

## Office of Emergency Preparedness Southern Tier Briefing

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### Training & Education

- Currently 85% of healthcare personnel have completed EM 101. YNHHS continues to work with the southern tier hospitals, Hartford Hospital, and other healthcare delivery agencies such as nursing homes, home health, and others to expand the program statewide.
- The Einstein Healthcare Network will implement EM 101 for the education and training of Target 1 healthcare workers in the Greater Philadelphia area

### Regional Planning

- The Bridgeport Office of Emergency Management, in conjunction with Bridgeport Health Department, held a meeting on June 3, 2004 to create a Bioterrorism Planning Team to help develop the Bridgeport Health Department's bioterrorism plan. Yale New Haven Health System, Bridgeport Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital will be working together with Bridgeport Health Department and Bridgeport Office of Emergency Management in the development of Bridgeport Health Department's bioterrorism plan. This plan will be used as an attachment to the city's All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan Health and Medical Annex.

### Drills & Exercises

- The tabletop exercise scheduled for Backus Hospital has been rescheduled to June 28, 2004. The drill will include local public health, emergency medical services, police, fire, and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). YNHHS has been participating in the planning and will serve as an evaluator.
- A tabletop exercise has been scheduled for Yale-New Haven Hospital (Y-NHH) on July 28, 2004. OEP will facilitate the exercise and individuals will be invited to participate through Y-NHH administration.

### Southern Tier Hospitals Special Meeting

- Seventy (70) administrative and clinical personnel representing 30 different organizations attended a special meeting for the southern tier hospitals held on June 10, 2004 at the Connecticut Hospital Association in Wallingford. Eric Noji, MD, MPH, Senior Policy Advisor for Medical Readiness Department of Homeland Security & the White House, presented an overview of federal initiatives underway to address terrorism and public health emergencies as well as a brief history of the circumstances and incidents leading us to where we are today.



*Dr. Jeff Arnold, OEP Medical Director, converses with Dr. Eric Noji, Senior Policy Advisor for Medical Readiness, Department of Homeland Security and the White House, prior to the commencement of Thursday's Southern Tier Hospitals Special Meeting.*

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### Homeland Security/Defense Education Consortium

- YNHHS is partnering with the United States Northern Command (NorthCom) as a member of the Homeland Security/Defense Education Consortium. The consortium is a network of teaching and research institutions focused on promoting education, research, and cooperation related to and supporting the homeland security/defense mission.

### HRSA Block Grants

- In response to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) guidance document received, OEP has developed a proposal to maintain and enhance initiatives related to healthcare emergency preparedness, and has submitted it to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) for their review.

*Questions, comments, or suggestions should be forwarded by FAX to (203) 688-4618 or by e-mail to [OEPWEB@ynhh.org](mailto:OEPWEB@ynhh.org).*

### Emerging Infectious Diseases & Public Threats

#### **Anthrax**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the first test approved by the Food and Drug Administration for detecting antibodies to anthrax. CDC said the Anthrax Quick ELISA test, produced by Immunetics Inc. of Boston and funded by CDC, provides an easy-to-use clinical laboratory tool for assessing whether patients have been infected with anthrax. The new test, which can be completed in less than one hour, will be available shortly for use in state and private laboratories. More information can be downloaded from the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/>.

### MaSH

- The Statewide MaSH Committee continues to work with the State of Connecticut Departments of Public Health (DPH) and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) in the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a MaSH facility and equipment. Additionally, guidelines are being developed for the MaSH operations.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
STATE DPH BT COMMITTEE	6/14/04	1:00 PM	CHA
ACHE ANNUAL MEETING	6/22/04	12:00 PM	AQUA TURF CLUB

#### CURRENT DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LITERATURE ([WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG](http://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG))

PORTA M, CASAL LAREO A, CASTANO-VINYALS G. *THE IMPACT OF THE PRESTIGE DISASTER ON HUMAN HEALTH*. GAC SANIT 2004; 18 SUPPL 1: 245-249.

ABSTRACT: [HTTP://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/040607.HTM](http://WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG/WEEK/2004/040607.HTM)

SADIK OA, WANEKAYA AK, ANDREESCU S. *ADVANCES IN ANALYTICAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY*. ENVIRON MONIT 2004; 6(6): 513-522.

[HTTP://WWW.RSC.ORG/CFMUSCAT/INTERMEDIATE\\_ABSTRACT.CFM?FURL=/EJ/EM/2004/B401794N.PDF](http://WWW.RSC.ORG/CFMUSCAT/INTERMEDIATE_ABSTRACT.CFM?FURL=/EJ/EM/2004/B401794N.PDF)

**ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OPERATIONS & PLANNING FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION	6/15-17/04	8:00 AM	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY EMS ACADEMY
KEEPING THE 'GENOME' IN THE BOTTLE: REINFORCING BIOSAFETY LEVEL 3 PROCEDURES <a href="http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/BS13/">HTTP://WWW.PHPPO.CDC.GOV/PHTN/BS13/</a>	6/17/04	1:30 PM EASTERN	WEBCAST
SELECTION & USE OF PERSONAL & RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FOR HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: AN ALL-HAZARDS APPROACH	6/24/04	8:00 AM	CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
AGROTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH: REESTABLISHING AN OLD RELATIONSHIP <a href="http://www.adph.org/ALPHTN">HTTP://WWW.ADPH.ORG/ALPHTN</a>	6/24/04	1:00 PM EASTERN	SATELLITE BROADCAST
MASS ANTIOTIOTIC DISPENSING: A PRIMER <a href="http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/PHTN/ANTIOTIOTIC/DEFAULT.ASP">HTTP://WWW.PHPPO.CDC.GOV/PHTN/ANTIOTIOTIC/DEFAULT.ASP</a>	6/24/04	1:00 PM EASTERN	SATELLITE BROADCAST
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION MASS CASUALTY PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION <a href="mailto:GSALLYN@WESTHARDFORD.ORG">GSALLYN@WESTHARDFORD.ORG</a> (860) 570-3807	7/12-14/04 OR 7/15-17/04	8:30 AM	CT FIRE ACADEMY
NACCHO ANNUAL 2004 CONFERENCE	7/14-16/04		ST. PAUL, MN

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