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Cross Jurisdictional Collaboration Project

Distributing Medical Countermeasures Across Tribal and Non-Tribal Jurisdictions

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Today's Presentation

PART 1: Understanding Medical Countermeasures and Medical Materiel

PART 2: Protecting Your Community through Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration

PART 3: Overview of 2017-2018 Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration Project

PART 4: The Asks



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About Us

Pulling Together for Wellness

We are a Tribally-driven, non-profit organization providing a forum for the twenty-nine tribal governments and two urban Indian health programs in Washington State to work together to improve health outcomes for American Indians and Alaska Natives.





Part 1

UNDERSTANDING MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES AND MEDICAL MATERIEL



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Public Health Threats

*Chemical
Biological
Radiological
Nuclear*



*Pandemic
Influenza*



*Emerging
Diseases*

**EMERGING & RE-EMERGING
INFECTIOUS DISEASES**



Medical Countermeasures

Medical treatments or prophylaxes for public health threats



Medical Materiel

Supplies, equipment and other items needed to treat or protect against public health threats



Our Mission

We must assure that Tribes receive appropriate and sufficient medical countermeasures and materiel in a timely manner during public health emergencies



Part 2

PROTECTING YOUR COMMUNITY THROUGH CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION



Why is collaboration
between Tribes,
Local Governments,
and the State **vital** to community
health and safety?



Every emergency and public health incident is experienced first and is responded to first by local, tribal, and state personnel.

See Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Abbott and Hetzel, p. 5





Public health issues, emergencies and disasters know no boundaries



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capacity

No federal, state, local, or tribal government has the capacity to respond to every public health incident or emergency that may occur within its jurisdiction without assistance



Cascadia Rising Exercise 2016

During a catastrophic event, some areas of Washington State may have to wait up to 7 days for state and/or federal assistance

Collaboration + preparedness

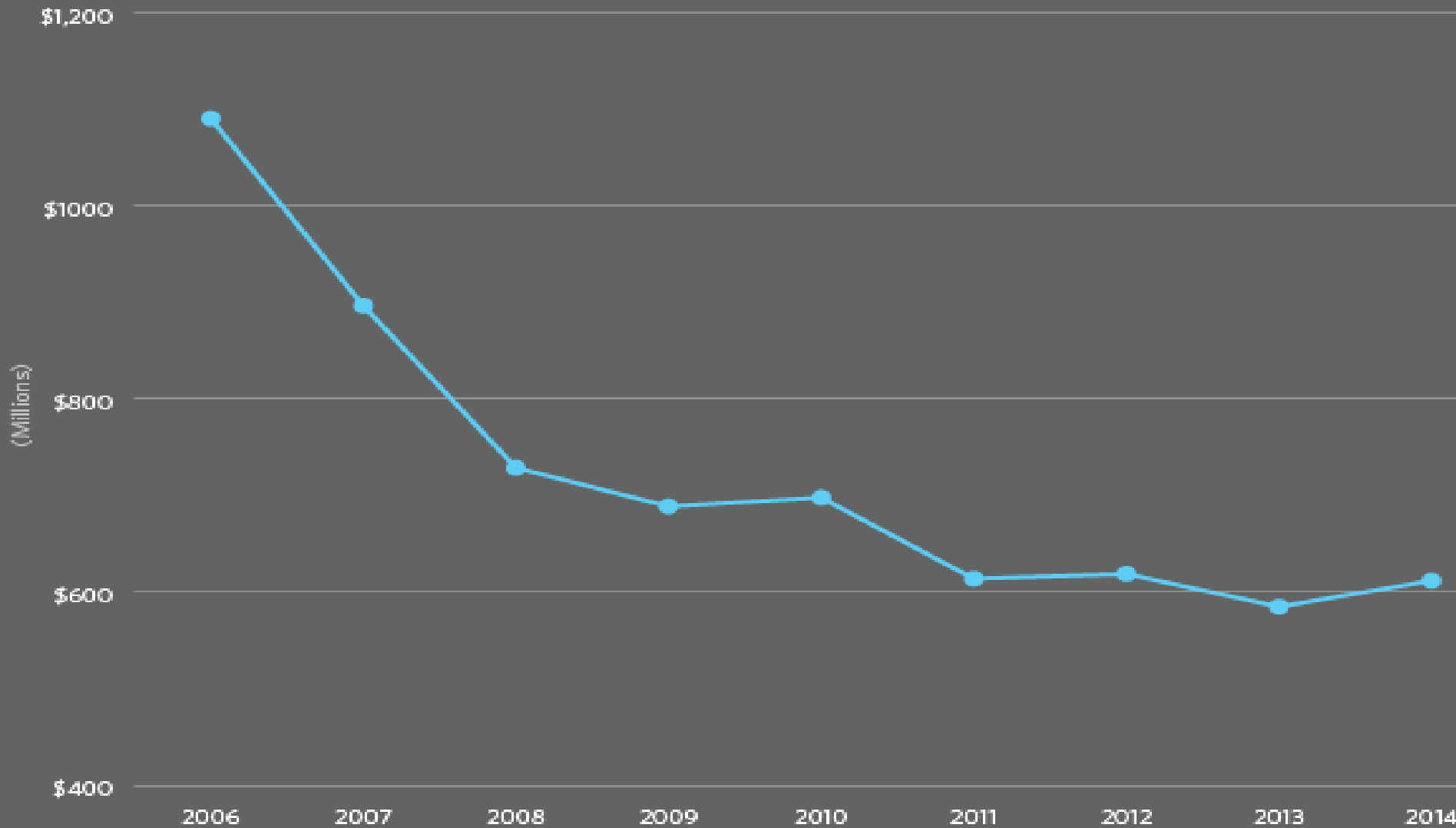
The unfolding of a catastrophic event is a poor time to begin learning how to collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions and knowing their capabilities and available resources



Diminishing Federal Funding

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funding (2006-2014) in Millions

Federal funding to states for infectious disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies has dropped 44 percent since 2006.

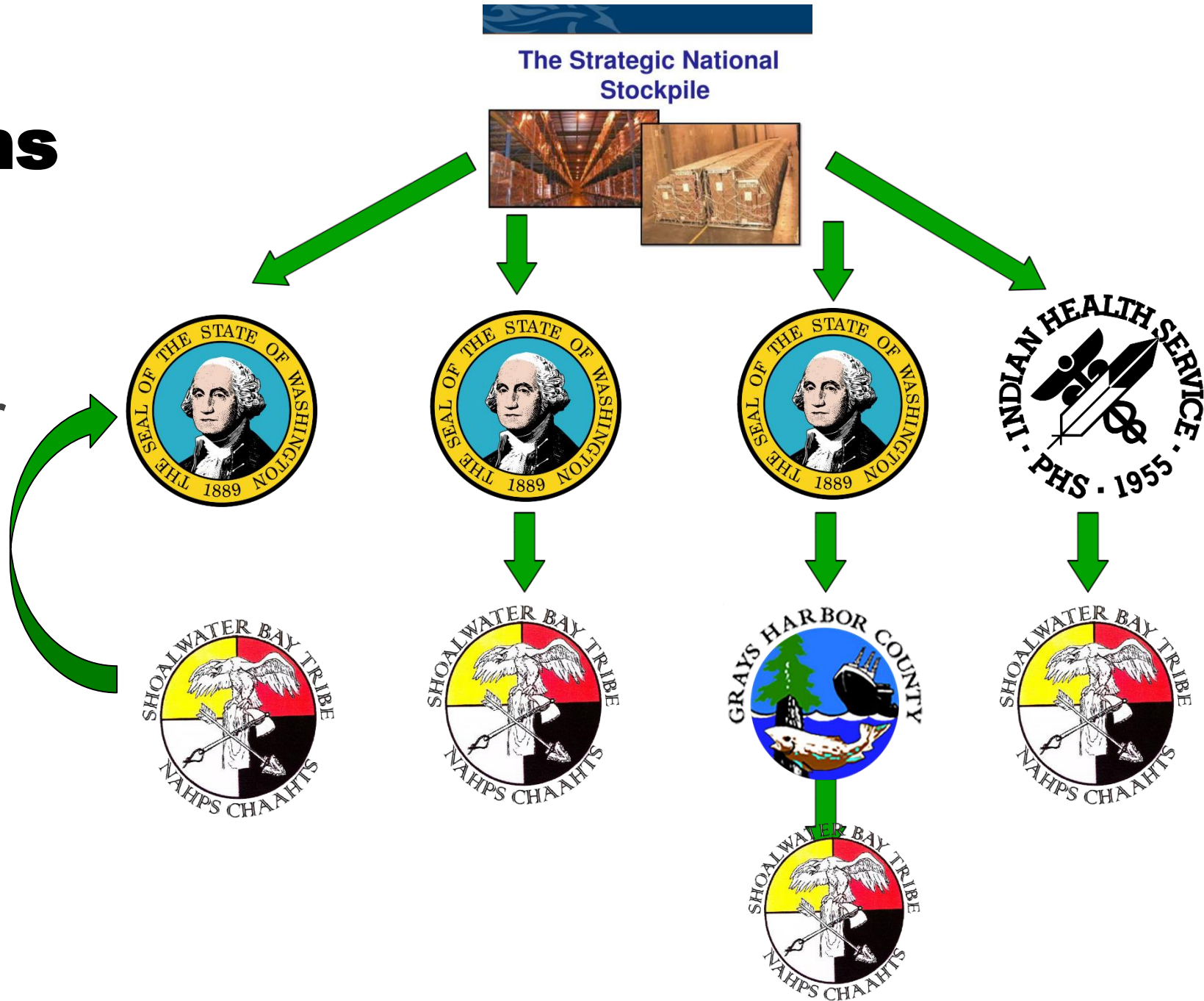


Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Options

What is
best
for your
Tribe?





Part 3

OVERVIEW OF 2017-2018 AIHC CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL COLLABORATION PROJECT





Project Goal

Assure the appropriate amount and type of medical countermeasures and materiel reach every Tribe quickly during public health emergencies

Project Objectives

- Strengthen collaboration and mutual aid between Tribes and non-Tribal partners
- Enhance each region's ability to manage and distribute medical countermeasures and materiel
- ***Prevent problems like those experienced during 2009-2010 H1N1 response***



Important

Regional Meeting Dates

Mark Your Calendar



Meeting 1 – Desired Outcomes

- Increase partners' understanding of each others' capacity, organization, resources, etc.
- Plan a tabletop exercise



Meeting 2 – Desired Outcomes

- Test each region's ability to effectively distribute medical countermeasures and materiel across Tribal and non-Tribal jurisdictions
- Identify potential legal issues/challenges
- Document and provide actionable insight on strengths and areas for improvement
- Test and compare performance in partners who are signatories to Mutual Aid Agreements versus partners who are not



Project Products

- Partner profile template
- Partner profiles
- Tabletop exercise scenario
- After-Action Reports
- Final project report
- Recommendations to address Tribal issues in the 2019 statewide full-scale exercise





Part 4

THE ASKS



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The Asks

1. Please send tribal representatives to the two CJC meetings:
(Tribal Leaders, Tribal Health Directors, Medical Directors, CHRs, Clinic Managers, Emergency Managers, YOU)
2. If your jurisdiction has not yet signed the *“Mutual Aid Agreement for Tribes and Local Health Jurisdictions in Washington State,”* **please consult with your legal counsel to finalize the agreement for your tribe**

<http://www.aihc-wa.com/aihc-health-projects/emergency-preparedness/mutual-aid-project/>



Questions?

