

PUTTING THE COALITION IN CONTEXT

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Healthcare Coalition: HPP Program

- A collaborative **network** of healthcare organizations and their respective public and private sector response partners **within a defined region**.
- Healthcare Coalitions serve as a **multi-agency coordinating group** that assists Emergency Management and Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 with **preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities** related to **healthcare organization disaster operations**. The primary function of the Healthcare Coalition includes **sub-state regional, healthcare system emergency preparedness activities** involving the member organizations. Healthcare Coalitions also **may** provide **multiagency coordination to interface with the appropriate level of emergency operations** in order to assist with the provision of situational awareness and the coordination of resources for healthcare organizations **during a response**.

Source: ASPR HPP Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities, Capability 1: Healthcare System Preparedness

What is a Coalition?

co·a·li·tion (k-lshn). noun.

- 1. An alliance, especially a temporary one, of people, factions, parties, or nations.
- 2. A combination into one body; a union.
- 3. A group of usually two to six male lions that drive off and replace the male lions in a pride in order to mate with the females and protect the resulting offspring.

[French, from Medieval Latin *coaliti*, *coalitin-*, from Latin *coalitus*, past participle of *coalescere*, to grow together; see *coalesce*.]

Source: The Free Dictionary (online)

What is a Coalition?

co·a·li·tion

noun \,kō-ə-'li-shən\

- **1. a** : the act of coalescing : UNION
- **1. b** : a body formed by the coalescing of originally distinct elements : COMBINATION

- **2. a** : temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states **for joint action**

Source: Merriam-Webster Dictionary (free - online)

Cathy's New Life

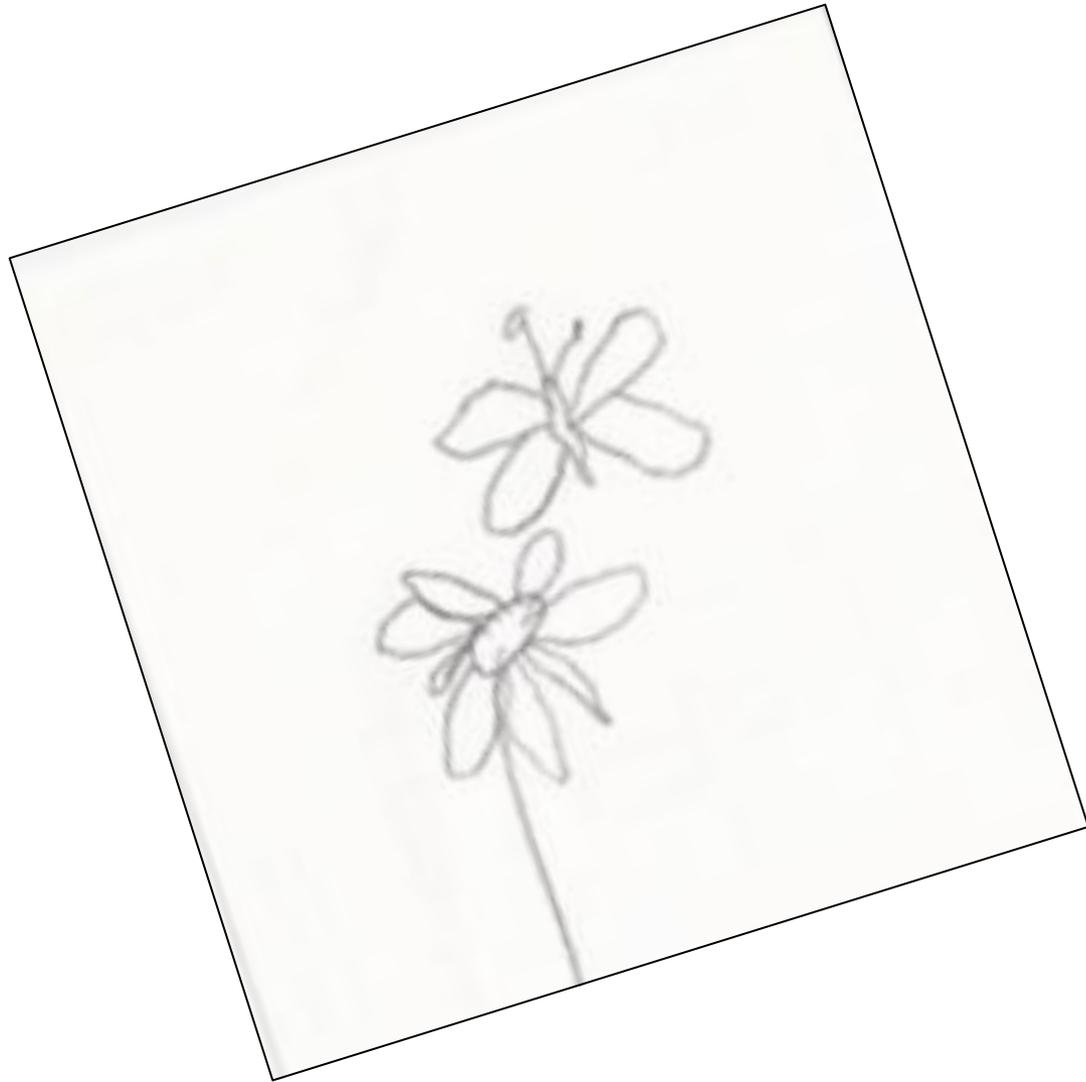


TED Radio Hour: What is Beauty?

- **What Is Beauty?**

- Are Some Things Universally Beautiful? (Dennis Dutton)
- Are We Hard Wired for Beauty? (Dennis Dutton; Nancy Etcoff)
- Does Being Beautiful Make You Happy? (Cameron Russell)
- Can Beauty Change a Life? (Bill Strickland)
- How Does Beauty Feel? (Richard Seymour)

- Richard Seymour: Defining Beauty -- **Do We Think Beauty or Do We Feel it?**



What Makes Something Beautiful?

- Structure
- History: The story behind it
- Meaning
- Tensions
- Emotional Connections
- Movement

**How different is that from
“What Makes a Coalition Effective?”**

Putting the Coalition in Context: What Really Makes a Community Prepared?

Purpose: What is the outcome from health preparedness that we're really looking for? **(Meaning)**

Key Components:

- What influences the outcome most **(Structure)**
- How do components intersect? What relationships are most important **(Connections)**
- What are the dynamics **(Tensions)**
- What are the stories that provide meaning and identity? **(History)**

How Do We Advance and Track Progress? (Movement)

Putting the Coalition in Context: What Really Makes a Community Prepared?

Purpose: (Meaning)

What is the outcome we're really looking for?

Putting the Coalition in Context: What Really Makes a Community Prepared?

Key Components:

- What influences the outcome most (**Structural Components**)
 - Magnitude of the event
 - Pre-event health status
 - Pre-event community functioning (formal and informal)
 - Formal preparedness and response structures?

Rethinking Coalition Context

- **If this is what really impacts outcome in a community.....**
 - Magnitude of the event
 - Pre-event health status
 - Pre-event community functioning (formal and informal)
 - Formal response structures?
- **Do Health Care Coalitions play a role in these?**

Rethinking Coalition Context

- **Do Health Care Coalitions play a role in these?**
 - **Magnitude of the event:** Coalition ability to adjust to varying magnitude events: Specificity vs flexibility of plans? Redundancy of networks?
 - **Formal response structures:** Coalition as a Preparedness vs Response Structure (formal or informal)?
 - **Pre-event health status:** What's the role of the Healthcare Coalition in advancing pre-event health status in the community? Is that a legitimate function?
 - **Pre-event community functioning (formal and informal):** What's the role of the Coalition in strengthening routine healthcare system operations vs disaster response operations? What's the role of the Coalition in promoting community connectedness/leadership?

What Makes a Strong Coalition?

- **How do components intersect? What relationships are most important (Connections)**
 - Networks: Within HC Coalition, Among Coalitions, With EM, State PH, etc.
 - How does the Coalition create internal and external relationships?
 - Public Trust: Concept of Pre-positioning Trust;
 - Does the Coalition need this? How does a Coalition help establish it?
 - Social Connectedness: (Volunteerism; Social Networks; Communities of Faith, etc.).
 - How does the Coalition interplay with or help build these?

What Makes a Strong Coalition?

- **What are the dynamics and how can you use them to advance efforts (Tensions)**
 - Everyday vs disaster use
 - Structured response planning vs flexibility to adapt to situations at hand
 - Collaborative vs competitive nature of healthcare organizations
 - Threat-specific vs all-hazard planning.

What Makes a Strong Coalition

Defining a history?

- Working together / Connecting during an emergency changes how we connect afterwards / going forward.
- What other stories communicate and sustain identity?

What Makes a Coalition Strong?

How Do We Advance and Track Progress? (Movement)

- Role of Science
- Role of Practice
- Role of Measurement

What Makes a Strong Coalition?

- **A Coalition is deepened by understanding its Context and building upon the Environment within which it works.**
 - **Structure:** Does structure connect to and advance the bigger picture of what makes a difference in the community?
 - **History:** What history do you create together? What stories bring it to life?
 - **Meaning:** Acting on common values, passion, purpose for a clear goal
 - **Tensions:** Ability to hold opposing forces that shape action
 - **Connections:** Creating a web or networks of internal and external relationships
 - **Movement:** Tracking and Celebrating Progress

What defines your coalition?

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or



- A temporary (?) alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states **for joint action**



What's the
story behind
your
coalition?