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LTAT Command Center and Public Health Nursing Preparedness and Response for Public Health Nurses

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Learning outcomes

- Public health nurses will gain enhanced knowledge to:
  - Describe disaster response roles for public health nurses working in general population shelters
  - Describe shelter types and shelter health models
  - Describe support provided by the Local Technical Assistance and Training Branch Command Center (LTATCC) in partnership with NC Public Health Preparedness and Response (PHP&R)
  - Describe associated job tools, related training and available resources.

Agenda

- Common terms used in Public Health Preparedness and Response
- Public health nurse roles when working in general population shelters
- Shelter types and shelter health models
- Division level support and the Local Technical Assistance and Training Branch Command Center (LTATCC)
- Resources for training and professional development

PHPR Terms and Definitions

- **EMAC Nurse** - Emergency Management Assistance Compact Nurse. EMAC Nurses can be out-of-state nurses or in-state PHNs deployed to work in disaster shelters
- **Emergency Operations Center -** A protected site from which government officials and emergency response personnel exercise direction and control in an emergency.
- **Event** – Planned event with potential risk to the public's health. Ex. US Open and heat-related illness, political party national convention during a pandemic
- **Incident** – Unplanned event with risk for public health or mass fatality impact. Ex. Pandemic, flooding, hurricane, tornado, nuclear meltdown.
- **Incident Management Team(s) (IMT)** – State teams made up of people with special qualifications and deployed to counties or localities to assist with response to emergencies/disasters.
- **LTATCC -** Local Technical Assistance and Training (Branch) Command Center
- **PHCC** – Public Health Command Center
- **PHNC** – Public Health Nurse Consultant – DPH and DCFW Nurse Consultants
- **PHP&R** – Public Health Preparedness and Response Branch (DPH)
- **Shelter Manager** - An individual who provides for internal organization, administration, and operation of a shelter facility.

Public Health Nursing Eight Roles and Functions



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Shelter Health Support Models in General Population Shelters

- Nurse Support Model
- EMS Support Model
- Hybrid Support Model

Public Health Nurse Roles in Disaster Sheltering

- Function as critical part of shelter operations management
- Surveil for illness and communicable disease
- Assess and triage shelter client population
- Implement infection control, quarantine, and isolation of suspected illness
- Use critical thinking, nursing process, and crisis management skills
- Provide case management for shelter client population
- Use innovative design to fill resource gaps and safeguard a healthy population
- Support and maintain shelter clients' whole health

LTATCC Response Plan and Model Overview

LTAT Command Center

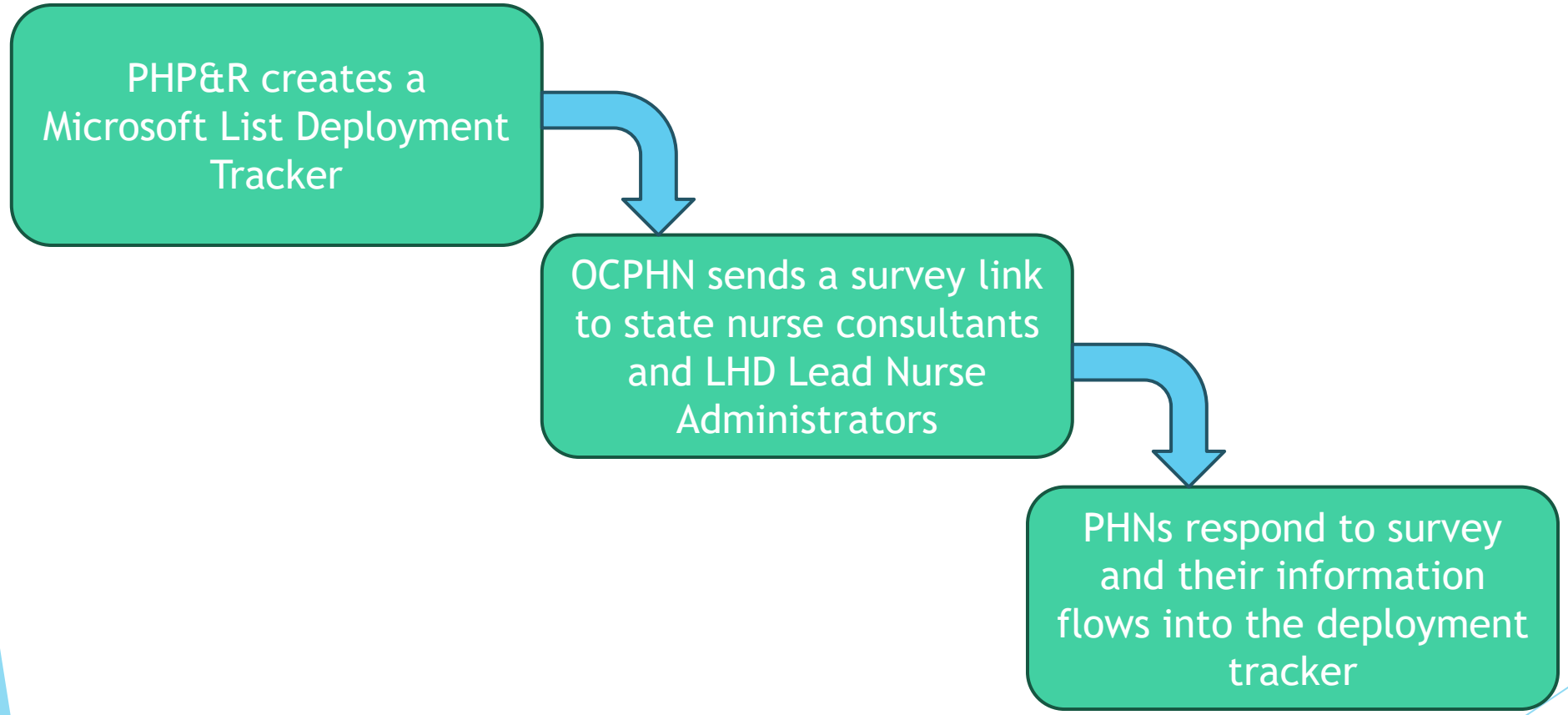
Public Health Nurse/EMAC Nurse orientation, support, demobilization follow up

Lead Nurse Administrator status-check process

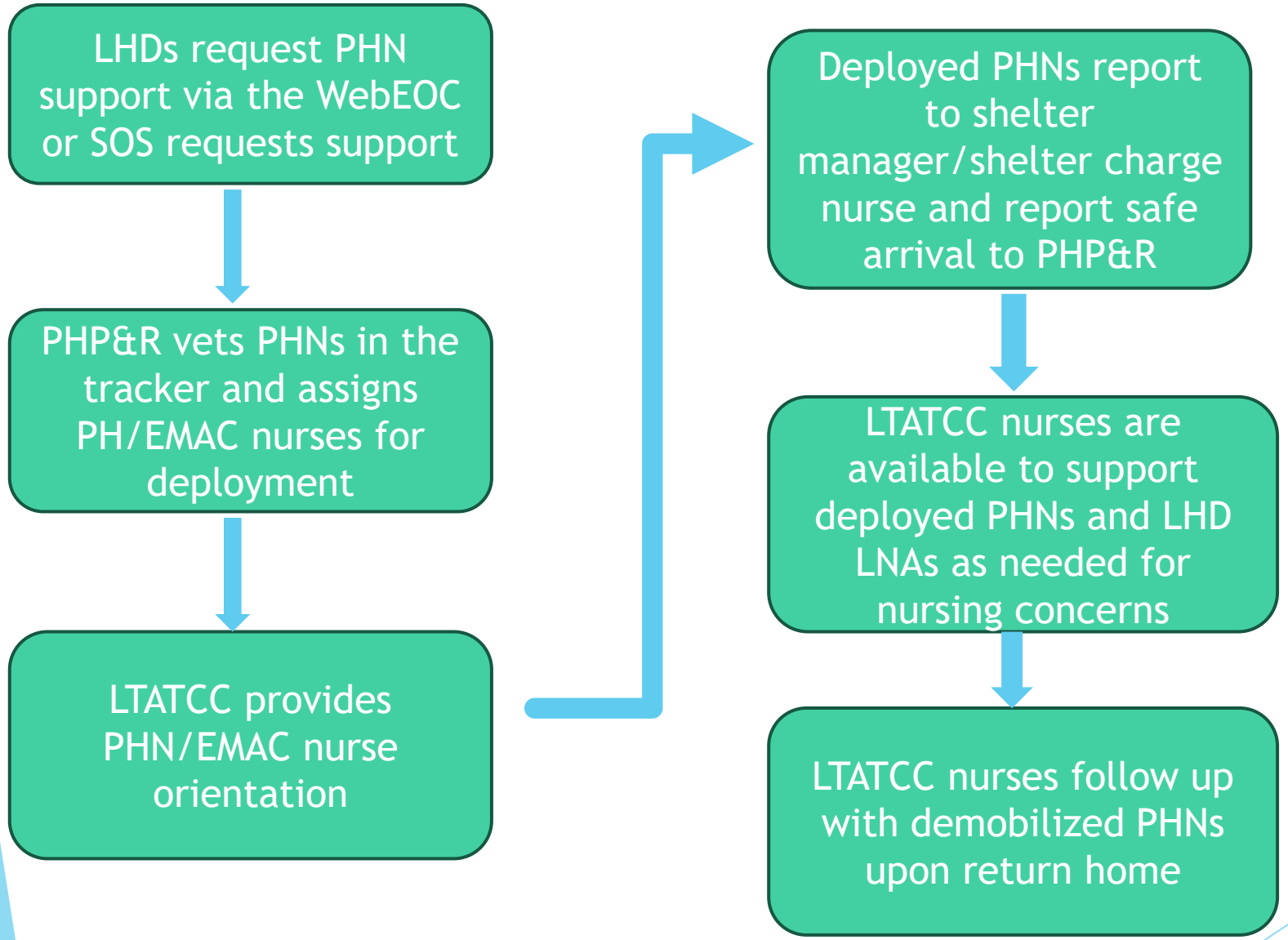
Shelters supported by PHP&R and the LTATCC

- Local Health Department General Population Shelters
- State Operated General Population Shelters

LTATCC and PHP&R: Activation and preparation prior to an incident



PHP&R/LTATCC Deployment Collaboration



Public Health Nurse Deployment Orientation Topics

- County/Shelter/LTATCC/PHP&R Contacts
- Shelter PHN Job Description
- PHN Shelter Deployment Packing Checklist
- Review of additional OCPHN disaster/shelter resources
- American Red Cross (ARC) Online Disaster and Sheltering Trainings List
- Event specific details (lodging, meals, travel, etc.)

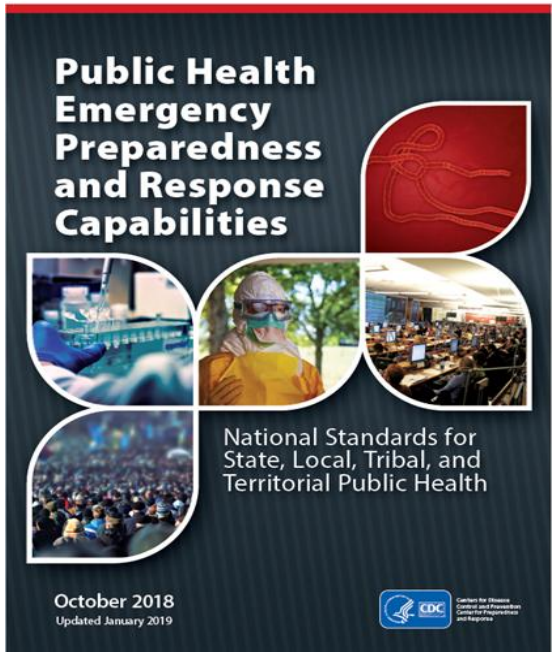
Resources for Public Health Nurses

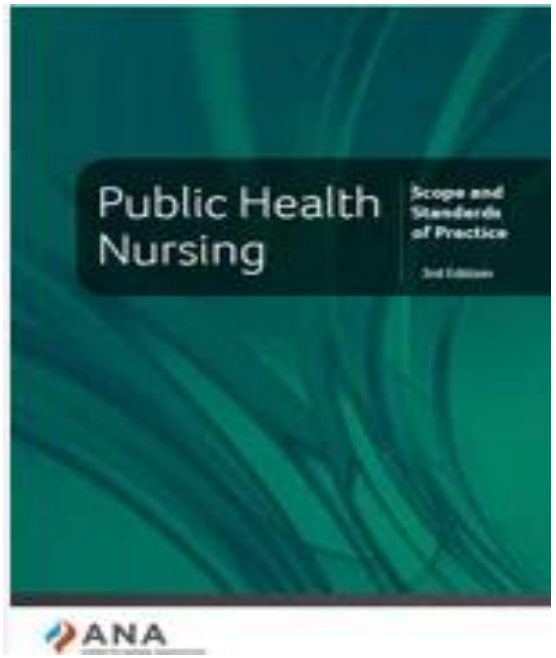
- Disaster/Shelter Resource page on the OCPHN website:
  - ✓ Infection Prevention: Health and Safety Precautions in Shelters
  - ✓ FEMA and American Red Cross (ARC) Shelter Field Guide
  - ✓ Shelter Health and Medical Support Models
  - ✓ Shelter Public Health Nurse Job Description
  - ✓ Public Health Nurse Shelter Deployment Packing Checklist
  - ✓ American Red Cross (ARC) Online Disaster and Sheltering Trainings List
- Disaster Health Core Curriculum is a free, online course intended to introduce health care professionals to a diverse and comprehensive array of disaster medicine topics.

Resources for Public Health Nurses

APHN Emergency Preparedness and Response Toolkit:

https://www.phnurse.org/emergency-preparedness-and-response-committee





Questions?

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