

# 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

JAN 21 - JAN 25 | 2026 ARROWHEAD EMS ASSOCIATION  
CONFERENCE & EXPO  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

FEB 23 - FEB 25 | AHEPP CONFERENCE  
DALLAS, TEXAS

FEB 23 | PREPAREDNESS PRACTICUM PLUS  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA

\*SEE EMAIL (1/5) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 19 - MAY 20 | UNDERONEROOF 2026  
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

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## Advisory Committee Dates

JANUARY 20, 2026  
FEBRUARY 16, 2026  
MARCH 17, 2026

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

## Quarterly Coalition Meeting

MAY, 2026

MORE INFORMATION AND DATES TO COME.  
PLEASE WATCH FOR A CALENDAR INVITE.

# Coalition News

## BUDGET 2 FUNDING UPDATE:

Each region who received HPP funding in the state of Minnesota first received \$62,500 in August 2025, the Southeast Minnesota Disaster Health Coalition was then awarded the rest of the funding with an additional amount of \$213,229 in October 2025 totaling \$275,729.

H5N1 (Avian Influenza) funding was also awarded to the SEMN DHC in the amount of \$125,000.

The total budget for Billing Period 2 is \$400,729.

This allows the SEMN DHC to be funded and provide support through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

As of now there is no update on Billing Period 3.

## WEBSITE UPDATE:

The SEMN DHC website is being revamped.

What will be included?

Training and education library

Current plans and templates

Valuable Resources

Communications

Once the website update is complete, all partners will be asked to create a new login. Watch for more information to come!

# Medical Response Surge Exercise

The Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE) planning is underway.

The Concepts and Objectives Meeting was held on December 4, 2025.

The Initial Planning meeting was held on January 8, 2026.

The MRSE Coalition Wide will be in May. Watch for a calendar invite for more information!

# Budget Period 2 Deliverables

- Governance Document
- Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment
- Readiness Assessment
- Strategic Plan
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- Cybersecurity Assessment
- Extended Downtime Health Care Delivery Impact Assessment
- Special Pathogen Medical Surge Support Plan
- Recovery Plan
- Supply Chain Integrity Assessment
- Resource Management Plan
- Continuity of Operations Plan
- Information Sharing Plan
- MRSE

\*Deliverables listed in white have been completed and submitted to ASPR.

# The ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program

The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has created a video list to promote the work of Healthcare Coalitions! Check it out below!

[ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program  
Video Series](#)

## 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)

Sheltering, Relocation, and Evacuation

NCDMPH Monthly Webinars

Emergency Preparedness Basics for Healthcare and  
Long Term Care

Hospital Readiness and Response: An Online  
Guidebook

Metro Health Coalition Exercise Workbook

Health Care Toolbox

## 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!

**Practicum Plus**

**UnderOneRoof**

**Miniseries**

**Planning Session per Sector**

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For Training Opportunities listed , more information will be shared via email.