



## NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

### *Meet Your Northeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition (NEW HERC) Board Members*

#### **Steve Pelch – NEW HERC President**



**Steve Pelch, MS**, serves as a Divisional Director for the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS). In that role he oversees ten departments on the campuses of St. Clare Hospital, St. Nicholas Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and at St. Vincent Hospital. In addition, he is responsible for the Environment of Care for Joint Commission Compliance, Emergency Management and is the OSHA Safety Officer. Steve has been with HSHS for seventeen years and prior to that he worked as a Police Officer, Firefighter and Paramedic for fourteen years. Steve has been featured on the National Education Forum, in Wisconsin's Workforce

Magazine and was a keynote speaker at Wisconsin's Annual Summit on Emergency Preparedness. Steve is also the current Chair of the Northeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition and has served on the board since its inception. Steve is excited to bring together the healthcare partners in Northeast Wisconsin to increase regional preparedness and response capabilities.

#### **Anna Destree – NEW HERC Vice President**



**Anna Destree, MS**, serves as Public Health Officer and Administrator for the Brown County Health & Human Services – Public Health Division in Green Bay, WI. As Public Health Officer, Anna administers the Public Health Division and is responsible for the enforcement of state public health statutes and rules to protect and promote the health of those who live, work, and play in Brown County. Prior to her appointment as Interim Health Director in October of 2016 and her appointment as Public Health Officer in March of 2017, Anna served as a Public Health Educator for the Brown County Health Department for 11 years, focused on public health emergency preparedness. In that role, Anna participated in community-wide preparedness planning, training, and exercises, and was an active participant at WHEPP, later known as NEW HERC, and Vice-President of NEW HERC.



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Now as Health Officer and Vice President of the NEW HERC, Anna is excited to align public health with healthcare emergency readiness efforts to further increase community-wide preparedness and response capacity in the region.

### **Shawn Metzner – NEW HERC Coordinator**



**Shawn Metzner, AAS**, serves as the new Healthcare Coalition Coordinator. Prior to him taking this role he worked for the Eastern Virginia Healthcare Coalition, first as a Healthcare Emergency Planner and then as the Regional Healthcare Coordination Manager overseeing the day to day preparedness, and response to health care emergencies and disasters. Prior to working in Virginia, he worked in many facets of Public Safety in Wisconsin. Shawn has volunteered in Search and Rescue and was MRC Coordinator for the Wisconsin Disaster Medical Response Team Medical Reserve Corps. Shawn is an active member of the Society for Disaster Medicine and Public Health, and a current Basic and Advanced Disaster

Life Support instructor. He is a certified Emergency Manager in Virginia and Wisconsin. Shawn is excited for the opportunity to serve back in his home state and looks forward to continuing to build a strong Northeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition.

### ***Healthcare Demographics Surveys and WITRAC***

***\*\*Attention NEW HERC primary contacts! Please keep an eye out in your email for several short surveys through-out the rest of 2019 and 2020.*** These critical surveys will assist the Coalition with implementing the Response Plan and updating the Wisconsin Tracking, Resources, Alerts and Communication system. The information the NEW HERC collects will be useful for day to day operations and will become part of some of the plans the Coalition develops and implements.

Please complete the surveys in a timely manner! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

### ***NEW HERC Coordinator Site Visits***

One of goals of the new HERC Coordinator is getting out to visit the licensed healthcare facilities in the region through-out this year and next year. The focus of these visits will be getting to know the Emergency Preparedness program and staff.



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These visit's will also allow the staff from the facilities to learn more about the NEW HERC and how the Coalition can assist them with having a top-notch Emergency Preparedness program! Watch your email for appointment requests.

### ***NEW HERC Training and Exercise Plan***

Last Budget Period NEW HERC developed and approved its Training Plan for 2019-2020. Critical Incident Stress Management, Clinical Burn Care for EMS and hospital Emergency Room staff, and Incident Management Training were the courses identified as being needed in the region. Other training courses and exercises in 2019-2020 will focus on Cyber Security, Communicable Disease and Patient Decontamination.

Keep an eye out for more information as these courses will be scheduled soon. NEW HERC will be putting together a Training and Exercise Caucus to develop a Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan. Watch for more details in the next week.



### ***NEW HERC Training Calendar***

Did you know NEW HERC has a publicly shared training calendar?

Check it out at <https://tinyurl.com/y5wz4wbv>

This calendar will not only list NEW HERC training's also courses offered by [Wisconsin Emergency Management](#) (WEM) and some of [National Domestic Preparedness Consortium's](#) Resident Courses

### ***Check out the NEW HERC Coordinators Blog***

This is easy way to share additional news articles and letters. The blog site will contain state and national Healthcare Preparedness/Response and Public Health updates. This newsletter and NEW HERC training registrations will also be posted to the Blog. Web address is <https://new-herc-coordinator.blogspot.com>

### ***Regional Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis***

The 2019 NEW HERC Regional Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) was released as a final version at the June NEW HERC meeting. This was the first time the NEW HERC HVA was formatted to follow the Wisconsin Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA). Our federal partner the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) requires every Healthcare Coalition in the nation to develop an HVA as part of grant funding. The top five hazards and threats in the 2019 NEW HERC HVA are as follows:



1. Major Storm (includes ice, blizzard, sustained liquid precipitation)
2. Flood
3. Communicable Disease
4. Cyber attack
5. Hazardous Materials Accident-Transportation

The HVA will be tied into many activities and the majority of the NEW HERC funding Projects. Most of the trainings and exercises in the first part of the new Budget Period will focus on Cyber Security and Communicable/Highly Infectious Disease. The second part of the of the Budget Period will focus on Major Storms, Flooding and Hazardous Materials. A copy of the full NEW HERC HVA can be found in the NEW HERC Library at this link:


<https://tinyurl.com/y6zxe43o>

### ***Coalition Surge Test Past and Future***

The 2018-2019 NEW HERC Coalition Surge Test (CST) was held April 11, 2019. Many strengths were recognized and a few areas for improvement were identified. Most of the areas for improvement are related to tightening up the NEW HERC Response Plan, and regional Medical Coordination which will be a major focus in 2019-2020 and beyond.

A big thank you goes out to Aurora BayCare Medical Center and St. Vincent’s Hospital for serving as the “Evacuating” hospitals. The Coalition Surge Test is an annual grant requirement of ASPR. The next Coalition Surge Test will focus on the rural hospitals in the region and will be held in Spring 2020. A copy of the last year’s NEW HERC CST After Action Report can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y2ccxtwe>

### **Upcoming Coalition, RTAC and Caucus Meetings**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	September 25, 2019	8:30am –11:30am	<b>St. Clare’s Memorial Oconto Falls, Assisi Rm A</b>
<b>**New -</b> NEW HERC Training and Exercise Caucus	October 8, 2019	8:00am -10:30am	St. Vincent’s Hospital Heritage Conference Rm C
 RTAC Monthly Meeting	October 16, 2019	10:00am -12:00pm	St. Vincent Hospital Heritage Conference Rm C
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	October 23, 2019	8:30am –11:30am	<b>St. Mary’s Hospital Conference Rm C Basement</b>



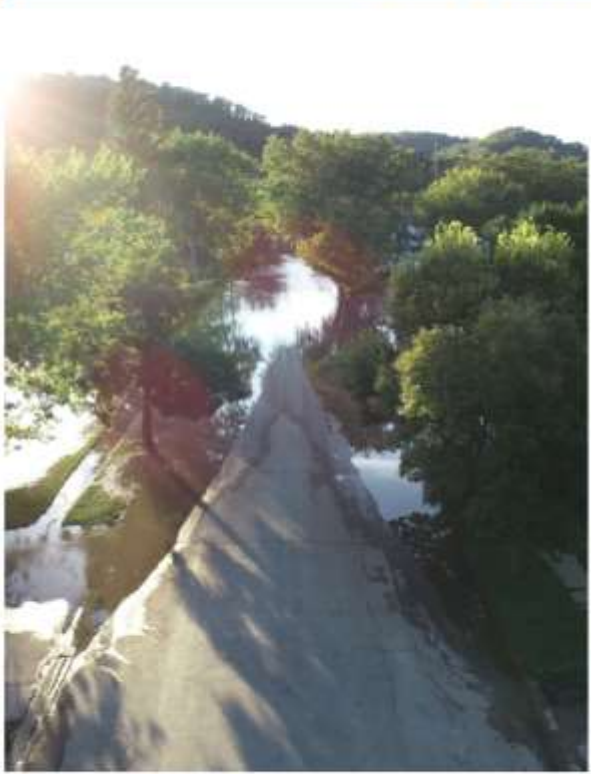
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**Upcoming Training & Exercises**

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Course Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
Patient Decontamination Awareness Training for Hospitals	Currently Open - Online	Please contact Shawn for more details <a href="mailto:Metzner.hercregion3@gmail.com">Metzner.hercregion3@gmail.com</a>
<a href="#">2019 Governor's Cybersecurity Summit</a>	September 23, 2019	Gordon Dining and Event Center 770 W Dayton Street, Madison
<a href="#">ICS-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</a>	September 30, - Oct 16, 2019 – 4 days – 4 hours each day	Ashwaubenon Fire Department Station #2 1310 Ponderosa Avenue Ashwaubenon
Cyber Security Awareness w/Dept Homeland Security Region V	October 23, 2019	After the October Coalition Meeting at St. Mary's Hospital Conference Rm C Basement
Advanced Burn Disaster Life Support	TBA	TBA
Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management – <i>This course is only open to those who have taken a Basic CISD Course</i>	Friday Nov 1, 2019	Manitowoc EOC



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