Guests

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Purpose of the Exercise

- Familiarize staff with Peak Vista’s Emergency Management Plan.
- Identify the potential roles that Peak Vista could take during a disaster.
- Discuss how the Incident Command System will work at Peak Vista.
What is a TTX?

- A Tabletop Exercise is an analysis of an emergency situation. It is:
  - Informal
  - Low Stress
  - Discussion-based search for solutions for disaster problems
Ground Rules

- Short discussion after each section
- No “right” answers - discuss all options
- Test the plan
- Accept the artificialities of the scenario
- Make notes on your responses
A fire has broken out in Elk Valley, and the cause of the fire is unknown.

The fire has quickly burned through 800 acres of forest and grassland, moved by wind gusts and is now threatening several homes.

Fire crews responded immediately but the fire continues to spread.
Teller county has opened its emergency operations center (EOC) and is working to gain situational awareness about the fire and its impact to surrounding communities.

The Divide Health Center is not threatened at this time, but smoke levels are steadily increasing in the area and the clinic is the closest medical facility to the fire.
Part 1: Wednesday, June 21, 4:45pm

- Divide Health Center usually serves 50 to 60 patients daily.
- The clinic has supplies for normal patient activity for five days.
- Some of the clinic staff have left for the day.
Discussion

- Who do you contact?
- What information do you need?
- How do you get the information?
- What are your concerns?
There is heavy smoke around the clinic.

Two staff members have been evacuated, and they are at work but very upset.

US highway 24 and state highway 67 are still open.
Calls for appointments and other requests have doubled. The calls include requests for asthma medications, face masks, and patients afraid their respiratory conditions may get out of control.

Patients are expressing anxiety.
Discussion

- How do you support your staff?
- How do you support your patients?
- Do you see a way or a need to support the community?
- Who are you communicating with?
- What are your concerns?
Part 3
Thursday June 23, Noon

- A shelter has been opened at Woodland Park High School. The areas being evacuated is increasing.
- Public Health has contacted the clinic asking for support at the shelter. People with chronic conditions are arriving at the shelter without medications, oxygen or other supplies.
Campers and other travelers are walking into the clinic with respiratory complaints, minor injuries, and burns.

Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park is no longer taking patients.
Discussion

- How do you continue to support to staff and patients?
- Are CHCs able to help non-patients in a disaster?
- What is Peak Vista Community Health Center’s role in disaster?
- After the fire is over, what steps does the clinic and the CHC do to recover?
What were the most important takeaways from this exercise?

When you get back to your site, how will your plan, or your planning process, be different?

What are your next steps?
  – Training needs
  – Exercise needs
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