

# PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

## A WILCO WELLNESS ALLIANCE WORKING GROUP



### GOAL

Ensure coordinate preparedness and response activities among emergency management agencies, public health, EMS, and healthcare organizations in order to rapidly diagnose, investigate, and respond to health problems and health hazards within Williamson County.

## 1 INFORMATION SHARING

By 2019, PHaMP will strengthen collaboration between the medical community and the public health community through improved information sharing.

1. Coordinate development of guidelines/procedures for sharing health information between WCCHD & local health providers via the PHIN.
2. Develop a Notifiable Disease Toolkit for local health providers.
3. Develop disease specific risk communication strategies for WCCHD and community response partners.

By 2019, PHaMP will develop an information sharing process that ensures a common operating picture among emergency management and the public health/healthcare community within Williamson County.

1. Develop resource request process for public health, EMS, and healthcare partners that adheres to local emergency management processes.
2. Improve local configuration of WebEOC for emergency management, public health, EMS, and healthcare partners.
3. Develop a local Information Sharing Plan for emergency management, public health, EMS, and healthcare partners.

## 2 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

By 2019, PHaMP will develop evidence-based protocols/procedures for responding to infectious disease incidents.

1. Develop white powder response guidelines and procedures.
2. Develop local BioWatch response guidelines and procedures.
3. Develop scalable Point of Distribution plans.

By 2019, PHaMP will develop a common strategy for the evacuation of an in-patient healthcare facility.

1. Develop a patient tracking process.
2. Coordinate large-scale patient transportation strategy.
3. Develop a healthcare facility evacuation response plan.

## 3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

By 2019, PHaMP will coordinate mental health process for all local first responder agencies.

1. Develop mental health training for new employees of first responder agencies.
2. Develop peer support groups within local first responder agencies.
3. Develop mental health training for supervisors and leadership personnel within first responder agencies.
4. Develop a local first responder mental health safety plan.

By 2019, PHaMP will develop a coordinated community behavioral health response process.

1. Identify community response stakeholders.
2. Develop and coordinate a community behavioral health response plan.
3. Develop behavioral health training for community response stakeholders.
4. Coordinate drills and exercises for response stakeholders.
5. Ensure annual review and updating of the response process.

