

Department of Health and Family Support

Emergency Preparedness Quarterly Report

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Cities Readiness Initiative Goal

- Provide mass prophylaxis to 100% of the identified populations within 48 hours of the decision to do so



Cities Readiness Initiative: Local Technical Assistance Review

- CDC, MDH and MDHFS team
- Second review, last year with Hennepin County
- Tool to ensure all levels of planning are completed

12 sections

1. Developing an SNS plan
2. Management of SNS
Command/Control
3. Requesting SNS
4. Tactical Communications
5. Public Information and
Communication
6. Security



12 sections

7. Regional/Local Distribution Site
8. Controlling SNS Inventory
9. Distribution
10. Dispensing Prophylaxis
11. Treatment Center Coordination
12. Training, Exercise and Evaluation



Strengths Determined

- Close collaboration with Hennepin County and regional partners
- Staff trained in robust tactical communications
- Public information staff educated and prepared to provide joint information

Challenges Remaining

- Staffing for worst case scenario
- Implementing alternative dispensing modalities
- Training and exercising all plan components



The Postal Plan

- Large scale aerosolized anthrax release
- USPS mail carriers to deliver single bottle of antibiotics to residential address
- No mail delivery that one day
- Each carrier paired with a security officer



Planning Process

- Emergency use authorization for pre-position of antibiotics in postal workers homes just signed
- USPS can now recruit carriers to deliver
- Minneapolis is the first U.S. region ready to move to next steps



Public Health and Medical Coordination

Event of National Significance 2008



Participants



Regional Hospital Resource
Center and Hospital Compact



HM-JOC Goal

Serve as the main point of contact for:

- The SEOC for health and medical issues.
- Consolidating and evaluating surveillance data:
 - Epidemiologic and clinical laboratory surveillance data
 - Food, beverage, and lodging inspection data
 - Environmental sampling and laboratory data
 - EMS and hospital reports
- Federal health and medical assets and staff resources

HM-JOC Objectives

- Situational awareness of RNC events, activities, & incidents
- Situational awareness of health resources and needs
- Coordination of diverse surveillance systems
- Participation of communication 3 between state and federal locations (MACC, SEOC, HMJOC)
- Facilitation of communication to MDH employees and health/medical partners
- Maintain readiness status for quick transition to response for incidents with health consequences

Surveillance Data
Collection

Laboratory

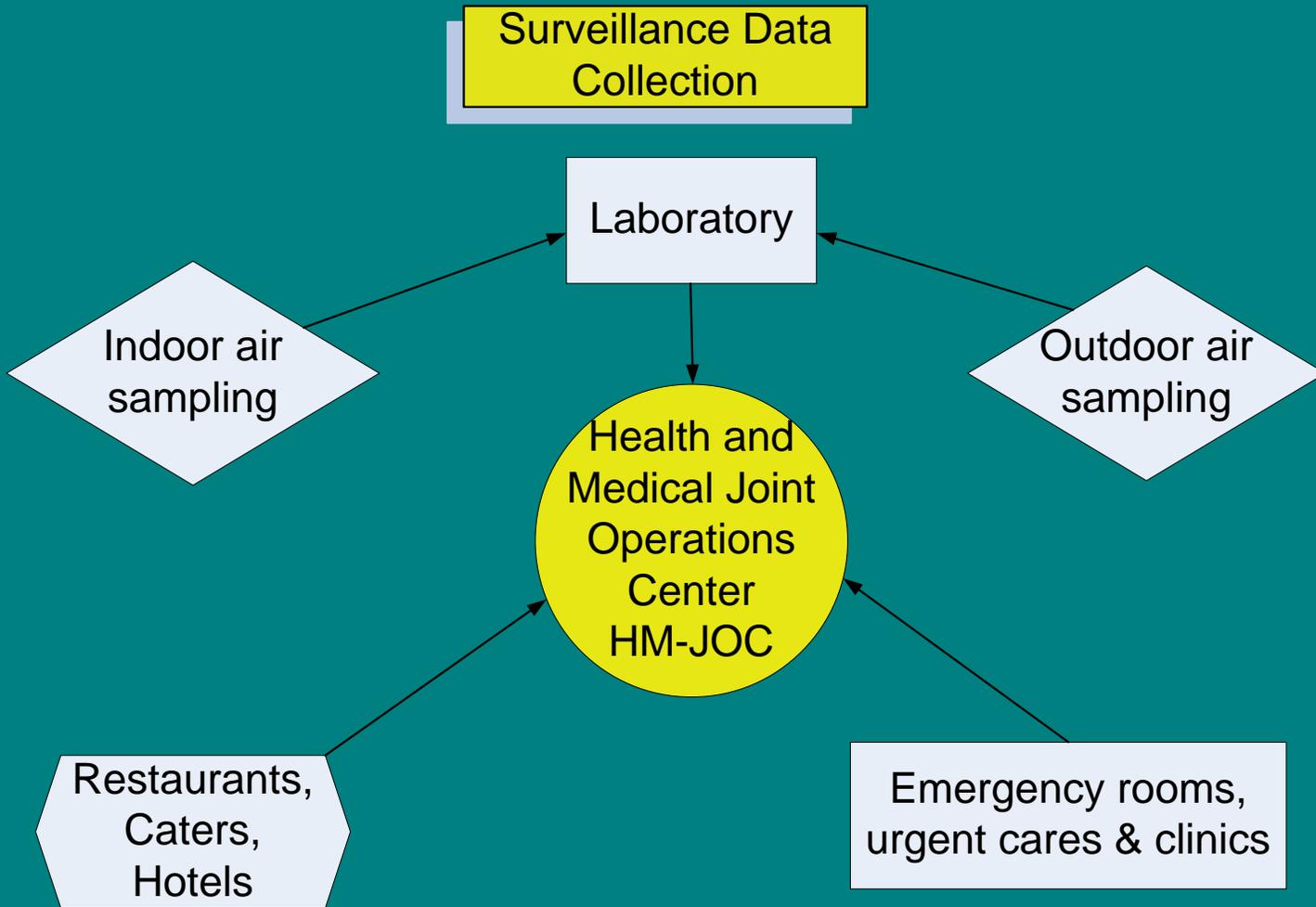
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sampling

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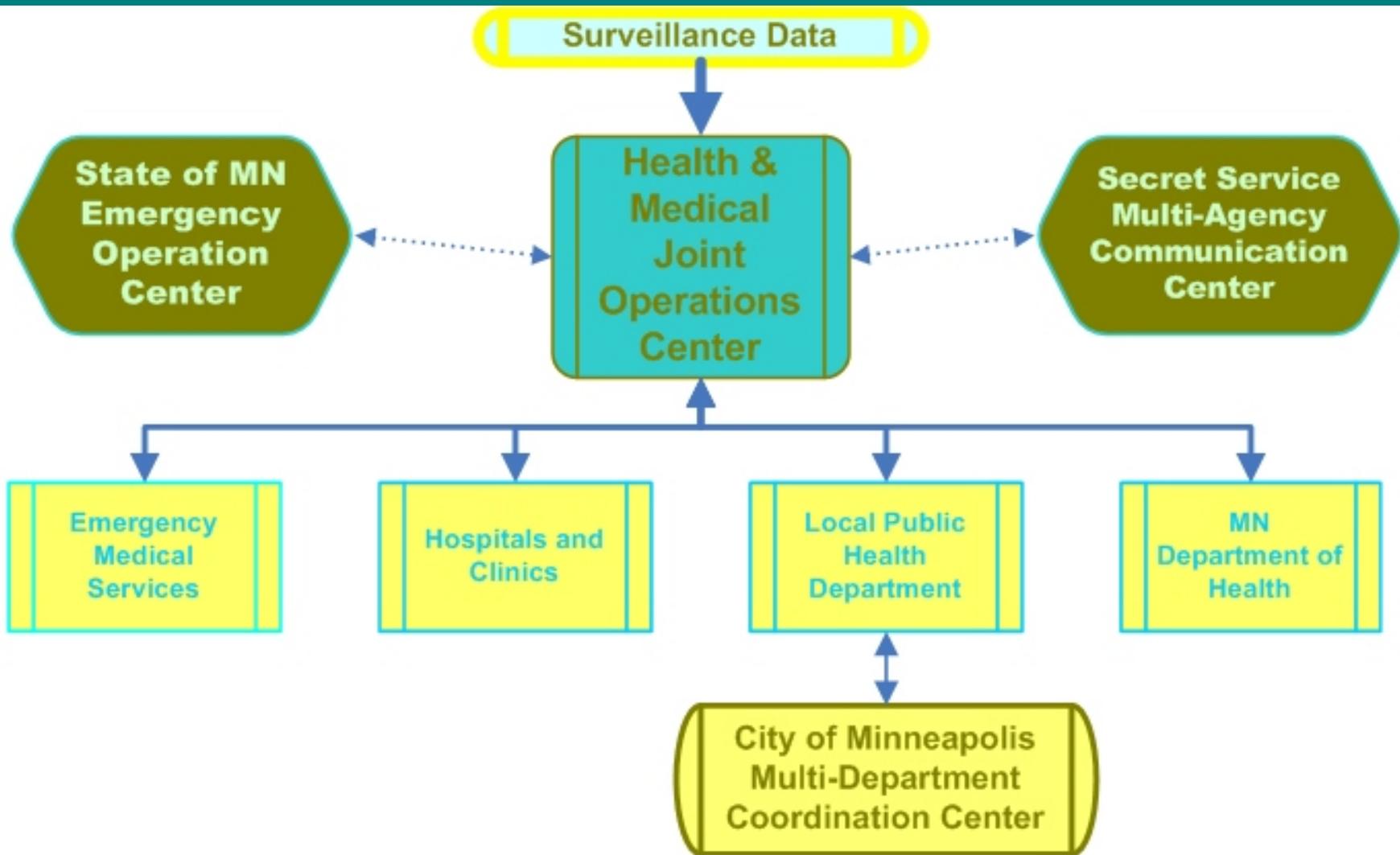
Health and
Medical Joint
Operations
Center
HM-JOC

Restaurants,
Caters,
Hotels

Emergency rooms,
urgent cares & clinics





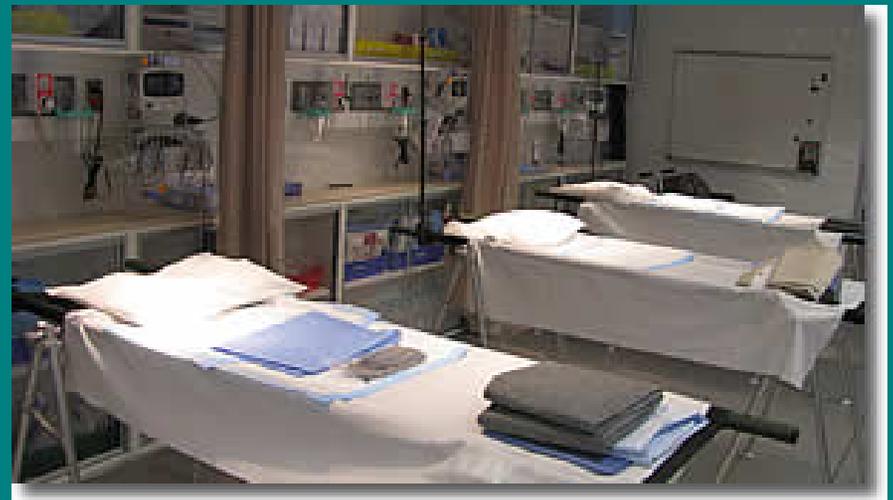


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Twin City Health & Medical Organization

RNC 2008

Inaugurated New Assets



Questions?

