

# Data Needs

- HRSA: Use identified behavioral health issues to target care,: utilize HRSA Community Health Centers and behavioral health grants
- Fish and Wildlife: anything we can provide
- USGS: Post-spill environmental samples

# Pre-Spill Data

- EPA: Water and sediment surveys
- USCG: Mobilization Readiness Tool
- USGS: Shoreline ecologic and wildlife samples
- SAMHSA: Household Survey on Drug Abuse, both pre- and post Katrina and post DWH

# Needs for Collaboration – Study Designs

- Comparable surveys (share surveys after fact; joint development before start)
  - SAMHSA to provide to NIEHS
- Validation of behavioral measures, other specialized measures
- Avoid duplications and redundancy, overburdening
- Identify shared comparison groups and characterize jointly

# Needs for Collaboration – Data Sharing

- OSHA individual-level exposure data as indicators as well as individuals in cohort
- USCG
  - Inventory Tool and Mobilization Readiness Tool – link to individual reporting to avoid duplicate surveys
  - Area sampling and personal sampling
- Harmonizing existing data to avoid duplication
- Post-spill environmental samples to USGS

# Suggestions for Workers' Cohort Study

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  - Include agency collaborators
  - Meet with Regions IV and VI
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# Referrals and Care

- ACF help in providing referrals to state health departments
- SAMHSA and states organizing MH referral net since Katrina
- Local offices of ASH Regional Health Administrators, HRSA, ACF to work with communities
- Disaster MH rescue methods worked out, NIMH can provide

# Improve Response to Next Disaster

- Technology for assessing environmental impact hasn't progressed since Valdez
- Manage media hype and community fears
- Need plan for surveying and taking samples immediately
- Mobilize “science” team at outset

## Next Steps

- Broader message on entire research and surveillance program
- Need to identify breadth of ongoing research throughout federal agencies
- Single clearinghouse for all DWH-related data from all agencies (MACE, data.gov, restorethegulf.org)
- Reconvene this group in ~ month?

## Next Steps – Working Meetings

- Survey development
- Exposure assessment
- Data harmonization for existing individual data collections

# Other Potential Data Sources

- Explore with Bureau of Primary Health Care and others what clinical records could provide

# Concerns

- Great skepticism in communities

# Planned Research - BRFSS

- \$3M from BP through SAMHSA (1yr)
- Modify existing questionnaire?
- Modify Infrastructure or actual design?
- Special sampling for affected regions and comparison regions
- TX to participate or no? Valuable comparison population

# Planned Research - SAMHSA

- SAMHSA 's National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA) will over-sample in affected states
- Comparison communities within states to distinguish from existing economic problems
- Surveillance efforts: arrests, domestic violence, seeing increases in anxiety, stress, substance use, domestic violence

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