The Galveston County Health District is sponsoring a Free Regional Preparedness Workshop

DATE: April 13, 2016
TIME: Registration- 8:30a.m., Program 9:00am – 4:00p.m.
LOCATION: Mid County Annex- Room A-104
9850 –A, Emmett F. Lory Expressway, Texas City, TX.

A Guide for Community-Based Planning:
A Continuum of Care Model for Caring for Elders During Disasters

Target Audience

- Emergency Management (EM) & Health Departments (ESF8)
- Healthcare Coalitions
- Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
- 2-1-1 agencies (information and referral network)
- Alzheimer's caregiver support organizations
- Councils on Aging / Senior Centers / Other aging network provider organizations
- Emergency Response Agencies (e.g., EMS, fire, law enforcement)
- Home health agencies & geriatric care managers
- Hospitals & other healthcare providers (e.g., clinics, medical equipment, VA)
- Nursing homes, assisted living facilities & continuing care retirement communities
- Renal dialysis centers
- American Red Cross (Shelters)
- Faith Based and Volunteer Agencies
- Selected Govt. partners (Dept. of Aging and Disability Services (DADS); District Health Dept.’s.; Veterans’ Affairs, Others)
- Transportation providers
- Pharmacies
- OTHER groups important in the healthcare continuum for elders in the local community
Community Based Planning – Why is this Model Important?

- The Model identifies, engages and integrates all key stakeholders involved in caring for elders during disasters
- Results in specific solutions to improve the community's capability to care for elders during disasters
- Emergency planners often lack awareness of the vulnerability and complex care requirements of many elders
- The scope of healthcare stakeholders for elders is broad and complex with many dependent and interdependent roles and responsibilities to coordinate and integrate
- Communities (& stakeholders) have varied levels of preparedness, planning & response capabilities/capacities
- Elder care stakeholders may not be actively integrated into the community’s emergency management and ESF 8 planning
- All-Hazards, multi-disciplinary planning model

Expected Workshop Outcomes

- To Gain knowledge and understanding of current community resources, capabilities & plans for care of elders, across the healthcare and support continuum
- To Identify the desired state of preparedness, response, & mitigation capabilities for elder care
- To Identify gaps between the current capabilities & the desired state
- To Develop action plans, timelines & responsibilities for filling gaps
- To Develop sustainment strategies for on-going planning & partnerships

Workshop Facilitators
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