

TENNESSE
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I. General Information

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II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconferences

Date: May 15, 2007

Outcome: Planning began for our next full Stakeholder's Meeting.

IV. Emergency Preparedness Highlights/Products

Checklist of products e.g., plans, guidance, system, database, technology, policy changes and procedures

PRODUCTS	State	Region	County	City	Service Providers	Emergency Response	NGO	Other
Plans	TN							Homeland Security recommended that Nashville be prepared to survive on its own for 5 days after a disaster.
Guidance	TN							Joe Phillips is new chair of the Functional Needs Executive Committee.
System								
Database								
Technology								
Policy								
Procedures	TN							Committee given permission to add additional pages (as necessary) to the <i>Tips For First Responders</i> . Still looking for funding. Once funding source identified, group can

								identify content.
Other	TN					Proposal included methods of looking beyond barriers to what strengths individuals with disabilities have & build on them to prepare for a disaster.		Submission of the RTOI (Research Topic of Interest) grant application

V. Emergency Response Highlights/Focus

	State	Region	County	City	Service Providers	NGO	Other
Drills							
Training	TN				Amanda Peltz; Gary Garrett; Nancy Merdinger; Lisa Craft; Roxanne Carreon; Floyd Steward; Ruth Roberts; Kenton Dickerson	Autism Society; Area Agency on Aging and DD; Red Cross; Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	Volunteer speakers for the First Responders training.
Education	TN						Need to prompt individual & organizational emergency preparation at

							businesses and the learning of emergency plans at schools & day care centers.
Register							
Transportation	TN						Nancy Meitenger recommended University of Kansas website; has a section on evacuation of buildings & use of lifts for individuals with disabilities.
Screening							
Sheltering							
Long-Term Housing							
Long-Term Health Care							
Case Management							
Access to Benefit Programs							
Rehabilitation							
Other	TN						Members were cautioned that cell phone lines become overloaded quickly; text messaging capacity generally remains intact.

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VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights

	State	Region	County	City	Service Providers	NGO	Other
Drills							
Training							
Education							
Register							
Transportation							
Screening							
Sheltering							
Long-Term Housing							
Long-Term Health Care							
Case Management							
Access to Benefit Programs							
Rehabilitation							
Other							

VII. Next Steps

Significant Planned Activities:

-Group asked to report on what activities they have implemented to create awareness about disaster preparedness among the disability community.

Products under Development:

-Lisa Craft reported that she has instituted a three-part training into her MIND training program.

-Teri Urbano asked committee if the acronym “cheat sheet” displaying disability initials on one side and emergency management initials on the other (originally produced by Texas A&M). The group agreed to review document and make recommendations. Once draft is completed, it will be distributed to the DD network, EMS personnel, and the Red Cross for comments.

VIII. Other

Nothing at this time.