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Committee:

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Agency: KY Dept for Public Health

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Sponsoring Agency: ATPM

Report Narrative:

CDC has contracted with The Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine in collaboration with the Center for Health Policy, Columbia University School of Nursing to develop Competencies in Emergency Preparedness for Clinicians. The conceptual model follows and extends the competencies for the public health workforce in Emergency Preparedness. This meeting was to bring together a small expert group to draft competencies followed by wider dissemination for review and comment and ultimately publication leading to integration into training and continuing education.

Draft competencies include:

A clinician practicing in an initial assessment and decision-making role is able to:

1. describe his/her role in the emergency plan for the practice setting (institution/community).
2. recognize a potential case of exposure to an agent of concern.
 - a. Distinguish uncommon presentations of common diseases from common presentations of uncommon diseases that may or may not be related to WMD/bioterrorism.
 - b. distinguish psychological illness from an appropriate response to a bioterrorism event or the organic CNS/4 sequelae thereof.
 - c. recognize emerging patterns or clusters of unusual presentations

3. follow appropriate infection control practices and decontamination techniques to limit transmission
4. initiate prompt and appropriate communication with the public health system
5. initiate management of patient care within scope of practice
6. use reliable information sources regarding referral and management
7. explain to patients and others risks and action steps taken.
8. diagnose stress/anxiety disorders and use appropriate graded response
9. identify and manage the worried well.
10. provide post-event feedback to system in collaborative manner.

Sent by e-mail is somewhat more detailed report for member review and comment. I will be happy to convey thoughts back to the committee.

Action Taken: Review and comment on draft competencies.

Were other CSTE consultants and team members involved collaboratively in crafting the CSTE advice? No

Did any CSTE Position Statements provided guidance for the advice? N/A

Are new CSTE Position Statements needed to provide guidance for the advice given by the consultant(s) in this area? No

If yes, please offer some recommendations: N/A