CONFERENCE AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday, July 29

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.  Registration – Magnolia Foyer
                 Breakfast – Magnolia B, C, D

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Magnolia A
                 Color Guard Presentation
                 Gulfport High School ROTC
                 Pledge of Allegiance
                 National Anthem
                 Led by Kim Rae Magee
                 Emergency Preparedness Grant Coordinator
                 MS State Department of Health

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Peter Ginter, PhD, Principal Investigator
UAB South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness

Plenary Sessions – Magnolia A

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.  Panel Discussion
                  Paul Gallo, Facilitator
                  Butch McMillan, Executive Director
                  Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services
                  Jim Craig, CPM
                  Director, Health Protection
                  Mississippi State Department of Health
                  Connie Rockco, Supervisor
                  Harrison County
                  Candice Whitfield, Health Advisor
                  Office of the Governor of Mississippi
9:50 – 10:10 a.m. Break

10:10 – 11:00 a.m. Stop, Drop, and Roll to Disability
Emergency Preparedness and Recovery
Mary Troupe, Executive Director
MS Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities

11:00 – 11:50 a.m. “No Time Like the Present”—Disaster Preparedness for the Disabled and Elderly
George Moore, Jr., MPM, Director
Overton Brooks VA Medical Center
Shreveport, LA

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Networking Lunch – Magnolia B, C, D

Special Session – Magnolia A

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Psychological First Aid Workshop
Joshua Klapow, PhD, Associate Professor
University of Alabama at Birmingham
South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness

Concurrent Sessions

1:00 – 1:50 p.m. Magnolia E
Emergency Preparedness Issues and People with Vision Loss
Karen E. Brown, Director
Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center

Pshon Barrett, Esq.
Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Mississippi

Magnolia F
Techniques for Working with Persons with Mobility Impairments in an Emergency Situation
Kris Geroux, Director
Assistive Technology
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

Dawn Tregre, PT
Lead Physical Therapist
East Baton Rouge Parish School System

**Magnolia G**
**The Deaf Community: A Forgotten Population**
Steve Hamerdinger, MA
Director, Office of Deaf Services
Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

1:50 – 2:10 p.m. Break
2:10 – 3:00 p.m. Current Sessions Repeated
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break
Networking Time at Booth Displays
3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Magnolia A
Day One Closing Session
Effective Response to People with Disabilities
Bobbie Singletary
Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE) of Mississippi

4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Networking Reception
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Day 2: Wednesday, July 30

7:00 – 8:30 a.m.  Registration – Magnolia Foyer
                 Breakfast – Magnolia B, C, D

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.  Magnolia A
                 Announcements

Plenary Sessions – Magnolia A

8:45 – 9:35 am    Emergency Planning
                 Kent Buckley, Deputy Director
                 Mississippi EMA

9:45 – 10:35 a.m. Panel Discussion
                  Planning for and Responding to People
                  with Disabilities

                  Brice Phillips, Moderator
                  Sheriff Steve Garber, Hancock County
                  Albert “Butch” Loper, Director
                  Jackson County EMA
                  Chief Pat Sullivan, Gulfport Fire
                  Department
                  Brian “Hooty” Adam, Director
                  Hancock County EMA
                  Rick Fayard, AMR Regional Director

10:35 – 10:55 a.m. Break

11:00 – 11:50 a.m. Public Health/ESF8 Resources and
                   Responsibilities
Jim Craig, CPM; Director, Health Protection
Mississippi State Department of Health

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Networking Lunch – Magnolia B, C, D

Concurrent Sessions
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

**Magnolia E**
A Helping Hand in the Time of Crisis
Greg Goldman, State Coordinator of Interpreters
Denee Smith, State Coordinator of Deaf Services
Ben Wagenknecht, Director, Office on Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

**Magnolia F**
Preparedness Kit – What Should Be In It: Special Considerations for People with Disabilities
Sondra Bell, Staff Officer
Mississippi Office of Homeland Security

**Magnolia G**
DME (Durable Medical Equipment) – Considerations during Crises and Disaster Situations
Kris Geroux, Director, Assistive Technology
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services

1:50 – 2:10 p.m.  Break

2:10 – 3:00 p.m.  Concurrent Sessions Repeated
3:00- 3:30 p.m.  Break

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  Magnolia A
Closing Session - Are You Ready?
Joshua Klapow, PhD, UAB SCCPHP