

Regional & Local Countermeasure Planning

A Critical Piece of Getting
Medication to the General Public

Planning is Critical

- Feds & States deliver countermeasures but they still need to be distributed
- Unique position to prevent or limit a catastrophic event and save lives
- Careful & thoughtful planning well before increases the likelihood of success

Focus on Medication Dispensing

- All Hazards Planning – a good thing but it has distracted from the main goal
- In most all hazards events, health officials will have a secondary or recovery role
- Back to basics - do well what you should be an expert in: medication dispensing

Revise Your Plan

- Eliminate needless text and double-side pages so you can staple your plan
- Use ICS Org Charts & Floor Plans more – a graphic or picture speaks 1,000 words
- The 20 minute test: someone new to plan should be able to read & understand fast

Re-Organize Your Plan

- Put operational documents in separate appendices – let that grow, not your plan
- Outline sections to follow the CDC's (TAR) Self-Assessment tool – it's not going away
- The 20 ounce test: if your plan weighs more than this it is too big!

Minimize Throughput to Maximize It

- Identify organizations to approach to implement Closed Dispensing Sites
- Identify points of contacts for IRRA populations to plan with & quickly call
- Communication: encourage households heads to pick up medication for families
- Be creative & develop solutions to make your plan work better, faster, & smarter