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I. General Information

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II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconferences

Date: 10/25/06

Outcome: Planning for Statewide Summit to be held 1/9/07

Date: 11/6/06

Outcome: Agenda Set for Statewide Summit

Date: 11/20/06

Outcome: Finalize agenda/invitations sent/key note determined

Date: 12/13/06

Outcome: Registration/logistics/final plans for summit

III. Emergency Planning Highlights

Activity: Planning for a statewide summit of emergency management for individuals with disabilities and the elderly to be held on January 9, 2007 in Frankfort, KU

Outcome/Product: To increase the likelihood of successful preparedness, response and recovery to vulnerable population and their support network (including emergency personnel) in the event of a disaster.

This will be achieved by:

1. Holding a one-day meeting, invitation only, with emergency service personnel and others who provide support services to vulnerable populations to:
 - a. Reduce duplication of and provide easy access to information on emergency disaster services in order to enhance emergency support.
 - b. Provide information to those who provide emergency disaster support to vulnerable population.
 - c. Gather information on current activities and services provided around the state.

2. Review all of the information gathered and define next steps.

Those invited include state and local 'First Responders', service providers for individuals with disabilities and the elderly and individuals with disabilities and the elderly. The focus of this one day summit will be a learning and discussion event for attendees. The morning will focus on preparedness, response and recovery at the state and federal level. The afternoon is designed to have small groups provide feedback on questions regarding

preparedness, response and recovery at the local level. Each attendee will have an opportunity to attend each break out session. The intent of the break out sessions is to garner information on how well those at the local level are prepared, at both the first responder level and for individuals who will need support.

A staff member from Homeland Security at the federal level will be the key note for the summit.

Following the summit the delegation will reconvene, review the responses to the questions and determine next steps. The attendees will also receive a synopsis of the questions and answers. There will also be time set aside for networking. A display area has been set aside for attendees who wish to share information.

The delegation has noted that there are several entities promoting preparedness for individual with disabilities and the elderly. This summit will bring together all of those parties to share and begin to coordinate activities, materials and resources.

The delegation is discussion the concept of a statewide website that can be used by both first responders and individual with disabilities as a mean of further coordination for emergency response.

IV Emergency Preparedness Highlights

a) Activity: Emergency Preparedness in Southwest Kentucky

Outcome/Product: Easter Seals and the Center for Accessible Living sponsored an evening event to promote preparedness for individuals with disabilities. Representatives from the delegation included the DD Council, Department of MH/MR and Emergency Management.

The event included presentation from all of the utility companies, first responders and medical personnel (pharmacy and physicians). Each presented on their area of expertise and provided information on how the entity is prepared for a disaster and what individuals.

Outcome/Product: Working with the American Printing House for the Blind on future printing of Braille overlay and audio recording for emergency preparedness refrigerator magnet, in addition to audio recording for public health preparedness brochure.

b) Activity: Publication and dissemination of newsletter to members of the Kentucky Outreach and Information Network (KOIN), a grassroots emergency communication network designed to pass information to vulnerable populations in Kentucky during a disaster or public health emergency.

Outcome/Product: Newsletter will keep KOIN members informed concerning public health preparedness efforts in Kentucky. Current issue highlighted pandemic influenza preparedness.

c) *Activity:* Creation of Internet-based LISTSERV for information sharing among KOIN members. During the annual KOIN workshops in fall of 2006, KOIN members expressed an interest in a LISTSERV site on the Internet where they could openly communicate with other KOIN members regarding preparedness efforts among vulnerable populations in Kentucky.

Outcome/Product: An Internet-based LISTSERV site was recently created to allow KOIN members to discuss preparedness issues.

d) *Activity:* Continued update of KOIN member information database

Outcome/Product: An updated database will be essential in reaching members of vulnerable populations during emergencies.

e) *Activity:* Completion of 2006 Preparedness Survey

IV. Emergency Response Highlights

None to report at this time.

VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights

None to report at this time.

V. Next Steps

Significant Planned Activities: January 9, 2007 – Statewide Summit

Products under Development: Materials for Summit

Significant Planned Activities:

Development of materials and planning for annual statewide KOIN workshops

Products under Development:

Development of new KOIN materials to include:

- Kentucky Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book
- Laminated pocket pictogram cards for disasters in Kentucky
- Train-the-Trainer video for the KOIN

VI. Other

Points of Interest (e.g., lessons learned, innovative approaches):

Challenges (e.g., areas for which State delegation is requesting suggestions from others)