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DISABILITIES SUMMARY REPORT**

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Meeting Summary

Twenty-Three participants attended the follow-up meeting to the 2007 Disaster Preparedness and Response for Persons with Disabilities Workshop. With a marked decrease of participants since the initial workshop, a discussion took place to generate ideas that may increase participation in future meetings as this is an on-going process that is needed to increase our communities' preparedness and response. From this discussion, several ideas were generated:

- Post meeting information on the Broward County website
- Provide press releases and flyers for distribution
- Contact the local universities disabilities office
- Contact the home health and nursing agencies that may be aware of individuals willing to assist during times of disaster
- Enlist the aid of the municipalities community coordinators and/or League of Cities

It was discussed that as increased participation is desired, participants that are willing to seek solutions to the barriers that may be faced is needed.

Although all participants from the initial workshop were not present, it was decided that the group will continue to identify the strategic priorities that the workgroup would like to develop into Action Plans to increase services to our community members. The identified priorities are listed within Table A.

After the priorities were established, a discussion identified that the progress in developing Action Plans would take place most effectively if participants were able to select the priorities that they would like to work on. These sub-work groups could meet separately and report their progress to the larger group at pre-scheduled meetings. As not all participants were present, suggestions were made to request participation of agencies in identified sub-work groups. The sub-work groups are identified in Table B.

It was identified that many sub-work group activities may be addressed in standing community committees such as the Special Needs Task Force and Aging Alliance. It was discussed that the Aging Alliance does have priorities/strategies that are aligned with some that have been identified through this group and are willing to work together as we have mutual goals. A requested will be made for these committees to work with the sub-work groups. A lead will need to be identified for each sub-work group to report back to the larger group to share progress ion establishing Action Plans and the implementation of the Action Plan.

A follow-up meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 19, 2008 from 2-4:30 at the Emergency Operations Center room 332B. Confirmation of this date/time/location will be electronically distributed to all participants.

TABLE A: IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES	DESCRIPTION
Priority 1	Develop action plan to increase communication/notification; to include: Public Service Announcements Cross-county Reaching community members with hearing/vision loss Reaching hotel/motel patrons Create “Best Practice” Disaster Preparedness and Response Handout for Stakeholders Communication/notification should encompass pre/during/post information and status reports.
Priority 2	Increase Outreach and Education Engage missing stakeholders Implement Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Social Marketing Campaign
Priority 3	Expand Mass Care sheltering capabilities
Priority 4	Increase transportation plan to increase: Assistance with transferring community members from inside home to pick-up point.
Priority 5	Establish a standard Emergency Management practice for all municipalities: Utilization of data collected through the Vulnerable Population Database Provision of services for persons with disabilities
Priority 6	Expand Special Medical Needs Sheltering capabilities
Priority 7	Identify and increase post-event recovery services
Priority 8	Increase Funding and Identify Liability Issues for all priorities

TABLE B: IDENTIFIED PARTIES

PRIORITIES	PARTICIPANTS
Priority 1 Communication/ Notification	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aging Alliance 2. Judy Sarver 3. William "Bill" Knight 4. ESF 14 Lead
Priority 2 Outreach / Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aging Alliance 2. Judy Sarver 3. Lynette Beal 4. Eliza Gomez 5. Donald Sinclair 6. Laura George 7. Marc Dubin 8. Rigo – American Red Cross 9. ESF 14 Lead
Priority 3 Mass Care	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michelle Riegler 2. Marc Dubin 3. William "Bill" Knight 4. Representative from American Red Cross 5. Stephanie Orlando 6. Representative from Dept. Children and Families 7. Representative from Mental Health Association
Priority 4 Transportation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cheryl Rashkin 2. Patrick Cavanaugh 3. VOAD Chair 4. ESF 1 Lead 5. Special Needs Task Force
Priority 5 Municipalities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cheryl Rashkin for ECC 2. Stephanie Orlando 3. Diann Geronemus 4. Audrey Cohen 5. Bruce Moeller 6. Alex Bared
Priority 6 Special Medical Needs Shelter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aniko Bahr 2. Stephanie Orlando 3. Marc Dubin 4. William "Bill" Knight 5. Broward County Hospital Coalition 6. Special Needs Task Force
Priority 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long Term Recovery Coalition

Recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Recovery Task Force 3. Glenn Margolis – Emergency Management
Priority 8 Funding/ Liability	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representative from Broward County Program Development Research and Evaluation Division 2. Michelle Riegler 3. Cheryl Rashkin 4. Donald Sinclair 5. Representative from Broward County Department of Health

Appendix: Attendance Record

Representative	Agency
Lynette Beal	Center for Independent Living of Broward County
Paige Cauthron	American Red Cross Broward Chapter
Patrick Cavanaugh	Broward County Para Transit Services
Kevin Conner, Intern	Broward Homebound
Kim Davis	Memorial Health Care System
Karen Dickerhoof	Center for Independent Living of Broward County/
Scott DiMarzo	Broward Health
Marc Dubin	Center for Independent Living of Miami
Greg George	Spinal Cord Resource Network
Laura George	Spinal Cord Resource Network
Diann Geronemus	Home Health
Eliza Gomez	Broward County Human Services Department
Brandon Jewell	Broward County Office of Equal Opportunity
Paulette Kandel	Broward County Emergency Management Agency
Theresa Lowe	Aging and Disability Resource Center
Stephanie Orlando	Broward Homebound
Cheryl Rashkin	Broward County Medical Examiners and Trauma Services Division
Michelle Riegler	Broward County Family Success Administration Division
Judy Sarver	Broward County Public Communications Department
Donald Sinclair	Broward County Human Services Department
Diane Smith	Broward Homebound
Shirley Snipes	Aging and Disability Resource Center
Nilda Urbistando	Aging and Disability Resource Center