CAPSCA Airport Assistance Visit
Lesson’s Learned AMERICAS

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GLOBAL COORDINATION MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION MEDICINE TEAMS

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Before the Assistance Visit (AV)

GENERAL

- Associated with ICAO’s USOAP
- Lack of Focal Point
- Smaller Airports easier to visit

INFORMATION FOR CAAs

- CAPSCA Requirements
- Which airport to select
- What to expect
- Who to invite
- How long is going to take

REQUEST FOR AIRPORT EVALUATION

- Informal coordination (lobbying - up to 2 months)
- ICAO’s official letter
- Guidelines for Assistance Visit
- Airport Questionnaire
Requirements Before the AV

CAPSCA RAMT TEAM FOR ASSISTANCE VISIT

- Letter to CAAs requesting trained evaluator for mission
- Trained evaluators lack real OJT
- Travel arrangements can be a challenged

ICAO PRESENCE FOR ASSISTANCE VISIT

- Visits limit to trained ICAO personnel availability
- There is no exclusive ICAO personnel for CAPSCA project except Dr. Evans!

AGENDA

- Negotiating participation of Health Authorities with CAAs
- Lack of participation from international health organizations (except last mission)
- Difficulties to involve airport stakeholders
- Sanitary emergency information material required
The AV Meeting

PRESENTATIONS

• CAPSCA RAMT team (ICAO updates & Airport completed questionnaire)
• State (Health Authorities, CAA & Airport emergency plan)
• Generate dialogue (even when times are up)

STAKEHOLDERS

• Get stakeholders involved
• Repeat the information material when necessary

RAMT TEAM MEDIATOR ROLE

• Share information
• Not an audit but assistance
• Let them bring their problems to the table
The AV Walkthrough

STAKEHOLDERS INTERVIEW

• Minimum disruption to airport regular activities
• If possible initiate with Aviation Medicine Doctor
• ATC, COE, SEI, Immigration, Customs
• Interview not the chief but the shift coordinator
• Let the observers ask sanitary emergency related questions

DE-BRIEFING

• Stakeholders analyze the Airport questionnaire
• Invite interviewed personnel to share their perspective of the interview
• RAMT team to make recommendations to airport
• Invite stakeholders to ask questions
After the AV

CAPSCA ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

• ICAO letter to CAA thanking for allowing the airport AV
• ICAO letter to CAAs for letting the trained evaluators to participate in the AV Mission

FINAL REPORT

• The Mission Coordinator requests evaluators to send in writing their observations and recommendations
• The Mission Coordinator writes the Mission report and send it to the correspondent ICAO RO
• The ICAO RO sends

WEB SITE

• Mission relevant information, pictures to be uploaded to CAPSCA-Americas web site
General Findings

POOR COMMUNICATION

- Between the State Health Authority and the Civil Aviation Authority

CAAs POOR KNOWLEDGE OF

- ICAO’s annexes and documents health related
- International Health Regulations (IHR) port of entries related materials
- National Preparedness Plan developed by National Health Authorities
- Even if airport emergency plan includes sanitary emergency, stakeholders are unaware of it.
General Findings

AIRPORT EMERGENCY PLAN

• Need to harmonize the use of health declaration cards for specific use in influenza card and contact tracing
• The General Declaration deck should include any case of contagious disease
• There is a lack of understanding of a sanitary emergency
• The passenger arrival and departure fluxes get mixed at several airports

TRAINING

• Sanitary emergency is not included in basic training to new personal or emergency exercises
General Findings

CAA ORGANIZATION

- Different from State to State making difficult to determine responsibilities for sanitary emergencies

FOLLOW UP VISITS

- Visited States have requested a follow up visit to verify recommendations implementation
STATE’S PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES (PHA) DON’T KNOW AND DON’T CARE ABOUT HEALTH RELATED ICAO’S SARPS

CAA’S DON’T KNOW AND DON’T CARE ABOUT PORT OF ENTRIES’ REALTED INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (IHR)

PHAs DON’T SPEAK ICAO SARPS

CAAs DON’T SPEAK IHR

CAPSCA SPEAKS BOTH!