

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**January 2007 Quarterly Report**

**I. General Information**

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## II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconference

**Meeting Date:** October 11, 2006

**Meeting Outcome(s):** Allison Breedlove, Governor's Advocacy Office for Persons with Disabilities, elected chairperson. Allison is committed to empowering people with disabilities.

### Order of Business

The delegation established objectives and milestones for current year, including:

- Propose meeting dates to chairperson for approval.
- Identify resources for staff and funding of outreach initiatives;
- Develop Strategic Plan for the Governor's Council on Emergency Management for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly, here after referred to as the Council, by January 25, 2007;
- Draft Executive Order sanctioning the Council, defining it's membership and responsibilities;
- Present initiative at EM Association Spring Conference;
- Identify technology to enhance dissemination of emergency alert and warning information to people with sensory and physical disabilities;
- Coordinate regional fact finding meetings to identify gaps in programs and services, by March 2007;
- Communicate goals and objectives of outreach to county emergency management directors, by March 2007;
- Coordinate summit for addressing emergency management and person with disabilities and the elderly for the Council, from March to November 2007;
- Conduct summit for addressing emergency management and person with disabilities and the elderly for the Council, by November 2007

**Meeting Date:** December 13, 2006

**Meeting Outcome(s):** Reviewed Executive Order and Strategic Plan drafts.

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Recommendations –

- Executive Order - reduce the Council to twenty members reflecting the interests of all stakeholders;
- Strategic Plan - positive feedback and recommendations for minor changes.
- Funding - Discussed funding of current initiatives, including: administrative cost for regional fact finding meetings, planning and leveraging with similar projects, and exercising and purchasing equipment. Funds will enhance coordination, prevent duplication of effort, and promote fiscal stewardship.

### **III. Emergency Planning Highlights**

In September 2006, our Office of Homeland Security and Division of Public Health worked together to make unencumbered funds from the State's Mass Care Enhancement initiative, available for evacuation and logistic planning, integrating persons with disabilities into all phases of emergency management. In November 2006, a grant totaling \$400,000.00 was awarded to the NC Division of Aging and the Triangle J Council of Government, to coordinate preparedness training; conduct a series of meetings to identify gaps in the process and conduct a Summit on integrating persons with disabilities into all phases of emergency management. Over \$270,000.00 of the grant will be used to purchase durable medical purchase equipment for mass care operations.

### **IV. Emergency Preparedness Highlights**

No report.

### **V. Emergency Response Highlights**

No report.

### **VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights**

No report.

### **VII. Next Steps**

- Finalize Executive Order;
- Conduct regional fact finding meetings;
- Coordinate and conduct summit for emergency management and persons with disabilities.

### **VIII. Other**

No report.

