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**Texas AT/DME Disaster Response Call with PiDS, Portlight and
Pass It On Center
Sept. 21, 2017, 2:00 pm EDT**

Calls will continue at this number daily at 2 PM CT/ 3 PM EDT:

[641-715-3580](tel:641-715-3580); PIN: 996329#.

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Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Much more information coming out about VI and PR. Carolyn is communicating with FEMA about preparations to serve the islands. We need to identify equipment positioned near an airport with flights serving PR, a military installation that will be sending supplies, or a port serving the islands. There is a huge need for generators because the power is out.

Angela, Trach Mamas: They have equipment ready to go, but need to know how to coordinate the efforts.

CP: We need to send the equipment that is specifically needed. She is working Roxanne Crawford, DI Advisor, Region IX. She was evacuated to Atlanta and has met with Carolyn. They are working out details to identify needs and how to communicate to the group. We know that DME and medical supplies will be needed.

Angela: They have basic, waterproof bins of disposable materials that have been configured in cooperation with the Red Cross. CP requested an inventory list. There is currently no storage available. She has connections in San Juan and will reach out to see if any facilities are available.

Florida

CP met with Michael Daniel, Director of FL AT Act Program, and Jim Baker, Dir of FL ILC. Some of the ILCs were wiped out and have no internet access. They are identifying and communicating needs. An effort is being made to identify in-state needs, and supplies available in adjacent states. Other needs should be communicated to Carolyn to post to the portal.

Texas

We are trying to maximize the access centers that Rafferty has set up and work on strategies to distribute equipment. A request is in process to add the FEMA number for individual recipients.



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The portal now shows Open, In Progress, and Completed (the needs that have been met).
Maria Towne: FEMA sent a list of immediate, unmet needs. Some cannot be solved quickly locally in Houston, but others in the network may be able to help.

Progress of the recovery effort: Many deadlines are coming to a head, so there is a lot of anxiety. There will be extensions. Needs include: dentures, housing – big issue, large (200+) low-income senior community that must be moved.

Dawn: Power wheelchair need should be posted to the portal. Angela will send the request to Carolyn.

Hannah: She needs to talk with Roger. She is also still looking for storage space -- 6-10,000 sf in Houston: secure storage for medical supplies and equipment. Trish will ask Nathan Peebles of Daltille if he can assist.

Volunteers are now embedded with FEMA in Houston.

Other issues:

iPads for AAC

Sarah, USAAC: Status of the iPads?

CP: People are currently collecting and wiping iPads.

Sarah: Need 10 or 12 iPads for Texas. No report of needs from FL, PR or VI.

CP: Will send inventory of available iPads, and of reported needs. The silence in FL should not be interpreted as absence of need, but as a matter of life-preserving priorities, and the difficulty of communication.

More information will be available tomorrow.



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