

Strategies for Developing Working Partnerships – examining lessons learned from COVID 19



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State Perspectives on Strengthening Partnerships



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- Interim State MRC Coordinator from 2023
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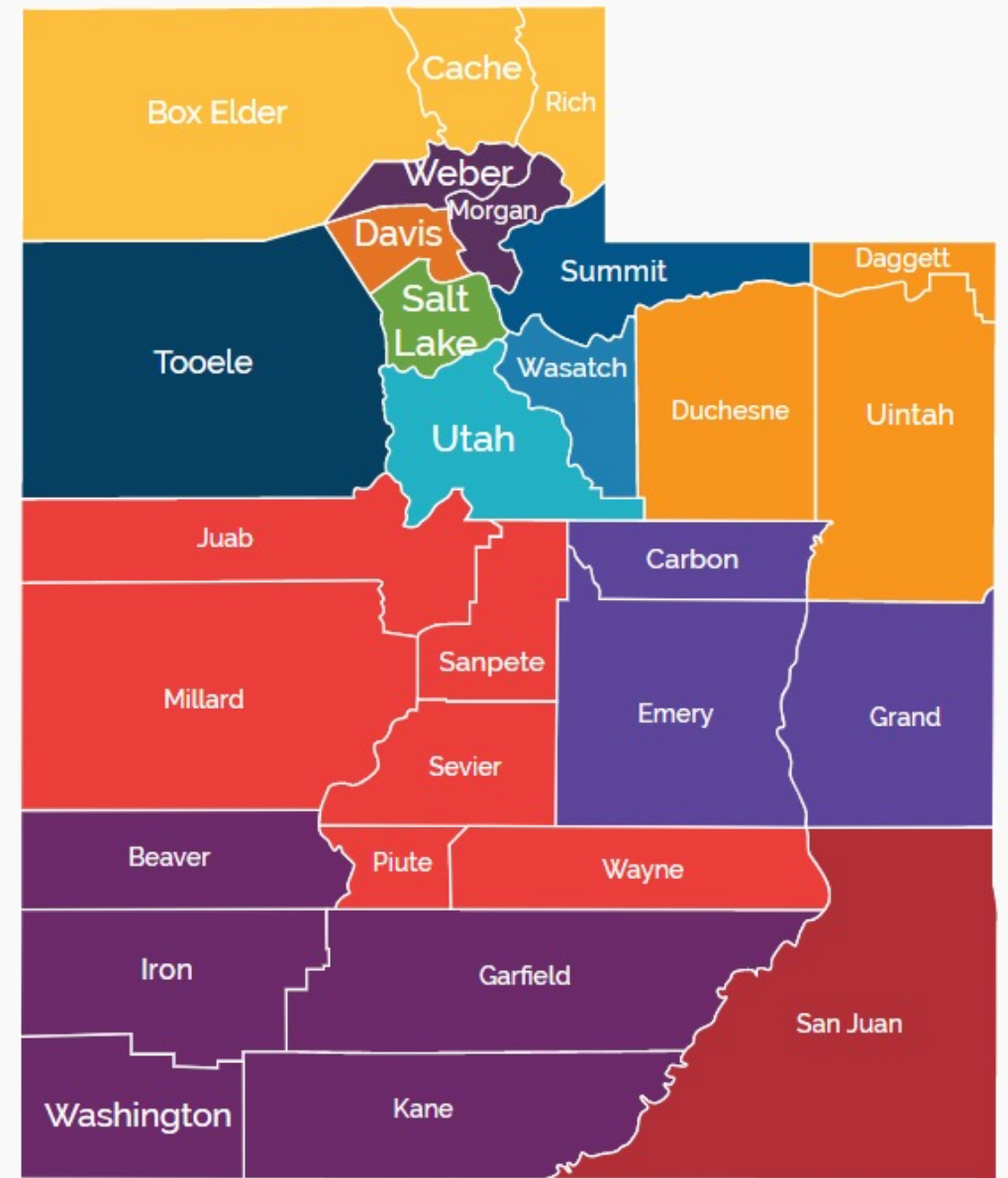
Background

Local health departments

- 15 MRC units in Utah
- MRC in local health code
- Responsible for volunteer management
- State MRC coordinator

Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

- Funding
- Systems
- Technical assistance



Lessons learned: COVID-19 partnerships

Successes

- Strengthen relationships with local MRC coordinators
- Able to test Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing waivers
- Improved visibility of MRC within the state
- Local MRC units strengthened partnerships

Challenges

- Early on limited communication and coordination of what MRC coordinators and units faced
- “Can we use the MRC?”
- Volunteer call to action

UTAH POLITICS HEALTH

‘We’re going to need you’: Governor asks Utahns to volunteer help with COVID-19 vaccinations

Getting shots key to ending pandemic, he says

By Lisa Riley Roche | @lisarileyroche | Updated Feb 11, 2021, 1:24pm MST

Looking forward

Strengthen existing partnerships

- Support local MRC partnerships
- Volunteer Donation and Coordination Team (VDCT)
- VOAD partners
- Emergency management
- Userve Utah



County Perspectives on Strengthening Partnerships



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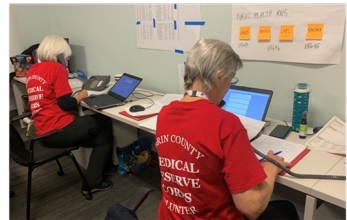
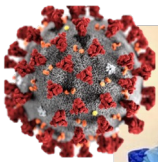
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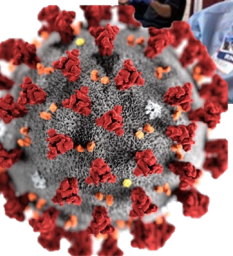
Communicable
Disease &
Community
Preparedness Unit



Pandemic Response & Partnerships



MRC Coordinator in the Emergency Operations Center Medical Health Branch



February 2020: 275 Volunteers

July 2023: 864 Volunteers

400+ volunteers 1+ shift

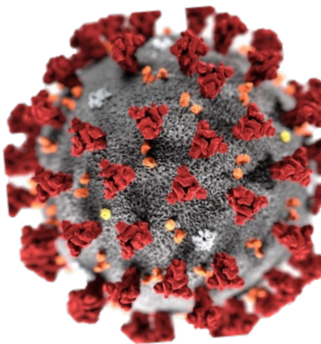
Activities:

- Call Center & Provider Hotline
- Contact Investigations
- Testing and results
- Logistics and planning
- Vaccinating
- AFN, SNF/RCFE, and schools outreach
- Test kit distribution

COVID Volunteer Hours:

- FY20: 3,424
- FY21: 17,516
- FY22: 5,495
- FY23: 1,170

Total hours: 27,605



Post-COVID Partnerships

- Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Coalition
- Marin Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
- Regional Disaster Councils
- Marin EMS Agency
- Overdose Free Marin
- Marin County Community Response Teams
- County of Marin Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
- Marin County Office of Education



Marin Lifesaving Skills Training



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CHECK OUT OUR UPCOMING CLASSES!

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- ✓ **HANDS-ONLY CPR**
- ✓ **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**
- ✓ **STOP THE BLEED**
- ✓ **NARGAN**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
<https://marinmrc.eventbrite.com>



2023 TRAINING PLAN

Strategic planning with equitable training goals.



BI-MONTHLY CLASSES
OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS!

READY
marin

REGIONAL CLASSES
Offered in partnership with Ready Marin & Regional Disaster Coordinators

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
We're working with non-profits in the Marin County Public Health Community Response Team program to expand access to underserved communities.

SCHOOLS
We've partnered with Marin County Office of Education to build an equitable and sustainable training program that is supported by MMRC volunteers as-needed.

Overdose Free Marin



- MMRC supports tabling activities & special events/trainings.
- Narcan administration included in Lifesaving Skills training.
- <https://odfreemarin.org/>

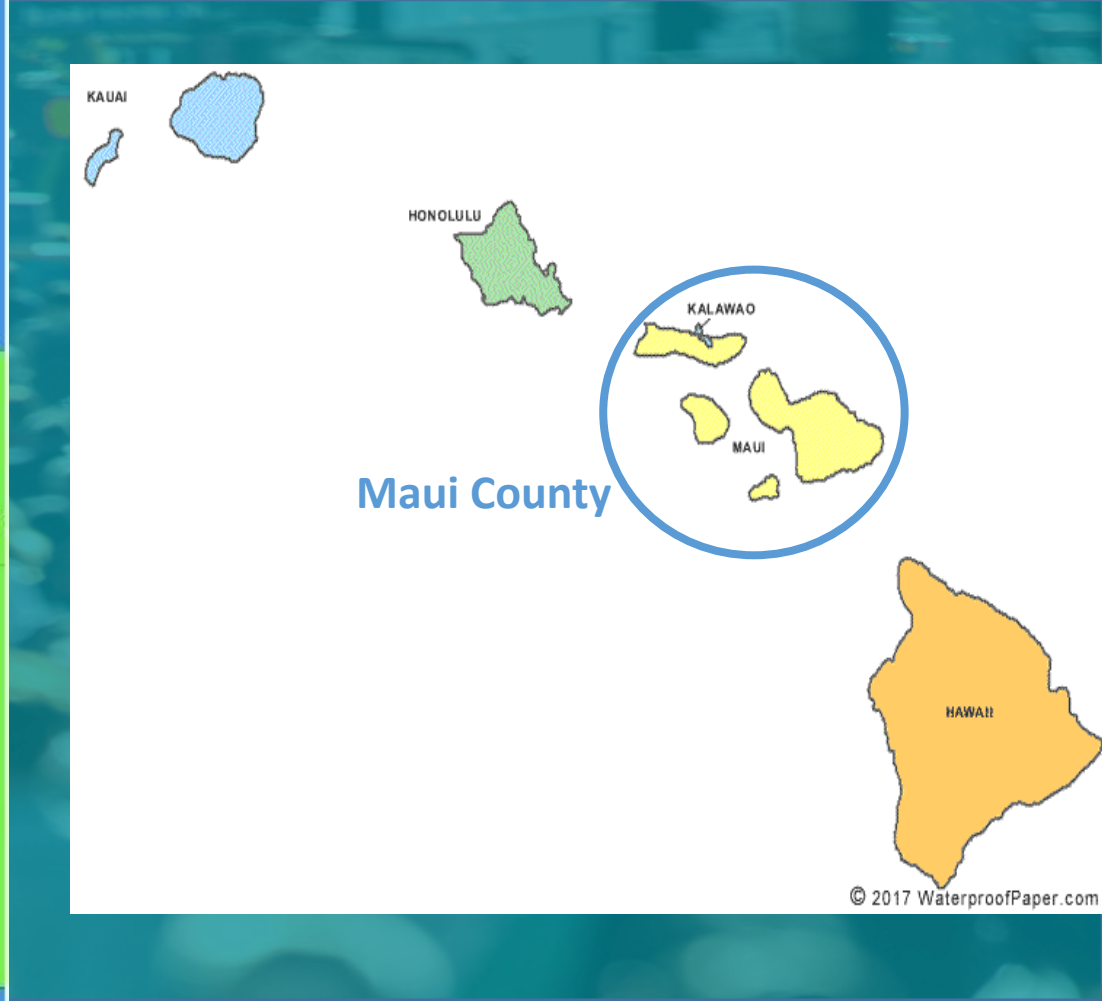
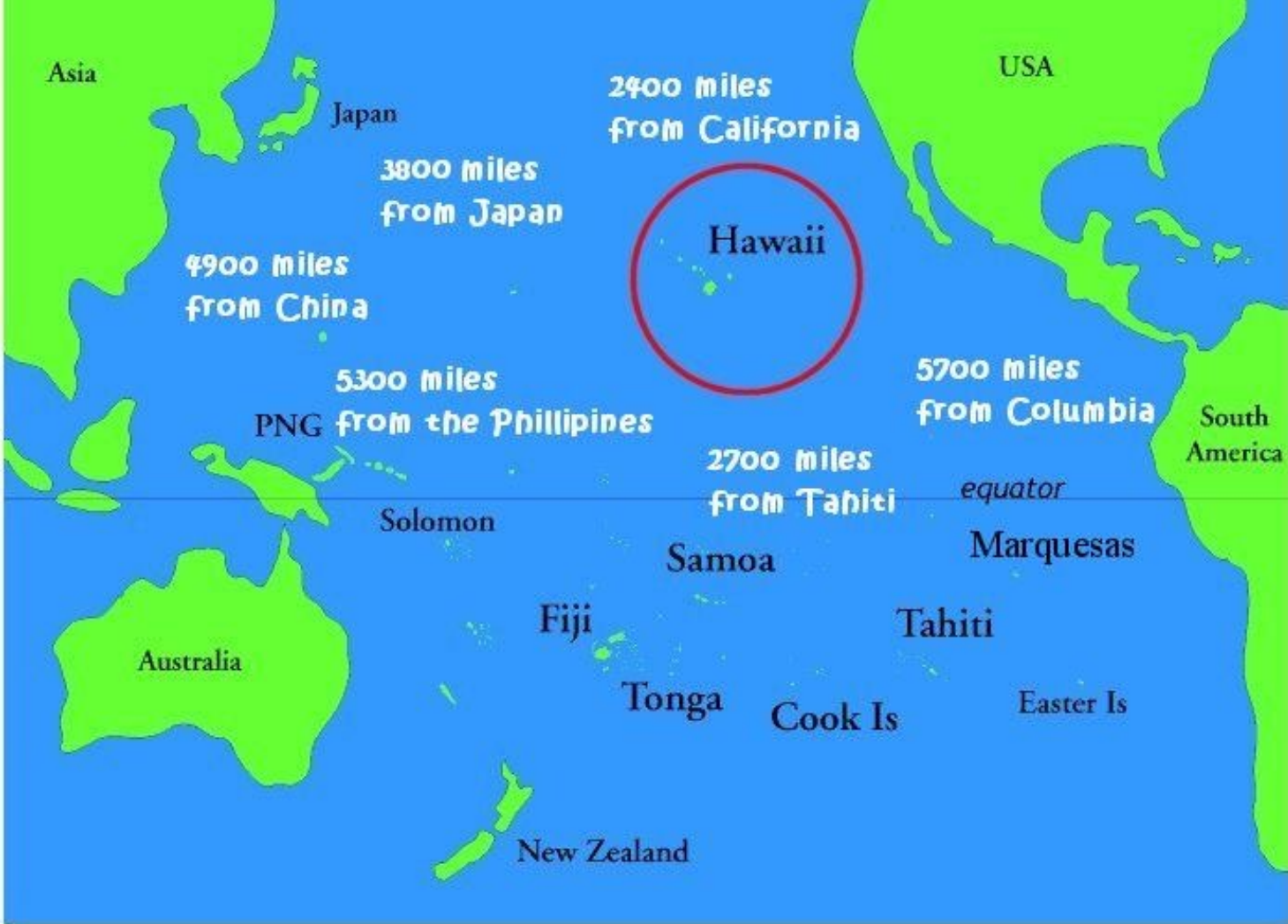


MMRC Community Trauma Response Team

- Professional mental health support during a crisis in the community or in schools.
- Partnering with Marin County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services and Marin County Office of Education



*In times of community crises,
we can all bounce back with resilience
and hope given support, caring, and
access to resources.*



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Challenges and Beyond



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Table Discussion

- Did you gain new partnerships during COVID-19 – how?
- Did you lose partnerships during COVID-19 – why?
- Did the partnerships you had before COVID-19 change during the outbreak – how and why?