

Coalition Overview

Who We Are

Since 2002, our staff have led this collaborative of healthcare organizations and emergency response partners, believing that when we plan together, train together, and respond together, we create a prepared and resilient healthcare system.

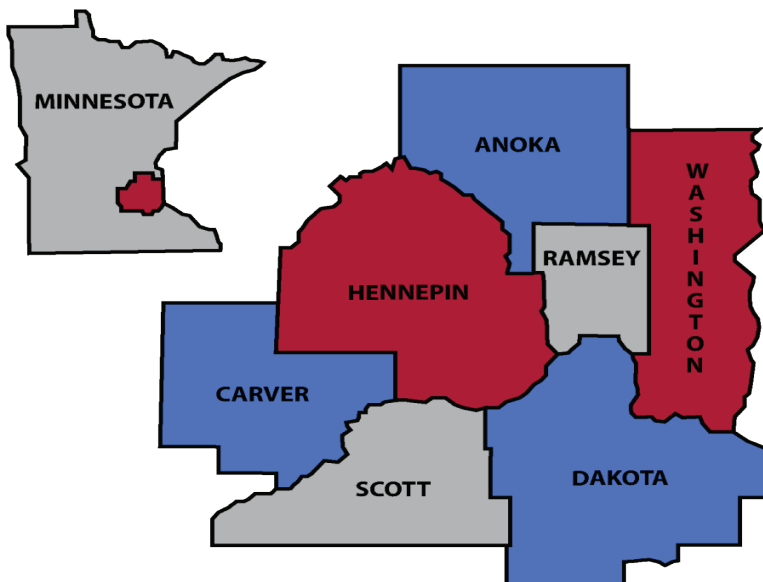
Metro health and medical facilities have a long history of working together, including regional emergency preparedness planning. Coalition staff coordinated the purchase of equipment, joint training and exercises, plan writing, and resource level assessment and acquisition.

Goal/Mission

The goal of the Coalition is to create a healthcare system resilient to disasters or emergencies with public health or medical implications.

Values

Inclusive Accountable Collaborative
Innovative Transparent



*Seven County Metro Area

Purpose & Scope



What We Do

The role of the Coalition is to communicate and facilitate more effective, efficient, and timely situational awareness, as well as support the coordination of resources resulting in an overall improved response and recovery.

The Coalition staff will:

- ✓ Help organizations plan for and respond to emergencies.
- ✓ Host regional preparedness exercises to help organizations practice their emergency plans.
- ✓ Provides emergency preparedness training, education, and conferences.
- ✓ Serve as a liaison to other regional and state preparedness and response partners.
- ✓ Collaborate with regional partners to coordinate an effective response in the event of a disaster or emergency.

Response

The Metro Coalition staff provides 24/7 on-call availability, 365 days a year, to our Coalition partners for support during an incident or event. In the event of a response, the Metro Coalition may activate the Regional Healthcare Resource Center (RHRC). The RHRC provides a center for collecting and disseminating current resource information and coordination and tracking of resource allocations. During an incident, the RHRC will consider the need for the following tasks:

- ✓ Notifying healthcare coalition members of an incident.
- ✓ Activating the RHRC response team physically or virtually to assist with coordination of response activities.
- ✓ Communicating with coalition members, local and state partners, and supporting organizations on incident status.
- ✓ The RHRC will serve as a coordinating point between healthcare facilities and other government and nongovernmental response agencies when necessary or requested.

Funding is in JEOPARDY

The Coalition operates primarily on funds from the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) which is funded by the U.S. Department of Human Services (HHS), through the Minnesota Department of Health.

Like many programs, the HPP funding is in jeopardy. We will have to pursue a different funding formula if the HPP funds are cut or eliminated.

What Can You Do?

Write and send us an impact statement on how the Coalition has helped and/or supported your hospital.

Contact State and Federal Congressional leaders sharing your impact story and inform them of the importance of the Hospital Preparedness Program asking them to fund the program.

Ensure your executive leaders are aware of what the Coalition does and help them understand what is at risk.

More Information

To learn more about the Coalition and how we can assist you in your preparedness planning, please visit: www.metrohealthready.org

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