

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL WEATHER EMERGENCY TEAM (WET)

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: Leadership

Heading: Integrating and Coordinating Services

Key Word(s): Environment of Care, Management of Information Plan for natural disasters

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Purpose: Identify and plan for safe and continued hospital operations under less than suitable weather conditions.

Brief Description: A team was organized to identify conditions where preventative action/plans could be prioritized, and implemented with the threat of an "El Nino" weather forecast. Areas of the hospital operations were identified, prioritized, contingency actions were planned, responsible individuals/departments named, and preparations completed in order to be prepared for the possibility of extreme weather conditions.

Selection Basis/Criteria: Preparations and contingency plans avoided flooding, provided for immediate cleanup of downed trees, and more.

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other : Prioritized list of identified severe weather interventions.

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