

Vulnerable Populations Plan

Goal: To include diverse populations, not included in mainstream planning and communication, in local disaster planning so that those populations' resources can be used, and needs be addressed and incorporated into the local written plan.

Objective 1: To contact ten community-based contacts involving five different non-mainstream populations by _____, 2007.

Objective 2: To invite those community contacts to all future exercises and planning meetings at which other mainstream community contacts are included, following _____, 2007.

Objective 3: To create a community asset map of the communities to include in pandemic influenza resource allocation planning, by _____ 2007.

Objective 4: To conduct a community needs assessment of three different communities to include in pandemic influenza planning, by _____ 2007.

Objective 5: To incorporate assets and needs assessments of the community into public information and county plan by December 15th, 2007.

Plan: Pamela Holstein-Wallace, Threat Preparedness Coordinator for the Berkeley County Health Department and co-chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, will enlist help from current community contacts, Health and Human Service Collaborative, in making contact with trusted community leaders of different populations. Those persons will be included in the community outreach database and the database will be forwarded to the regional, local, and state planners so that their contact information may be used to inform the community members of exercises and planning involving communities. Meetings will be set up with the community contacts to discuss and present current state and local planning materials, in collaboration with local planners, and receive input on which parts of the materials and planning are useful, which are not, and some suggestions on how the gaps may be addressed. Following the results of the review of materials and planning, the suggestions will be discussed by lead planners at the county level to incorporate such adjustments to materials and plans, as are possible.

Outcome: To provide local disaster planning that incorporates both the resources of the vulnerable populations and unaddressed needs that exist outside the mainstream considerations.