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**DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION
ON DISABILITY**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



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I. General Information

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II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconferences

Date: January 9, 2007

Outcome: 1. Final review of Functional Needs Guidance Support Document to the State Emergency Operations Plan. Who will approve it?

Date: January 30, 2007

Outcome: 1. Functional Needs Guidance Support Document – Prepared for NH Governor John Lynch

Date: March 6, 2007

Outcome: 1. State and Local Emergency Preparedness Annual Conference – June 18, 2007
2. Subcommittees – Communication and Disaster Preparedness.

Date: March 29, 2007

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III. Emergency Planning Highlights

The state of New Hampshire has been working on four projects this quarter.

- a. State Functional Needs Guidelines. The State Functional Needs Guidelines will become part of the states Emergency Management Plan will needs to be approved by the Governor. Members of the delegation will be meeting with Governor John Lynch and/or his staff during the next month to review the document.
- b. Members of the delegation are developing a resource list and Guide for Including People with Disabilities in Disaster Preparedness Planning.
- c. The delegation had divided itself into two subcommittees and will be working on:
 - i. Communications
 - ii. Disaster Preparedness
- d. On June 18, 2007 the delegation will be conducting a two-hour workshop on individuals with functional needs. See agenda on next page.

3rd Annual New Hampshire Local Emergency Preparedness Conference

Proposed Session Title: *“We’re going to need a bigger boat!!” Planning for individuals with functional needs and their animals.*

Proposed Session Description:

Efforts are underway nationwide to improve State and local emergency operation plans to more effectively address animals in disasters, plan for individuals with functional needs, and improve shelter capability for all individuals and their animals. This workshop will showcase three important planning resources; the State Functional Needs Guidance, Animals in Disaster Directory, and Community Sheltering.

Format: 2-hour workshop

Moderator: Carole Totzkay-Sitar

Presenters:

- Stephen Crawford, DVM, NH State Veterinarian
- Colleen Fitzpatrick, American Red Cross – New England Chapter
- Cheryl Killam, Governor’s Commission on Disability
- David Ouellette, NH Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Ken Roos, Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services
- Bill Walker (am session) and Mike Racette (pm session), NH Office of Minority Health
- Lynn Colwes, NH Minority Health Coalition

Proposed Workshop Outline:

- Overview/History of State Functional Needs Guidance (**David:** 10 minutes)
- Preparedness: Defining and Locating Functional Needs Populations in Your Community (**All speakers:** 45 minutes)
 - Animals in Disaster
 - Community Based-Organizations
 - Community and Individual Preparedness
- Response: Alert, Notify, Evacuate, and Shelter (**All speakers:** 50 minutes)
 - Alert and Notification
 - Evacuation
 - Sheltering (humans and animals)
- Recovery: Coordination and Restoration of Services (**All speakers:** 15 minutes)

IV. Emergency Preparedness Highlights

See Section III.

V. Emergency Response Highlights

See Section III,

VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights

See Section III.

VII. Next Steps

1. 3rd Annual New Hampshire Local Emergency Preparedness Conference Workshop.
2. Disaster Preparedness – Subcommittee
3. Communications – Subcommittee

VIII. Other

The delegation is currently working on changing people's attitude around the term "Special Needs".