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Nevada Hospitals' Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

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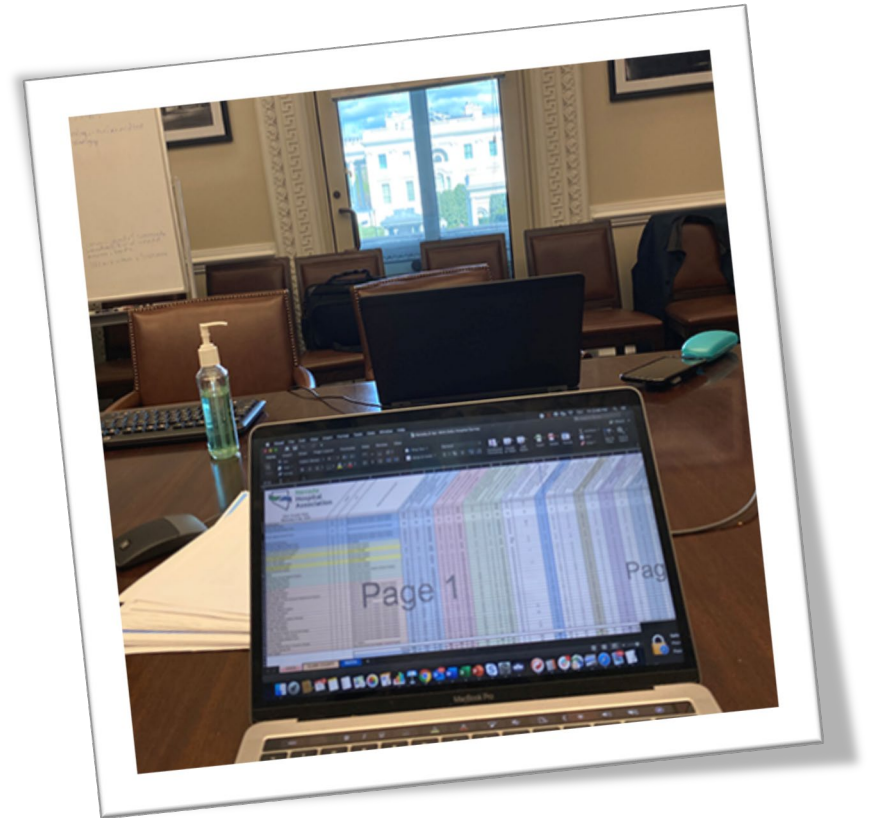
Response to COVID-19

- Nevada Hospitals' Response
- Challenges
- Opportunities & Lessons Learned
- Future Concerns



How Did Hospitals Respond?

- Crisis Standards of Care – surge planning
- NHA Master Mutual Aid Agreement between members
- Operating protocols – PPE, visitation, surgery – essentially changed the way they do business
- Data reporting – willingness and compliance, 7 days a week
- Equipment and PPE purchases



What Challenges did Hospitals Face?

- Data collection
 - Too many agencies trying to collect data
- PPE
 - Supply chain dysfunctional
 - Increased demand and double-digit price increases
 - Quality control issues

What Challenges did Hospitals Face?

- Workforce
 - Fear and illness
 - Significant pay increases in the northeast lured some of our workforce
- Lab testing
 - In-house capabilities
 - Hospitals had to treat all with symptoms – testing results took 4 – 6 days
 - Hospital workforce was not a priority – new hires, exposures

Opportunities & Lessons Learned

- Single, statewide coalition would benefit all
- Data collection through the Association proved invaluable
- Crisis Standards of Care (pre-planned over multiple years) prior to the pandemic provided a good framework to start with for the State
- Knowing the key players for communications efforts to lessen confusion

Future Concerns

- Emergency declaration ends
 - All waivers (i.e., 1135, 1115) will go away overnight
- COVID-19 during flu season
- Testing availability and results turnaround times
- Ongoing PPE supplies



PPC COVID-19 Focus: Nevada Hospitals in Action

- Access and affordability of health care
 - Hospitals ensured access to care 24/7 – the ***backbone of the state's safety net system***
 - Hospitals are one of the largest providers of healthcare to Medicaid patients
- Innovative approaches to providing health care, improving access and protecting workers
 - Hospitals key in telehealth delivery
 - Hospitals established alternate care sites
- Improving local, regional and state public health and coordination
 - Hospitals proved to be invaluable data resource for public health

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- Improved data collection and analysis for evidence-based policy making and planning
 - Hospitals provided timely reporting of hospital data allowing analysis to determine patient impact and need
- Health workforce development
 - Hospitals provided hands-on clinical training for students
 - Hospitals are largest employer of health care professionals – provided consistent and ongoing collaboration with licensing boards

Questions

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