

# **Earth, Wind and Fire: A Disaster Preparedness Update**



**BC Renal  
Agency**

An agency of the Provincial  
Health Services Authority

# Provincial Renal Emergency Management & Business Continuity Plan

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- **Status of Individual HA Renal Plans**
- **Status of Provincial Renal Plan**
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# Background

- Project initiated at Nephrology Days 2007
- Established a provincial planning committee with representation from each Health Authority
- Developed a Project Charter
- Assisted the development of region specific Renal response plans
- Progressed towards a BCPRA Provincial Emergency Management & Business Continuity Plan
- Monthly teleconference meetings
- Face to face meeting October 2, 2008



# Project Charter

- **Mandate**

- ✓ Determine the role, scope and function of a Provincial Renal Emergency Management and Business Continuity Plan.
- ✓ Assist the individual BC Renal Programs to develop emergency management and business continuity plans.



# Project Charter

## • Objectives

- ✓ Form a project team
- ✓ Adopt an organizational structure for a PREMBC Plan.
- ✓ Define the criteria for when and how the Plan will be utilized.
- ✓ Develop a provincial agreement.
- ✓ Explore the need and required processes for accessing emergency support from outside BC.
- ✓ Assist each Health Authority Renal Program to develop a region specific plan.
- ✓ Recommend a method for meeting the ongoing needs.
- ✓ Encourage a training and exercise schedule.
- ✓ Provide a forum to share effective renal emergency strategies and tactics.
- ✓ Standardize information for patient, staff, physicians, etc.



# Health Authority Progress

- **BCCH** planning is underway focusing on the special needs of their patients.
- **Fraser Health** is in final draft for their EM&BC renal plans and have plans in place for education roll out
- **Interior Health** has a draft plan along with a gap analysis and recommendations.
- **Northern Health** has a draft plan that is being reviewed by the Renal Program.
- **Vancouver Coastal/ Providence Health** are in the final draft stage and are working on how best to integrate their plans.
- **Vancouver Island Health** has a renal plan that has been shared. Focus over the last year has been on education of patients and staff.

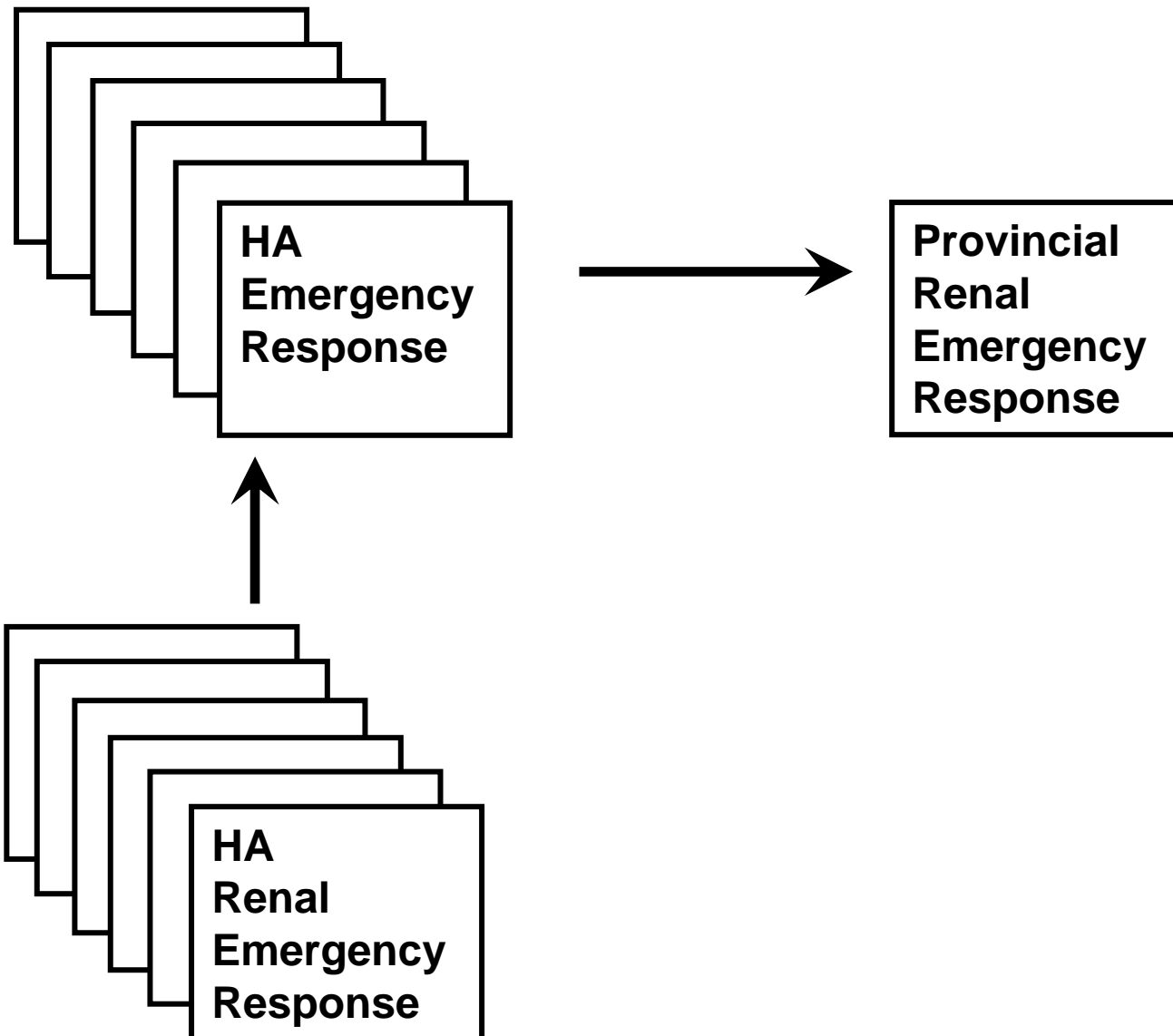


# Progress On Provincial Plan

- ❖ Agreed to a role for provincial plan.
- ❖ Agreed that provincial plan would be initiated from the Health Authority level.
- ❖ Agreed that organizational structure used for provincial emergency response would follow the standard Incident Command System approach.
- ❖ Looking to PROMIS to house emergency response information.
- ❖ Template for provincial plan document has been drafted.



# PREMBC Plan Initiation





# Next Steps For Project

- ✓ Finalize the Provincial Renal Plan document.
- ✓ Development of disaster scenarios for table top exercises that will provide learning and identify gaps in planning
- ✓ Decision making regarding the role and responsibilities of BCPRA and PHSA in the event of disaster
- ✓ Planning for education and training
- ✓ Planning to provide continued monitoring and development of the system
- ✓ Develop in collaboration with BCPRA, PHSA and MOHS, interprovincial and cross border agreements for renal care in disaster.

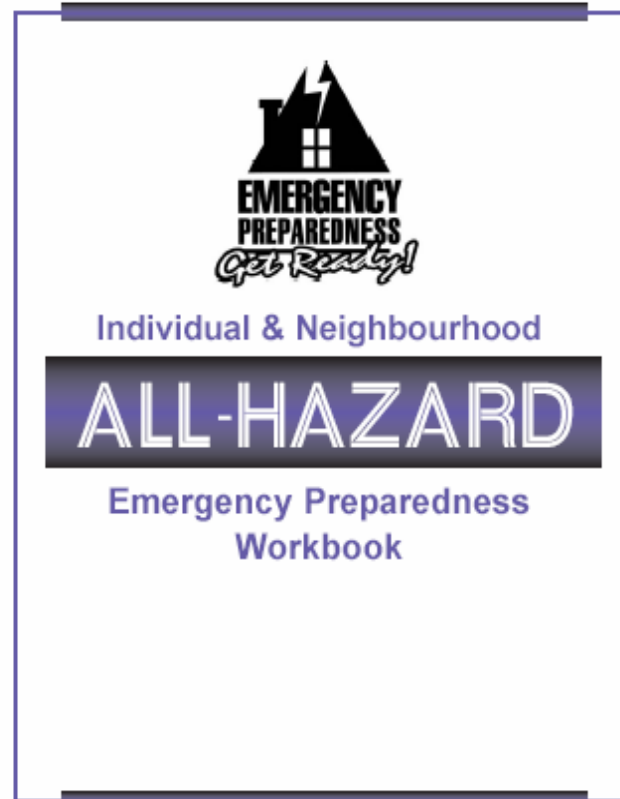


# On-Going Needs

- ❖ Communication and Education on Provincial Plan.
- ❖ Convert plan into an on-going program.
- ❖ Hold training exercises to test plan
- ❖ Continued monitoring, development and updating of the systems.



# Personal Preparedness



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