



Anticipating and Responding to Public Health Emergencies: Balancing Society's Interests and Individual Needs

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Conference Theme

Public health emergencies, whether naturally occurring (such as hurricanes) or made by humans (terrorism), may present a variety of challenges for government, the courts, public health professionals, and practicing physicians. This program explores the legal implications of the challenges posed in public health emergencies for physicians, as well as others. Specifically, this program will delineate the legal duties, rights, and potential liabilities associated with actions that the various actors—including practicing physicians—may, or may not, take in the context of public health emergencies.

Date: November 15, 2013

This program is free. Registration will take place on site.

Program

12:30pm—1:00pm

Registration

1:00pm—1:05pm

Welcome, Dean Donald Weidner, Florida State University, College of Law

1:05pm—1:35pm

The Mechanics of a Public Health Crisis: Pandemic, Natural, Biological or Infectious Disease Emergencies (Professor Les Beitsch, MD, JD)

1:35pm—2:05pm

A Primer on the Law and the Power to Respond to Public Health and Natural Emergencies (Professor Marshall Kapp, JD, MPH)

2:05pm—2:15pm

Break

2:15pm—3:00pm

Legal and Medical Options and Responses to Public Health or Natural Emergencies [Jennifer Tschetter, J.D. (General Counsel, Florida Department of Health)]

3:00pm—3:10pm

Break

3:10pm—4:10pm

Maintaining the Foundation of Our Society: Keeping the Courts and Public Health Systems Operational in a Natural, Biological or Public Health Crisis (Panel Discussion of Hypothetical Cases)

Location

Florida State University College of Law, B.K Roberts Hall
425 West Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304

Audience

This program will be useful to attorneys and judges with an interest in health law, administrative law, and judicial administration. It also will be useful for physicians and other health care and human services professionals whose legal duties, rights, and potential liabilities may be affected by the occurrence of a public health emergency.

Accreditation

This live activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), through the joint sponsorship of the Medical Educational Council of Pensacola, Florida State University College of Medicine and the Florida State University College of Law. The Medical Educational Council of Pensacola is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Medical Educational Council of Pensacola designates this live activity for a maximum of 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Applications for three credit hours have been submitted for attorneys (including Ethics), nurses, social workers, and psychologists.

Social Work Continuing Education Units (CEU) programs are planned in accordance with meeting the criteria set forth and approved for licensure renewal as outlined in the Florida Statutes and by Chapter 491 Licensure Board. This workshop is approved for and offers 3 contact hours for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors.

Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Resolution

All conflicts of interest of any individual(s) in a position to control the content of this activity will be identified and resolved prior to this educational activity being provided. Disclosure about provider and faculty relationships, or the lack thereof, will be provided to learners.

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