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I. General Information

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II. State Delegation Meetings/Teleconferences

Activity: Meetings and trainings

Delegates held bi-weekly meetings the Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS) to plan emergency preparedness activities including staff training and the continued developed of continuity of operations plans.

Outcomes:

Training on Pandemic flu emergency planning with AHS department staff
Training on emergency planning for Community Mitigation workgroup (AHS Workgroup #2)

III. Emergency Planning Highlights

The Vermont Dept. of Health, AHS Field Services Director, Vermont Emergency Management, the Dept. of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living, the City of Montpelier, Vermont 2-1-1 and community organizations joined forces with Local Emergency Responders and Local Emergency Planning Commissions in March 2007 to develop emergency preparedness plans to assist older adults and individuals with disabilities in preparation of potential flooding in Central Vermont.

Activity: Emergency planning meetings

Outcomes: Improved coordination of emergency services and increased capacity among state agencies and local entities to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities and older adults. Identified potential needs of individuals with disabilities and older adults in the event of flooding: a) identified community partners/organizations who provide services to individuals with disabilities and the elderly, b) developed a system of communication to keep community partners/organizations and individuals with special needs updated on flood information c) distributed emergency preparedness manuals to individuals living in the flood plain of Central Vermont, d) developed a system for individuals with special needs to pre-register for emergency transportation to shelters or other facilities

IV. Emergency Preparedness Highlights

The Council on Aging for Central Vermont, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living Children's Personal Services staff and Attendant Services Program Staff and the Vermont Center for Independent Living contacted each of their clients to review their emergency preparedness plans. Vermont Emergency Management distributed their Emergency Preparedness Workbook to individuals residing in Central Vermont.

Activity: Drill - Emergency Preparedness Planning with Individuals

Outcome: Increased number of emergency preparedness plans among individuals with disabilities and older adults

V. Emergency Response Highlights

State agencies, community providers and emergency responders coordinated efforts provide emergency services to individuals with disabilities and older adults.

Activity: Drill

Outcome: Developed procedure for older adults and individuals with special needs to pre-register for emergency transportation by emergency responders.

VI. Emergency Recovery Highlights

None during this period.

VII. Next Steps

Significant Planned Activities: Formation of internal workgroup for the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Products under Development: None at present

VIII. Other

None to report during this period.