

Attachment 2

National Network of Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region Regional Advisory Council

Emergency Preparedness Planning Discussion September 11, 2007

The discussion about emergency preparedness planning emanated from a series of questions about the topic?

Question: What barriers or problems do you face within your own institution with regard to emergency preparedness (EP) planning?

Responses:

- I'm the largest health science library in town. How do I get assistance from other libraries whose collection is equal or better than my own?
- What are the minimum level of library services? Can I provide these during a disaster?
- I need a standard statement that will blanket my library's ability to provide interlibrary loan during a disaster. It should be ready made so I can plug into a license agreement.

Question: What do you see as the role for a backup library? If your library was shut down, what type of services would you need?

Responses:

- Clinical Reference
- Document Delivery
- 800 number to report the status of a library
- Serve as temporary work space
- Suspend fees in an emergency
- Provide a re-direct server
- Information on who can provide basic services in your area. [Red Cross, 311, 911 211, etc]
- Make GMRLIST available for a wider range of postings

Question: What knowledge gaps prevent network member librarians from participating more fully in EP planning?

Responses:



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- What models are there for partnering?
- What to do when? [flood, bomb scare, etc]
- Who do we contact and what for?
- Preventive maintenance
- Survey your medical staff re: Chemicals, toxicology, drug info

Question: What do libraries and librarians bring to the table that would be beneficial to community EP planning?

Responses:

- Public libraries and health science centers should partner
 - State Health Sciences organizations should lead this effort
- GMR staff should present at state meetings
- Partner ALA & MLA
- We should survey the needs of emergency responders?

Other Comments

- Use a focus group to get more answers to these questions.
- The state of Wisconsin uses Ask-away to gather answers - Perhaps it could be used as a model.



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