

**Governor's Commission on Community Based Alternatives
For Individuals with Disabilities
Healthcare Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2006
Margaret M. O'Neill Building, Dover, De.
10:15 a.m. – 11:32 a.m.**

Members Present: Joe Connor, Chair, Tim Brooks, Tom Kelly, Karen Gallagher, Al Rose, Rita Marocco, Daniese McMullin-Powell, Doyle Dobbins, Kyle Hodges.

Guests: Linda Heller.

- I. Introduction and Welcome by Chair – Mr. Connor provided a welcome to the members present with a thank you to those who showed for the DEMA meeting last week in Smyrna. DEMA is looking for citizen volunteers in local communities for planning purposes.

- II. Emergency Preparedness Next Steps – Joe will get back with DEMA with names of people who are interested in volunteering on the planning process. Those interested can send Joe an e-mail if interested. DEMA is interested in getting information from our community to best prepare for any disaster that may occur.
Next Steps:
 - Make contact with Ruth Campbell of DPH who sits on this planning community and who is responsible for the geo-mapping of people with disabilities in Delaware. We should invite her to a Healthcare Committee meeting.
 - We need to encourage people to get their names into the 911 system so that the emergency system is aware of people and where they live.
 - Provide information to the community as we receive it concerning emergency preparedness.
 - We should all make a contact with our local First Responders in our communities.
 - We need to ensure that providers of services do have plans for emergency situations. This may be done through interactions with Department/Division Directors.
 - Make available to First Responders the “Tips for First Responders” that was developed by New Mexico. Tom will try to get additional copies.

- III. Presentation by Dr. Tom Kelly of DDDS: Health Survey – Dr. Kelly provided a presentation on the Healthy Delawareans with Disabilities 2010, (handouts available for those who were not able to attend). Tom shared products from other states who are also involved in this initiative. Also, the adult health survey was shared with the Committee. The target for the completion of the adult survey is September 2006. A child survey is being developed. Tom solicited Committee support for the completion of the health survey by our constituent groups. In addition, Tom provided a Draft Guidebook on Emergency Preparedness from DPH with a request for feedback on the Guidebook. Feedback should go back to Tom in the next week.
- IV. Surgeon General’s Call to Action to Improve the Health and Wellness of Persons with Disabilities 2005
- V. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting is not scheduled.
- VI. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.