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Hospitals, County Prepare for Disaster

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, hospital CEOs and the head of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, Kevin Dahill, put pen to paper September 4, 2008 and signed an historic Memorandum of Agreement for Hospital Emergency Management Coordination. The document formalizes the relationship of shared responsibility for disaster readiness and response that these entities have always maintained.

Long Island is in the height of hurricane season, and these groups agree that their network, which emphasizes communication, coordination, and cooperation, assures the safety of Long Islanders. Whether the need is to share supplies, personnel, or space/ bed capacity, these hospitals and Suffolk County rescue and response departments will work together seamlessly.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the independent accrediting body for hospitals nationwide, now requires this legal document under its enhanced regulations for hospital emergency preparedness.

Financial Market Distress Weighs on Hospitals

The outcome of Washington's proposed bailout package for the nation's financial markets will impact the future of every American and all business sectors, including hospitals. New York's providers are especially vulnerable, as the state derives about 20 percent of its revenue from Wall Street. The Governor's office is projecting a deficit of \$5 billion.

As the economy continues to slow down and jobs are lost, more working families will turn to Medicaid and other state-subsidized insurance programs to ensure access to health care services. Hospitals will be challenged to maintain adequate Medicaid funding levels to avoid any curtailment or elimination of programs and services.

"It's an uncertain future for all of us," said Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, the association that represents Long Island's 24 not-for-profit and public hospitals. "We're all going to have to make some difficult decisions and choices in an effort to regain financial stability."



Standing from left: Dr. Linda Mermelstein, Suffolk County Health Department; Robert Delagi, Suffolk County Director Emergency Medical Services; Phil Messina, Administrative Director, Emergency Department and Perioperative Services at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center; Dr. Carl Goodman, Director, Emergency Service, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center; John Searing, Suffolk County Deputy Commissioner Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Department. Sitting from left: Kevin Dahill, president/CEO of the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council; Paul Connor, CEO of Eastern Long Island Hospital; Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy; Jay Zuckerman, Administrative Director, Regulatory Affairs and Support Services, Peconic Bay Medical Center.

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