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I. General Information

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II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconferences

Nothing to report at this time.

III. Emergency Planning Highlights

The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Administration (HEPRA) has contracted with the National Policy Research Center (NPRC) to develop a pilot that demonstrates a capability that efficiently distributes to authorized emergency event responders, critical information on persons with mobility disabilities residing in the District of Columbia to support their rescue. The first phase of this four phase project has been completed. Phase one of the project focused on project set-up, definition of target population, overall approach and controlling structures.

To support local community service providers, NPRC developed a web-based tracking system to support the identification, profiling and tracking of services provided to special needs populations, e.g., persons with disabilities.

The outcome will be the establishment of a national model critical database of information on DC residents with disabilities, to facilitate their rescue and continuing care needs in the event of a catastrophic event.

IV. Emergency Preparedness Highlights

The Emergency Preparedness Highlights coincide with the above item III.

V. Emergency Response Highlights

Phase two of the project will build on this initial effort in defining and validating the information needs of rescuers on the rescue chain; developing a detailed process/capability for efficiently collecting and integrating the data elements comprising a comprehensive

record-set of information for special needs populations residing in the District; and determining the most efficient way to disseminate the information to responders and ensuring their adequate training to access the same.

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VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights

The Department of Homeland Security has established a “special needs workgroup” to develop consensus around special needs considerations to be incorporated into the National Response Plan (NRP). The special needs work groups cover all of the Emergency Support Functions (ESF) which includes ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation. The workgroup met on February 8-9, 2007, with more meetings to follow.

The outcome of this workgroup is to (1) provide information on the NRP to a cross-section of relevant organizations (2) identify macro- and cross-functional issues affecting coordination and provision of emergency response services to individuals with functional needs (3) formulate principles that need to be taken to other NRP work groups and sub-groups to inform them of special/functional needs considerations.

VII. Next Steps

Nothing to report at this time.

VIII. Other

Nothing to report at this time.