

# King County Healthcare Coalition Executive Council

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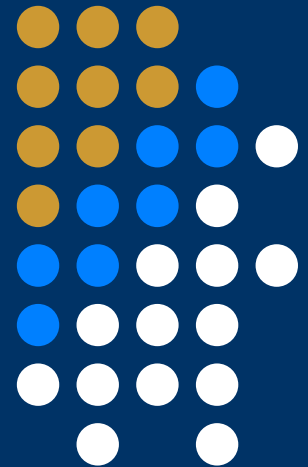


KING COUNTY  
Healthcare  
Coalition

Prepare. Respond. Recover.

# Executive Council

Background



# Background



- County Emergency Response Structure
  - Incident Command System
  - King County Emergency Coordination Center
  - Local jurisdictional operations center
- King County Regional Disaster Plan
  - Annex ESF (Emergency Support Function) - 8: Regional Health and Medical Response Plan
  - Public Health - lead agency

# Background



- Coalition launched in November 2005, first meeting in March 2006
- 44 health-related organizations participate as members or partners
- Coalition formed to fill a gap in County's emergency preparedness and response structure

# Background



- Gaps in planning and response structure
  - Little coordination among provider organizations
  - Focus of planning - hospitals and EMS providers
  - No organized way to involve a broad array of health care provider organizations in emergency preparedness

# Background



- Coalition established to
  - Conduct regional emergency planning across all sectors of the health system
  - Encourage and support emergency preparedness efforts in all types of healthcare organizations
  - Develop a structure for the healthcare system for planning and for response

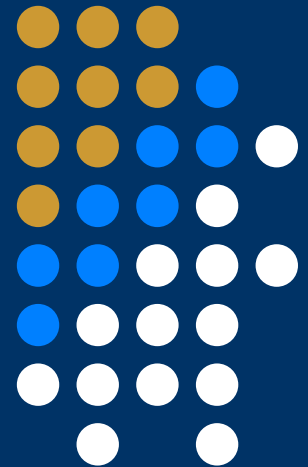


# Background

- Coalition is a voluntary organization
  - Not incorporated, no by-laws
- Governance
  - 2006 – governed by a 7-member Steering Committee, chaired by Johnese Spisso
  - 2007 – governed by a 15-member Executive Council
- Staffing provided by Public Health – Seattle & King County

# Executive Council

## Roles and Expectations



# Purpose of the Coalition



The King County Healthcare Coalition is a network of healthcare organizations and providers that are committed to coordinating their emergency preparedness and response activities.

The purpose of the Coalition is to develop and maintain a comprehensive system that assures coordination, effective communications, and optimal use of available health resources in response to emergencies and disaster for all hazards.



# Coalition Preparedness Roles

- Emergency Preparedness – pre-event
  - Provide a regional structure and process for members and partners to improve organizational and regional emergency preparedness through joint-planning and problem-solving
  - Develop and co-sponsor a Regional Medical Resource Center to coordinate medical assets and facilitate communications in emergency response
  - Provide training, exercises, and technical assistance to healthcare organizations to improve preparedness

# Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Structure

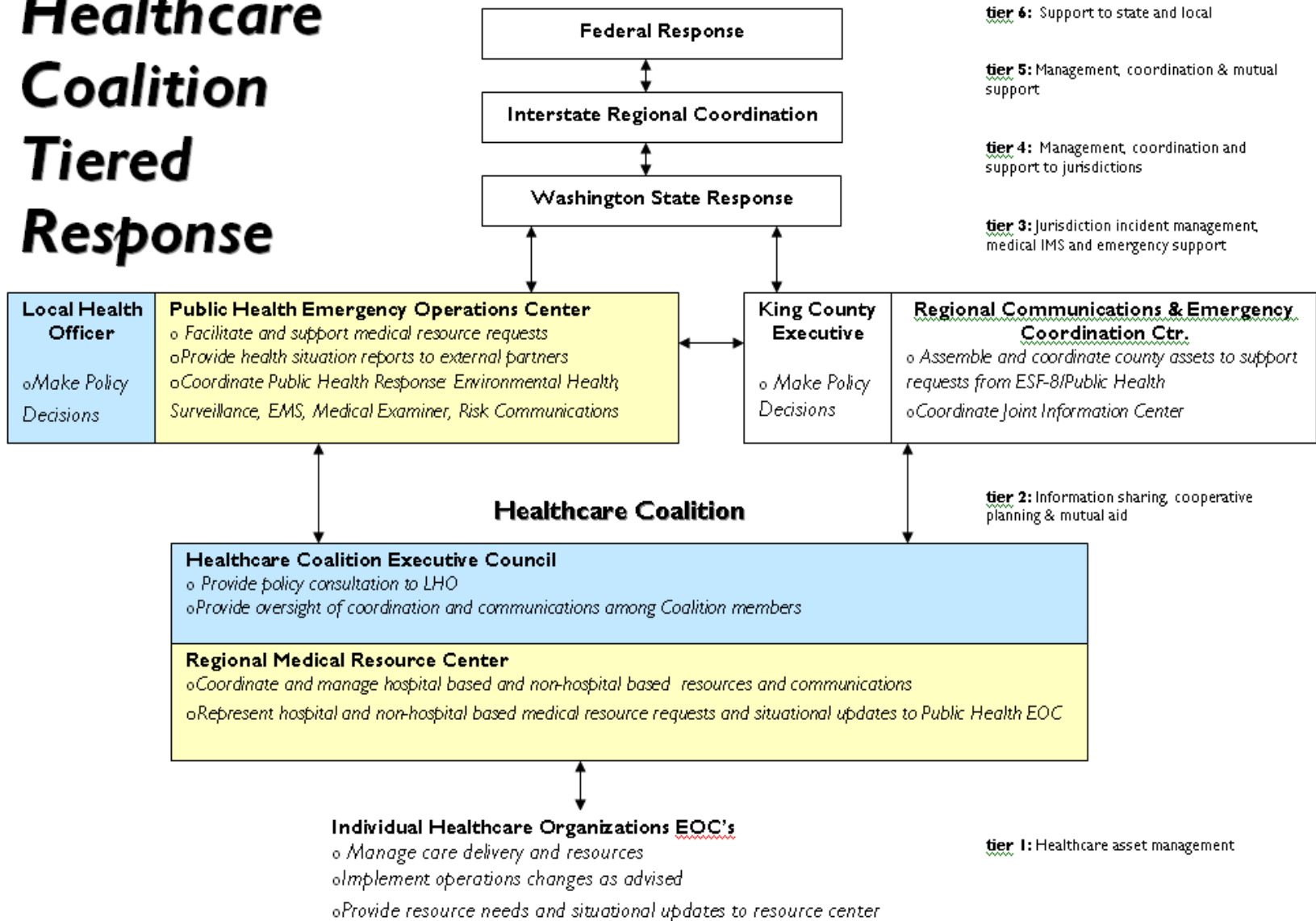


# Coalition Response Roles



- Emergency Response – during an event
  - Participate in the Public Health Emergency Operations Center Unified Command through the Executive Council
  - Provide a structure for addressing issues that affect the ability of health care providers to respond to an emergency
  - Maximize the health system's emergency response capacity by sharing information and resources through the Regional Medical Resource Center

# Healthcare Coalition Tiered Response



# Executive Council Roles



- Governance
- Preparedness
- Response

# Executive Council Governance Roles



- Function as the Board of the Coalition - guide the organization's development
  - Establish mission and strategic direction
  - Determine organization's legal structure
  - Develop organizational structure – committees, membership
  - Determine scope of services
  - Hire Executive Director
  - Approve Budget

# Executive Council

## Preparedness Roles



- Establish preparedness planning priorities
- Provide policy-level oversight of committees, workgroups, projects and the Regional Medical Resource Center
- Approve regional and health sector emergency response plans
- Identify and address issues to improve the ability of health care organizations to prepare for and respond to emergencies

# Executive Council

## Response Roles



- Represent the Healthcare Coalition in the Unified Command Structure with support from the Regional Medical Resource Center and content experts
- Advise public officials on health policy matters
- Identify and address issues to improve the ability of health care organizations to respond effectively during emergencies

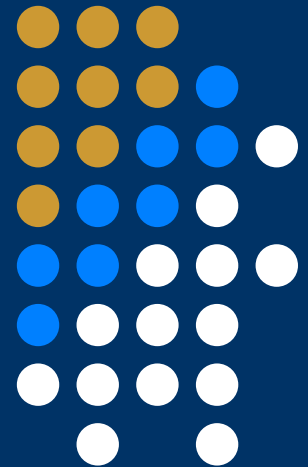
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## Role as Representatives



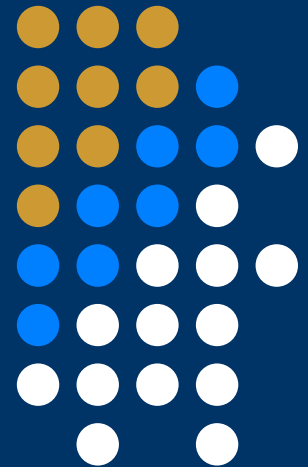
- Council members are representative leaders for Coalition members.
  - Council members should confer with their represented group colleagues about key preparedness and responses issues as needed.
  - Coalition staff are responsible for general communications with Coalition members and health sector organizations.

# Questions?



# Healthcare Coalition

2007 Work Plan Priorities



# The Goal



- To be the most effective health system in the nation for emergency preparedness and response

# Objectives



- Build the Coalition
- Create a Regional Medical Resource Center capability
- Expand regional medical surge capacity and capability to handle increased demand for services
- Educate and prepare health care providers to respond to emergencies

# 2007 Priorities



- Coalition Building
  - Establish the Executive Council
  - Recruit members from and initiate planning with mental health, home health, and long term care sectors
  - Develop models for organizational sustainability, including budget and staffing

# 2007 Priorities



- Regional Medical Resource Center
  - Develop operational plan with partners
  - Implement incident & resource management software
  - Complete telecommunications plan with hospitals

# 2007 Priorities



- Medical Surge Capacity and Capability
  - Develop regional surge plans
    - Alternate Care Facilities
    - Call Center Coordination
    - Mass Critical Care
    - Comprehensive System Surge
  - Develop regional hospital mutual aid compact

# 2007 Priorities



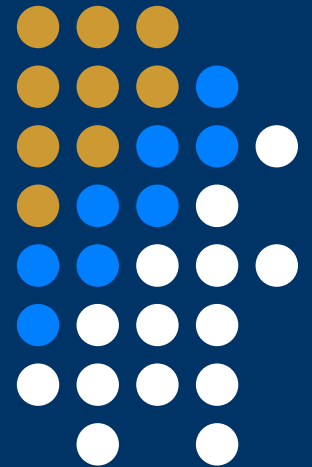
- Health Sector Planning
  - Mental Health, Long-term Care, Pediatrics, Home Health and Palliative Care
    - Recruit members
    - Conduct preparedness assessments
    - Develop sector plans
  - Strengthen regional hospital and ambulatory care plans (medical group, safety net, and tribal)

# 2007 Priorities



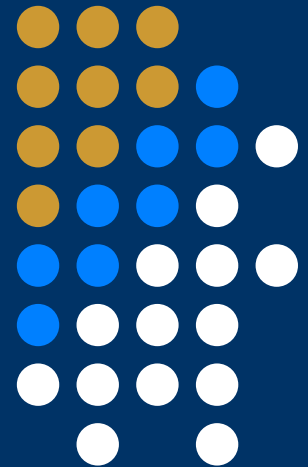
- Other Planning
  - Advisory Groups
    - Insurers
    - Legal
  - Coordinate with Vulnerable Populations planning
  - Conduct Health Care Worker staff survey
  - Develop and implement training and exercises plan
  - Address ethical issues – mass critical care

# Questions?



# Executive Council

Election of Officers



# Executive Council Members



- Anita Geving, Poly Clinic
- David Grossman, MD, Group Health
- Paul Hayes, Valley Medical Center
- Joyce Jackson, Northwest Kidney Center
- Cal Knight, Swedish
- Pete McGough, MD, UWPN
- Patty Mulhern, Visiting Nurse Services
- Diana Reeley, Overlake Medical Center
- Jean Robertson, King County Mental Health
- Jeff Sconyers, Childrens
- Johnese Spisso, Harborview
- Tom Trompeter, Community Health Council
- Gayle Ward, Northwest

# Proposed Officers – 2 Year Terms



- Chair: Johnese Spisso, Chief Operating Officer, Harborview Medical Center
- Vice Chair: David Grossman, MD, Medical Director, Preventive Care, Group Health Cooperative