AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE
Collaborative Efforts toward Understanding Disasters and Future Preparedness in the Gulf Coast:

Knowledge Dissemination, Planning, and Readiness

Sponsored by: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Louisiana State Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Behavioral Health
Departments of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Day 1, June 13, 2012

8:15-8:45 Registration

8:45-9:00 Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery: Lessons Learned and Plans for the Future

Video Presentation by Nicole Lurie, M.D., M.S.P.H. Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9:00-9:45 Opening Plenary: Understanding Disasters in the Gulf Coast

Joy D. Osofsky, Ph.D., Barbara Lemann Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry
LSU Health Sciences Center

Howard Osofsky, M.D., Ph.D., Kathleen and John Bricker Chair, Professor and Head,
LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry

Anthony H. Speier Ph.D., Assistant Secretary Office of Behavioral Health
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:
Objective 1: Introduce objectives of Training
Objective 2: Give overview of effects of disasters along the Gulf Coast
Objective 3: Discuss issues related to importance of preparedness and how it relates to past and future disasters along the Gulf Coast

9:45-10:30 Effects of Cumulative Traumas: Developing Collaborations and Systems of Care

Robert L. Hartman, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer,
DePelchin Children’s Center, Houston, Texas

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:
Objective 1: Effects of cumulative trauma as it pertains to disasters
Objective 2: Developing collaborations to address regions with high levels of complex trauma, such as the Gulf Coast
Objective 3: Navigating systems of care for individuals with cumulative trauma

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:15 Knowledge Gleaned following Cumulative Traumas in Alabama

University of South Alabama, Department of Psychology
Knowledge Gleaned following Cumulative Traumas in Louisiana
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry

Knowledge Gleaned following Cumulative Traumas in Mississippi
University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Social Work

Each session listed above will focus on three objectives, to present information on:
Objective 1: knowledge from pre-oil spill disasters along the Gulf Coast
Objective 2: results of the SERG Tri State Consortium following the DWH Oil Spill
Objective 3: next steps translating disaster knowledge into preparedness

Lunch on your own

Introduction to Disaster Psychosocial Assessment and Surveillance Toolkit (Disaster PAST)
Tonya Hansel, Ph.D., LMSW, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, LSU Health Sciences Center
Erin Reuther, Ph.D., Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, LSU Health Sciences Center

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:
Objective 1: Discuss importance of collecting accurate data about mental health functioning following disasters
Objective 2: Introduce contents of the Disaster-PAST toolkit and how to use the toolkit to collect data following a disaster.
Objective 3: Participants will gain a working knowledge of how to use the Disaster-PAST toolkit to collect data about mental health functioning following disasters.

Public Health Perspectives on the Gulf Coast following the DWH Oil Spill
William C. Reeves, MD, MSc, Senior Advisor, Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:
Objective 1: Discuss the results of public health data collected following the DWH Oil Spill
Objective 2: Discuss existing survey methodology to capture current needs following disaster
Objective 3: Discuss how using data can improve response to future disasters along the Gulf Coast

Break

Environmental Hazards and the Connection to Mental Health
Maureen Y. Lichtveld, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair, Freeport McMoRan Chair of Environmental Policy, Associate Director Population Sciences, Louisiana Cancer Research
This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:

Objective 1: The connectedness of environmental and mental health
Objective 2: Methods of disaster response focusing on this interconnectedness
Objective 3: Ways to improved the current disaster response system—a public health perspective

4:00-4:15 Closing: Interactive Discussion on Public, Environmental and Mental Health Research

Day 2, June 14, 2012

8:15-8:45 Late Registration

8:45-9:00 Day Two Opening: Gulf Coast Future Preparedness
Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc
City of New Orleans Health Commissioner, Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Mayor

9:00-9:45 Panel Presentation: Lessons Learned for Collaborative Efforts

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:

Objective 1: Briefly discuss tri-state collaboration following the DWH oil spill between Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama
Objective 2: Discuss how collaboration has helped to understand effects of the DWH oil spill regionally
Objective 3: Field questions from participants related to collaborative efforts following the DWH oil spill

9:45-10:30 Meeting the Mental and Behavioral Needs of Underserved Communities

Stephen Bradberry
Sean Nguyen, Health Program Coordinator, Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:

Objective 1: Resource Connection in Underserved Communities
Objective 2: Integrating Resources into Federally Qualified Health Clinics
Objective 3: Building Capacity for Future Disaster Preparedness

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:15 Long Term Effects of Oil Spills and Community Models for Response

Lawrence Palinkas, Ph.D. Albert G. and Frances Lomas Feldman Professor of Social Policy and Health, University of Southern California
This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:

**Objective 1:** Discuss general effects following the Exxon-Valdez oil spill

**Objective 2:** Participants will understand effects of disasters on communities, including models related to community recovery models

**Objective 3:** Participants will understand the importance of preparedness on the community level

12:15-1:45  **Lunch on your own**

1:45-2:45  **Panel Presentation:** Disaster Response and Data to Help Capacity Building for First Responders Following Disasters

*Barry Chauvin, Chief Executive Officer Options for Independence*
*Kevin Champagne, MA MHA, Health Services Director Options for Independence*
*Danny Adams, 1st Responder Lead, DHH Office of Behavioral Health*
*Rebecca Benelli, EMS Volunteer Coordinator, Retired NOPD*
*Moderator: Art Kirkland, Tulane's Emergency Preparedness Director*

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:

**Objective 1:** Community response following disasters

**Objective 2:** First responders and readiness for future disaster response

**Objective 3:** Data to help strengthen preparedness

2:45-3:00  **Break**

3:00-4:00  **Panel Presentation:** Reports from the Field and Next Steps

*LSUHSC Department of Psychiatry Faculty Members*
*Moderator: Joy D. Osofsky, Ph.D. LSUHSC, Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry*

This session will focus on three objectives, to present information on/to:

**Objective 1:** Community and clinical impressions of mental health functioning in areas highly impacted by cumulative trauma

**Objective 2:** Discuss how LSUHSC has been involved in the recovery

**Objective 3:** Discuss future plans for disaster recovery

4:00-4:15  **Closing:** Interactive Discussion on Future Preparedness