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ETHICS AND ALL-HAZARDS PLANNING

NSHEN Pre-Conference, March 8, 2011


Objectives

- Will identify ethics issues that arise during pandemic and other crisis situations.
- Look at the role that ethics can play in preparing to respond to pandemic and other similar situations.
- Identify various ways in which ethics can provide support to decision-makers and front-line health care providers, including the ways in which tools and frameworks can be of assistance.



Outline

- Describe ethics lessons learned
- Panel discussion
 - Why ethics is important
 - How ethical considerations can be integrated into all-hazards planning and response
- Pandemic decision-making framework & user's guide
- Group work – cases



What is All Hazards Planning?

- Response plan that articulates processes and procedures to be used in any disaster scenario
- Intended to create a consistent, transparent, fair and appropriately flexible set of procedures used in any case where extraordinary demands are being placed on the health care system.
 - E.g., ice storm, Swissair, SARS



Panel Discussion

- Jeff Kirby
- Kate Mahon
- Gaynor Watson-Creed
- Marika Warren



Discussion Question

- What sorts of ethical challenges are likely to arise in crisis situations?



Discussion Question

- Where in “the system” do ethical challenges arise in times of crisis?



Discussion Question

- Why do ethical challenges arise in crisis situations?



Discussion Question

- Why is ethics important in all-hazards planning?



Discussion Question

- How can ethics be incorporated in all-hazards planning?



Discussion Question

- Why is ethics important in all-hazards response?



Discussion Question

- How can ethics be incorporated in all-hazards response?



Open Discussion



Pandemic Decision Making Framework (2009)



Case Discussion

- 30 minutes



Group Discussion

What did your group feel was the benefit of having a decision-making framework?

How did your group feel the decision-making framework could be further improved?

Were there particular aspects of the framework that you felt were more applicable to a pandemic situation than a general all-hazards plan?