**Send questions to****passitoncenter@gatfl.gatech.edu**

[**www.passitoncenter.org**](http://www.passitoncenter.org/)

**Resources:**[**http://pioc.gatech.edu/wiki/Hurricane\_Harvey\_2017**](http://pioc.gatech.edu/wiki/Hurricane_Harvey_2017)

**AT/DME Disaster Response Call with PiDS, Portlight and Pass It On Center**

**Sept. 3, 2017, 5:00 pm EDT**

**Calls will continue at this number daily at 4 PM CT/ 5 PM EDT:**

641-715-3580**; PIN: 996329#**.

**Carolyn Phillips, Moderating**

**FEMA - Stephanie Fell**

* Registrations 529,000; 157,000 households approved
* Registration for disaster assistance: 529K households completed; now anticipate more than a million registrations.
* 167,000 households approved for $135 million in disaster assistance, of which $85 million is personal needs assistance.
* Disaster recovery centers where survivors can go for more assistance that have representatives from FEMA, Governor, SBA, other volunteer agencies: One open in Edna, TX, and two more to open today in Fayette and Colorado Counties.
* Shelters: Now have 37,000 residents in TX, plus others in LA and TN
* Transitional shelter assistance (TSA): 14K eligible households have applied. When approved, recipients can go to hotels anywhere in the country. Notifications are going out by telephone, text and email. A website with a national database is available to those recipients.
* Schools report: 190 damaged, 20 extensive, 75 major damage; 15K students displaced

**Laura, report on NRG Center**

* Gigantic center. Well organized, many volunteers. Many people who were leaving. One reported that they wanted to evacuate him to College Station, but his work is in Houston.

**John Wilbanks, report on Portal development**

* Marcus is working on the development of the portal. There will be opportunities to implement some of the suggested changes. They want preliminary functionality to go live on Tuesday.

**How to accept equipment donations**

* We have people and organizations who want to send equipment.
* Hannah: Joni and Friends want to donate 275-375 devices, mostly wheelchairs. Walmart will provide transportation. They also will move more equipment to their DC facility. They need a storage space and a place to stage from. They are collapsible wheelchairs, but not palletized. Janet in Houston has warehouse space. Joni and Friends will have people there to unload and sort. Janet’s contact: 832-677-5175
* Trish: Drive on Saturday. Concern about space. Suggestion: One option is to use American Trailer Rental is if you have space in your lot.
	+ Space possibilities: RCT, Project Cure,
* PIOC: Craft a paragraph with specifics about what the space needs and requirements are.
* Someone volunteered to reach out to TIRR.
* Hannah: Send paragraph about space needed for medical supplies.
	+ Please keep PIOC informed about what kinds of replacement devices you need for replacement as the equipment is distributed.
	+ Sarah, USAAC. They don’t believe they will need a place to store things. A couple of other organizations are joining them and may have a need. They will deal with that.
* They really need people to be sent to the portal who have a need.

**Volunteers with Special Skills**

* We need SLPs to volunteer through the link that was sent out. USAAC people around the country who have volunteered to developed new displays. Marcie expressed concern about keeping the site updated. Sarah reported that the site is continuously updated.
* We also need volunteers scheduled for daily distribution of equipment.
* Hannah has nurses, OTs, PTs and SLPs who have volunteered. They have people capable of doing screening and matching.

Stephanie’s thoughts on matching and tracking.

* Shared with Trish and Danielle and created a document about this.
* Would be helpful to see the portal functionality.
* CP: Prefer organization to organization communication, with individual records retained locally.
* John Wilbanks: Need to have a call about requirements – JW, CP, SF, DB and TR. Carolyn will set up.

Notes are being posted to the PIOC wiki.<http://pioc.gatech.edu/wiki/Hurricane_Harvey_2017>

* What are we telling individuals who call for assistance?
* Each group is making arrangements to address individual needs.
* Some of the locations in Houston have staff limitations because they
* Concern about establishing a uniform process to address needs, to track fulfillment, and to know that the needs were addressed
* A request form is online and going live today.
* Need a one-pager about how to deal with requests.
* Need all available resources reported listed. Each of you send Carolyn a brief about what you do to create this list.
* Stephanie suggested combining the previous two items.

* Transportation is a big issue. More information coming.
* San Antonio experiencing fuel shortages.