



UPPER CUMBERLAND HEALTHCARE PREPAREDNESS COALITION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 28, 2022

To: Upper Cumberland Healthcare Coalition Membership

Re: Coalition Operating Practices

Membership,

The Executive Committee of the Upper Cumberland Healthcare Coalition has spent a lot of time recently working to refocus the Coalition as an organizational body, and with more emphasis on serving the needs of the Region and the State. As you know, we have a strong foundation that has been created by the Executive Committee and RHC, but as times have changed through COVID response, the Executive Committee feels the Coalition needs to change to be more effective in times of healthcare crisis or disaster.

The primary focus remains on purchasing the necessary assets to carry out healthcare coordination and collaboration, and special services items that focus on one area of a response. To accomplish effective and efficient purchasing, we complete our annual HVA (Hazards and Vulnerabilities Assessment). That assessment is used to determine the gaps in our planning and purchase accordingly.

There are three areas where the Executive Committee wishes to focus moving forward:

First is our ability to work and plan together, through established working groups.

Second is taking a more exercise-based approach to meetings and trainings

Third is becoming more response-oriented, meaning members can move assets to assist each other during exercises, crises, or disasters.

To help focus on each of these, we are asking members to sign up for a working group. We ask that each agency/entity be represented on at least one working group and stay involved. Each working group will also have a chair, who ensures the group continues meeting and maintains forward progress.

If you are interested in signing up for a working group, and if you're interested in helping chair one of them, please complete the HCC Working Group survey before April 15th.

We are excited to continue the exceptional work of the Upper Cumberland Healthcare Coalition on your behalf, and each member of the Executive Committee considers it an honor to represent you in this important work.

In Appreciation,

UCHCC Executive Committee

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