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RE: HPP Deliverable 2.C.2, Comprehensive Summary of Five Long Term Care Disaster Preparedness Council (LTC-DPC) Meetings 2018-19

Per the terms of the Continuing Care Leadership Coalition's (CCLC) HPP BP1 Supplemental 2018-2019 Grant Year contract, with this writing CCLC summarizes the LTC-DPC meetings convened during 2018 on November 8 and December 12 and during 2019 on February 7, March 21, and June 11, and further provides overall analysis on the meeting series:

LTC-DPC #1: November 8, 2018, CCLC Offices

- Sam Lawson, Community Outreach Coordinator, NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM), provided an overview of NYCEM community preparedness programs;
- Dr. Christopher Tedeschi, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, Director of Emergency Preparedness, CUMC Emergency Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, addressed the impact of Hurricane Maria on nursing homes in Puerto Rico;
- Tina Hess, Manager, Operations Improvement / Quality Department, St. Mary's Hospital for Children, summarized the "Hurricane Joel" exercise conducted at her facility;
- Ms. Hess and Michael Pagano, Associate Administrator, Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center, described their experience with the Nursing Home Surge Capacity Evaluation conducted at their facilities by NYCEM to identify additional surge space; and
- Lisa Fenger, Project Manager, Long Term Care Emergency Preparedness, CCLC, provided an overview of the NYS Department of Health's cyber security summit as well as the PlanX 2018 Pandemic Response Workshop conducted by NYC Health + Hospitals.

Percentage of attendees that completed a survey and rated the session as somewhat or very helpful: 91%

LTC-DPC #2: November 12, 2018, by Webinar

- Alice Yeung, City Research Scientist, Zoonotic, Influenza and Vector-borne Disease Unit, Bureau of Communicable Disease, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), discussed the outlook for influenza in long-term care facilities for the 2018-19 flu season; and
- Teresa Bates, Vice President Health Services, Seniority, Addison, TX; Deborah Nugent, Executive Director, Mirador, Corpus Christi, TX; and Nate Weyand, Executive Director, Querencia at Barton Creek, Austin, TX; provided their perspectives on the challenges and successes of evacuating nursing homes in Texas during Hurricane Harvey and repatriating following the storm.

Percentage of attendees that completed a survey and rated the session as somewhat or very helpful: 93%

LTC-DPC #3: February 7, 2019, CCLC Offices

- William Lang, Director, Hospital Readiness and Healthcare Coalitions, DOHMH, spoke about NYC healthcare coalitions and their importance to the healthcare sector;
- Jason N. Lyons, Regional Manager - Individual & Community Preparedness, Red Cross Corps Site Manager, American Red Cross – Greater New York, provided an overview of how the Red Cross provides mass care for people affected by disasters;

- Sergeant Tom Boyle, NYC Police Department, Counterterrorism Division, NYPD Shield, gave an overview of the NYPD Shield program and how it can be leveraged to mitigate risk for the NYC long term care sector; and
- Françoise Pickart, Director, Risk + Analytics, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR), DOHMH, provided a summary of the final results of the 2018 NYC Public Health Jurisdictional Risk Assessment.

Percentage of attendees that completed a survey and rated the session as somewhat or very helpful: 97%

LTC-DPC #4: March 21, 2019, by Webinar

- Jenna Mandel-Ricci, Vice President, Regulatory and Professional Affairs, Greater New York Hospital Association, provided an overview of CMS changes made to New York State's Appendix Z;
- Mary Beth Daigneault, Administrator, St. Clare-Newport, Newport, Rhode Island, discussed her experience during a natural gas outage and the subsequent nursing home evacuation during an extreme cold weather event; and
- Christine Bryson, Emergency Planning Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness, PSEG, provided an overview of PSEG Long Island's Storm restoration process and emergency preparedness activities.

Percentage of attendees that completed a survey and rated the session as somewhat or very helpful: 86%¹

LTC-DPC #5: June 11, 2019, CCLC Offices

- Katie Lane, MA, MPH, Senior Environmental Epidemiologist, Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy, DOHMH, provided an overview of the public health risks of extreme heat in NYC as well as effects on individuals receiving care in long term care facility;
- Ms. Yeung provided a retrospective on the 2018-19 influenza season and its effects on NYC nursing homes;
- Rob Bristol, AEM, Health and Medical Specialist, NYCEM, provided an update on the activities and results of the nursing home surge capacity project which he has been coordinating;
- Stephen Allyn, Region-II Training and Exercise Coordinator (RTEC), Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), presented an overview of resources on active shooter preparedness available from CISA; and
- Dr. Tedeschi discussed the results of his previous work in evaluating the impact of Hurricane Sandy on nursing homes on the Rockaway Peninsula and the current Nursing Home Preparedness Study taking place in 2019.

Percentage of attendees that completed a survey and rated the session as somewhat or very helpful: 100%

Next Steps

- The LTC-DPC series has concluded for the HPP BP1 Supplemental 2018-2019 Grant Year. In future grant years, CCLC commits to continuing to develop programming that addresses current and emergent issues facing the New York City nursing home sector leadership, and to draw on nationwide resources, all in effort to prepare local facilities for a wide variety of potential risks that could negatively affect individuals in receipt of care, their loved ones, and the organizations that deliver such care. CCLC appreciates the imperative of this work and looks forward to bringing the LTC-DPC into its fourth annual cycle during the fall of 2019.

¹ The small number of respondents to this evaluation (N=3) may account for the lower rating.