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2008 Western Regional Preparedness Conference Solutions for Emerging Threats

Las Vegas, NV- The Area Health Education Center of Southern Nevada is proud to sponsor the 2008 Western Regional Preparedness Conference (WRPC), **July 15th-18th**, at the Renaissance Hotel. This conference focuses on bringing together regional and national experts in Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response. WRPC offers the most current learning opportunities taught by expert faculty. Noted author and opening speaker Dr. Adam Dorin will discuss his book Jihad and American Medicine: *Thinking like a Terrorist to Anticipate Attacks via our Health System*. “Many people have written about 'preparedness' (i.e., what to do after a terrorist attack has already occurred). This is the only text in the world that presents 'prevention' as the only approach to avoiding catastrophic deaths through medical-related murder” said Dr. Dorin. American hospitals and other health care entities remain at an increased and unnecessary risk of terrorist attack, as they represent the most vulnerable of ‘soft targets’ of our nation’s infrastructure. Whether tragedy occurs by chance, carelessness, or criminal act, our patients deserve better than the status quo in medical safety and security. For more information on Dr. Dorin and his publications please go to www.adamdorin.com.

Dr. Dorin was born in New York City just a few blocks from the World Trade Center Twin Towers. He grew up outside of Washington, D.C., and earned his undergraduate pre-medical degree at the University of Maryland with magna cum laude honors. After four years of medical training at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Dorin completed his residency training in anesthesiology and critical care medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. While at Hopkins Dr. Dorin served as an officer in the United States Naval Reserve, where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He joined the Navy in July of 1990. He is proud to have served our country as a member of the armed forces. Dr. Dorin has been in private practice as an anesthesiologist and medical director for nearly fifteen years.

According to recent news articles on ABCNews.com, “... with violence escalating in Middle East particularly in Afghanistan with the Taliban or terrorists being more aggressive in coming after NATO or U.S. forces or

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Afghan forces, in this particular case it was an example of NATO, U.S. and Afghan forces being aggressive in combating cross-border infiltration," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. Recent assaults have deepened doubts about the U.S. military's ability to contain Islamic militants. Attacks in Afghanistan are becoming more complex, intense and better coordinated than a year ago, U.S. officials say. Authorities are looking closer to home to protect the Americans and their interests.

With this type of occurrence happening more and more it is important for all Americans to understand and anticipate the new threat that faces us everyday. This dynamic and timely conference is relevant to everyone, Health Care Personnel, Homeland Security, First Responders, Mental Health Professionals, Government and Public Health Officials. Tracks offered are: Disaster Planning, Communication, Mental Health, Patient Care, and Exercise Design.

The WRPC is also offering a post conference workshop addressing, Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) sponsored by the UNLV Institute for Security Studies. For more information on this important conference please call Roberta Keeley, Program Manager at 702-318-8452 or please visit www.snahec.org and click on the WRPC conference logo.

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