

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA DISASTER HEALTHCARE COALITION

Official Newsletter of SEMN DHC



Mission Statement

Our mission is to build healthcare system resilience & capacity in Southeast Minnesota to ensure seamless delivery of care during disasters by providing resources and a communication platform for planning, response and recovery activities.

Important Dates

SEPT 14 - SEPT 16 | AMEM CONFERENCE
BREEZY POINT, MN

SEPT 16 | 5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BASED EXERCISE
VIRTUAL

SEPT 16 - SEPT 19 | LEADING AGE MN ANNUAL MEETING
AND LEADERSHIP FORUM
NISSWA, MN

OCT 20 - OCT 24 | WORLD EMS EXPO
INDIANAPOLIS, IN

NOV 2 - NOV 5 | LEADING AGE ANNUAL MEETING
BOSTON, MA

Advisory Committee Dates

AUGUST 19, 2025
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
OCTOBER 21, 2025
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

COALITION MEMBERS CAN REQUEST
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
BY EMAILING RACHEL CHIGLO

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 2, 2025

Quarterly Coalition Meeting

THERE WILL BE NO
SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY
MEETING.
PLEASE WATCH YOUR
EMAIL FOR UPDATES.

Coalition News

BUDGET 2 FUNDING UPDATE:

Each region who received HPP funding in the state of Minnesota received \$62,500.

The Advisory Committee has approved the following areas to be covered until January 6, 2026:

- . RHPC Wages & Fringe
- Website Maintenance
- Limited Contract Support

WEBSITE UPDATE:

The SEMN DHC website is being revamped.

What will be included?

- Training and education library
- Current plans and templates
- Valuable Resources
- Communications

A one stop shop for all coalition needs and to share with others!

Medical Clearance Evals

The Minnesota Department of Health Hospital Preparedness Program is happy to offer medical clearance evaluations for long term care facilities (Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Hospice and Homecare) through a federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grant. Facilities can get as many medical clearance evaluations as they need. This program does not cover fit testing itself, just the evaluation. For more information or how to sign up, see the flyer.



[Medical Clearance Evaluations Sign Up](#)

Budget Period 1 Deliverables

- All budget period 1 deliverables were accepted by MDH and ASPR.

Budget Period 2 Deliverables

- Budget Period 2 Deliverable have been established, the RHPCs were advised by MDH to not focus on getting deliverables done as they may change pending the current budget situation.
- The Advisory Committee will be working on sustainability planning with the chance of reduced or no funding.

Medical Clearance Evaluations

The Minnesota Department of Health is excited to be able to offer medical clearance evaluations for long term care facilities (Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Hospice and Homecare) through a federal Centers for Disease Control grant.

- **Facilities are able to get as many evaluations as needed, however the grant does not cover fit testing itself.**
- **Please sign up using the link below,** if you have questions please use the contact information below.

<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=JYW4ALT3WWADYY3W>

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Valuable Resources

[Cyber security | ASPR TRACIE](#)

[Threat Assessment and Management in Healthcare](#)

[Planning for and Responding to Extreme Heat - MN
Dept. of Health](#)

[Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool \(RAPT\)](#)

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Content](#)

[Sheltering, Relocation, and Evacuation](#)

[Major Hurricanes - Potential Health and Medical
Implications](#)

[NCDMPH Monthly Webinars](#)

[Emergency Preparedness Basics for Healthcare and
Long Term Care](#)

Member Information

•If there has been a change in leadership at your agency the Coalition will require a new partner and/or Compact agreement to be signed!

•If your agency plans to participate in Coalition exercises and drills you need to be signed up in our notification system "AppArmor". If you are not registered or there have been personnel changes, reach out to Rachel Chiglo.

Training Opportunities!

KANABEC AND ISANTI COUNTY
WILL BE HOSTING TEEX
INSTRUCTORS AT THE KANABEC
COUNTY JAIL TRAINING ROOM
(100 S VINE ST, MORA, MN
55051)

FOR ICS-300 ON SEPTEMBER
30TH,
OCTOBER 1ST, AND 2ND.
HERE IS THE REGISTRATION
LINK:
[TEEX PORTAL](#)

WE ASK THAT YOU ONLY
REGISTER FOR 300 IF YOU CAN
ATTEND THE 400 COURSE ALSO
ON JANUARY 28TH AND 29TH.

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