

**Working Conference on Emergency Management and
Individuals with Disabilities and the Elderly
June 28-30, 2006**

Session Summary Form

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Session: State Working Group **Regional Working Group**

Date of Session: Wednesday, June 28 **Thursday, June 29** Friday, June 30

State: _____

Region: VII _____

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MISSOURI

- Sheltering
- Unique nature of MO
 - Metro/rural
 - New Madrid
- Special Needs steering committee
 - Definition of special needs
- Will set up meeting with Red Cross
 - Per county
 - Identify
 - Accessibility
 - Square-footage
 - Dual-purpose sheltering in each area
 - Transportation to shelters
 - Airplanes and helicopters
 - Pets- often elderly won't leave w/o pets
 - Foster care for pets
 - OATS
 - Organizing/reaching out to EMS community
 - Medical assets- how to utilize
 - Schools- buses

- Getting all the players to the table
 - Task Force
- Begin with children- ingrain emerg prep principals into kids
 - Self-sufficiency to conserve resources for people that need them

What are the challenges/obstacles that will impact you?

- Transportation plans and assets
- Folks don't like leaving their houses

Are there opportunities to involve other states in Region VII to partner with you?

- New Madrid evacuees
- Mid-America Alliance
- Putting agreements in place
- Where will people likely go by potential disaster-type
 - i.e. MO- New Madrid earthquake will not drive people east over the Mississippi river
- Business Executives for National Security (BENS)- citizen corps in MO is already working with them
- Regional planning/ on-going regional discussion group

What Federal resources (policy decisions, TA, \$\$\$ do you need?)

- TA
 - Hiring individuals to loan out as resource (FEMA, DHS)
 - Like CDC sends out people from Atlanta
- Policy decision on what is reimbursable on special needs sheltering operations
 - Hard to plan properly- need it in writing
- State assistance for mitigation
 - Mitigation grants
 - Radio warning
 - Rural electric coops to buy receivers
- SUNS exercise June 2007
 - Need federal resources to fund exercise
 - Need a lot more heads up to prepare of SUNS
- Regional planning/ on-going regional discussion group- ask HHS to support this relationship (facilitate meeting)
- Takes too long to get info to and from Feds- it takes too long for them to hear us and respond
 - National response plan already talks about regional planning
 - Can't afford to wait for Feds to grant multi-state partnership
 - States have to address these needs b/c can't wait for Feds to get on the same page
- DHS and HHS plans on Public Health issues (i.e. pandemic flu) contradictory
 - How do states deal with contradictory messages from different federal agencies

NEBRASKA

- Communication
 - State dept of Commerce, chambers of commerce to get message out to businesses
 - Meals on wheels
- People who don't want to evacuate
- Training for blind staff
 - Part of CNAs training

KANSAS

Issues and Outcomes:

- State institutions/ school for the deaf and the blind, Universities may have resources/capacity
 - Accessible or could make sure are accessible
 - Coordinate with local authorities to include these places in their plans
- Look at severe weather set-ups
 - Disability awareness for local media groups
- Kansas DOT
 - Resource mapping for transportation
 - Include DOT in transportation initiatives
- Rural evacuation
 - Out of the box “what do people do in rural areas”
 - Fed-Ex trucks, Flat beds
 - Equip them
- Communication/ Information dissemination
 - Clearest messages
 - Picture cards
- Nursing Homes
 - Find out what issues they have that planners would help them with
 - i.e. emergency medical necessities/ medication package/ bag
- Training of first responders
 - How to communicate w/o interpreters, communication devices
- Individual responsibility to develop personal practices/ plans

Collaboration form a Regional standpoint

- Kansas and Missouri
 - MARC (Kansas City Metro area)

IOWA

- Fall conference- engaging appropriate people
- Communication and warnings
 - Accessible
 - Real
- Evacuation sheltering

- Public and community outreach
- Iowans
- Evacuees, other states requesting assistance

- Define special needs
- Comprehensive inventory
- How to define different types of shelters
- Ask local people what they are expecting from the state officials
 - Put together policy around this
 - How need is perceived and match it with capabilities

Then put together strategic plan (local-> state)

What are the roles of federal agencies?

DOD

Public Health

Do not have the resources-

If Medicaid won't pay for DME to begin with