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Heartland Centers' Webinar Series

The Joplin Tornado: Sharing the Hospital Story



Wednesday, November 30th, 1:00 pm CST

Webinar is free of charge, but registration is required and limited to first 100 registrants.

Description: On May 22, 2011, an EF-5 tornado destroyed much of Joplin, Missouri including one of two acute care hospitals. St. John's Regional Medical Center was destroyed and required immediate evacuation of the entire building. Freeman Health System responded with primary responsibility to manage the victims of the storm resulting in overwhelming medical and trauma surge. The response required extraordinary response from the two hospitals and support from the entire Missouri hospital community. This webinar will share the story highlights and include lessons learned from the local, regional and state association perspective.

Presenters:

Leslie Porth, RN, MPH, Dennis Manley, RN, HRM, CPHQ, Regina Thomas, CBCP

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PRESENTER BIOS

Leslie Porth, RN, MPH

Leslie Porth is Vice-President of Missouri Hospital Association. Prior to joining MHA in 1999, she worked in a mid-Missouri hospital as a nurse in critical care and emergency care units and in an administrative position. Today, she is responsible for a wide range of population-based strategies to improve the health and safety of Missourians and the quality of care provided in Missouri hospitals. Currently she administers a sub-contract for the federal Hospital Preparedness Program and leads many of the strategic initiatives to develop a sustainable emergency preparedness program for Missouri's hospitals. In addition, Leslie has led hospital- and community-based initiatives to decrease the incidence of chronic disease and disparity of care, improve the overall health status and increase the supply of qualified health care workforce in Missouri.

Leslie also serves as part-time faculty for the University of Missouri – Columbia, where she teaches principles of emergency preparedness for the masters in public health program. Leslie received her bachelor's of nursing from the University of Missouri – Columbia, Sinclair School of Nursing and her master's in public health from Saint Louis University. She currently is pursuing her doctorate in public policy and administration with an emphasis in homeland security policy and coordination from Walden University.

Dennis Manley, RN, HRM, CPHQ

Dennis Manley is Director of Quality and Risk Management for St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Missouri. He has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Missouri Southern State University. His responsibilities include patient safety, infection control, risk management, quality medical staff services, and corporate compliance. He has held prior positions as Staff Nurse, Director of Critical Care, and Risk Manager. He is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality and Healthcare Risk Manager, University of Chicago School of Medicine and Health Science.

Regina Thomas, CBCP

Regina Thomas, is Disaster Recovery Coordinator for Freeman Health System, a 407-bed health system located in Joplin, Missouri. She develops, designs, maintains, and tests information technology procedures and plans that will ensure successful organizational response to a disaster or business interruption. She is one of only 51 Certified Business Continuity Professionals in the state of Missouri, and the only one in southwest Missouri. Regina is a member of the Missouri Hospital Association Coordinating Council, Secretary for the Jasper County Local Emergency Planning Committee, and serves as Liaison Officer for Freeman Health System. Prior to joining Freeman in 2006, she served as a network and systems administrator for a national photography and publishing company.