

National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health



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Homeland Security Presidential Directive-21

“Public Health & Medical Preparedness”

18 Oct 2007, Para. 38

- Establish “**academic joint program**” for disaster medicine and public health
- Housed at USU “National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health”
- “...**shall lead** Federal efforts to propagate core curricula, training, and research...”
- “...academic **center of excellence**” co-locating domestic and international education and research
- DHHS & DOD lead and coordinate with DHS & DVA

NCDMPH Charter

- ASDHA & USU President
- Signed 17 Oct 2008
- Mission

“...will serve DoD as its *academic home* to develop and propagate core competencies, training, research, and education related to disaster medicine, behavioral health and public health co-locating, whenever possible, the related specialties of domestic medical preparedness and response, international health, international disaster and humanitarian medical and public health assistance, and military medicine.”

NCDMPH Charter

- **Goals** (all relate to DM & PH)
 - Develop a *coordinated approach* to developing core curricula with Interagency partners
 - Promote *standardized* education and training
 - Cooperate, communicate, collaborate with
 - Federal partners (DHHS, DHS, DVA, DoT)
 - Non-Federal partners (academia, state, local, private)
 - “*DoD’s lead agent* in academic collaboration”
 - *Translate* educational research findings
 - *Academic* center of excellence for info exchange

Administrivea

- Acting Director appointed 17 Dec 2008
- Administratively report to USU Senior Vice President (Dale Smith, PhD)
- Offices off campus in Rockville
- For domestic mission, receive guidance from interagency advisory group (“FETIG”)

Key Points

- Disaster Medicine and Public Health education and training
 - Competencies
 - Effectiveness
- Authorized to conduct Federal interagency
 - Coordination
 - Collaboration
 - Info sharing
- DoD Charter
 - Authorizes education & training leadership across global DoD health mission spectrum
 - Recognizes shared knowledge synergies:
 - Domestic
 - International HADR & SSTRO

It's about learning & scholarship!

- Partner in USU Dept. Preventive Medicine & Biometrics strategy to enhance global health education for Uniformed Services (DoD + USPHS)
- Envision graduate degree and non-degree (certificate) programs
- Rationalize existing domestic disaster medicine and public health preparedness education & training
 - How many anthrax courses should Federal departments offer?
- Educational research (operations & effectiveness)

Academic Joint Program

Capabilities and Focus

- Conducting interagency education and training needs assessment
 - Federal Partner Workshop: 24-25 Sept
 - Federal + Non-Federal Workshop: Winter 2010
- Developing robust *.edu IM/IT fully integrated into USU systems
 - Secure (https) Portal
 - Host collaborative work groups
 - Distance learning and learning management systems

Inaugural *Federal* Partner Workshop

September 24-25 Workshop

<http://www.usuhs.mil/ncdmph/savethedate.html>

“A Nation Prepared: Education and Training Needs for Disaster Medicine & Public Health”

Goals:

- (a) clarifying existing federal education and training content in disaster medicine & public health,
- (b) identifying needs and exploring strategies to fill education and training gaps, and
- (c) synthesizing long-term expectations of competencies.

QUESTIONS?



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