest: An Open Forum for a Stronger Future

11:15 -12:15 Breakout Sessions

1. *Emergency Licensing of Health Care Professionals*
2. *Bio Hazard Waste Management*
3. *Cascadia Impact*

12:15-1:15 Luncheon Speaker

Engaging Indigenous Peoples in Disaster Risk Reduction

1:45-3:00 Plenary 3

Lessons Learned but Forgotten: How to Implement Sustained Change in Public Health Preparedness and Response

3:15-4:15 Breakout Sessions

4. *Speaking the Same Language Fundamentals of Risk Communication*
5. *EMS Management of Highly Contagious Patients*
6. *Quarantine Revisited*

4:30-6:00 Poster Presentations and World Café Networking

**Thursday April 30 2015
Day #3**

8:00-8:15 Opening Remarks

8:15-9:15 Plenary 4

Ebola Preparations in the Pacific NorthWest Border Health Alliance

9:15-10:15 Plenary 5

EMS and Biosurveillance: the Ebola Experience

10:30-11:45 Plenary 6

Meeting Public Health Threats at Ground Zero: Responding to Ebola in West Africa

11:45-12:30 Ebola Roundtable Discussion

12:30-1:00 Closing Remarks and Awards Presentation