

8. PREPARING NURSES TO RESPOND TO DISASTERS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

8.2 The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), CDC, HRSA, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), CMS, the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), and other funders should develop and support the emergency preparedness and response knowledge base of the nursing workforce through regulations, programs, research, and sustainable funding targeted specifically to disaster and public health emergency nursing.

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Campaign for Action

1. Key Strategic Stakeholders

Organizations listed above in the sub rec 8.2

Nursing Organizations

American Nurses Association; American Nurses Credentialing Center; Community Public Health Nurse organizations; Emergency Nurses Association

Non-profits

American Hospital Association; Association of State and Territorial Health Officials; Clinton Foundation, Gates Foundation; National Rural Health Association; Red Cross; World Health Organization

Federal Government

Department of Corrections; Department of Defense; Department of Health and Human Services; Federal Nursing Service Council; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Health Resources and Services Administration; Public Health Service Commissioned Core

State Government

Governor; Legislators; State, tribal, local, and territorial government

Other

Transportation, housing, public safety (police officers, fire departments) sectors

2. Top 3-5 Actions for 2021

- A. Reactivate training (curriculum and practice for nurses)
- B. Reestablish funding as a priority
- C. Within the current response plans (improve interdisciplinary approach and reach within nursing workforce and across nursing organizations), update the language to incorporate all nurses.
 - Create clear and concise messaging to elevate the value of this area
- D. Reconvene local and state stakeholders
- E. Revamp the tool-kit on emergency management
- F. Get nurses on the emergency preparedness boards and commissions
- G. Create a national emergency plan for identification tracking and elimination of barriers across state lines

3. Top 3-5 Actions for 2022

- A. Establish this as a pathway toward a specialty
 - Create a simulation with disaster for students and all nurses (use of technology/e-simulations)
 - Engagement including the crisis standard of care
 - All nurses can consider a certificate
 - A module for all nurses to take as a basis
- B. Create a nursing focused tactical resource to actualize the recommendations
- C. Nursing professional development - Fellowships that provide professional development opportunities around emergency preparedness/ management

4. Success Indicators

- Have a minimum of regional (HRSA regions) cohorts of trained individuals on emergency preparedness (ex: alums of the fellowship programs)
- Formalize lobbying approach for congress and president's budget. Any funding (grants) around emergency preparedness will include funding for the fellows and professional development
- Formalizing the regional (HRSA regions) nursing emergency preparedness and response networks (training, PD, tactical response, resource reallocation, etc.).
- Formulate a plan to integrate emergency preparedness a core competency