Call for Papers

Community Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies

The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), intends to publish a supplement on the topic of Community Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies. This supplement will focus on community preparedness as the ability of communities to prepare for, withstand, and recover from natural or intentional incidents that affect public health whether local, state, territorial, or international emergencies. Original epidemiological, social, policy, research and evaluation articles, perspectives, and critical reviews are invited. Topics of interest include but are not limited to evidence-based promising practices that strengthen community preparedness, resilience, and recovery; methods and indicators for measuring community preparedness effectiveness; innovative models to build whole community preparedness inclusive of persons with disabilities, access and functional needs, and social or economic disadvantages; and demonstration projects between public health and community organizations to rebuild diverse communities after a disaster. Manuscripts on the strategic use of resources to build partnerships between public health and community-based, faith-based, mental/behavioral health, or social service organizations for synergy before, during, and after an emergency are encouraged. Manuscripts demonstrating affected community involvement with and making decisions about rebuilding diverse communities after a disaster are also welcomed.

Potential authors should visit the AJPH website (www.ajph.org) to review the Instructions for Authors and specific guidelines for the various types of manuscripts. Importantly, submissions must include a cover letter formatted as requested in the instructions for authors. In all manuscripts, the number of words, references and tables/figures must correspond to a specific AJPH article format. Select manuscripts will undergo Editorial review and eventual peer review by the AJPH editors and peer referees as defined by AJPH policy. Manuscripts must be submitted to AJPH by January 14, 2019, via the online submission system at https://editorialmanager.com/ajph. For additional information about this supplement, contact Linda Ekperi at LEkperi@cdc.gov.

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