

**SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs**

**Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee  
Flood Recovery and Assessment**

**Updated Estimated Impact as of November 16, 2015**

- Human lives, Health and Safety
- Counties Impacted: Lexington, Richland, Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, Florence, Horry, Williamsburg, Dorchester, and Charleston
- DDSN Personnel Costs
  - Overtime \$100,000 to \$150,000
  - Compensatory \$130,000
- DDSN Operating expenses - \$25,000
  - Generators, water and food
- DDSN Regional Centers Physical Plant
  - Roof and building damage \$600,000
  - Utilities - \$60,000  
Storm water systems, grading, transformer/power grid, exterior lighting
- DDSN Community Providers Physical Plant - \$500,000
- Resources
  - FEMA
  - State Insurance Reserve Fund
  - Private Insurers

- Current Focus

- Repairs
- Air quality issues

- Lessons Learned

- DDSN will compile and add more information to its Emergency Management Plan about preparing for a possible flood event and a list of Do's and Don'ts during and after an event to mitigate negative outcomes.
- DDSN will increase/improve food service preparation/water purification equipment and back up measures.
- DDSN will increase/improve on-site water supply.
- DDSN will review and evaluate possible use of MREs or other food alternatives.
- DDSN will develop protocol for licensure exceptions within the agency's authority during emergencies.
- DDSN will ensure its providers of case management services have remote access to information necessary to contact consumers/families to assess their status and offer assistance.
- DDSN will continue its effort to ensure providers have access to additional generators to better utilize day program facilities as temporary service shelters.
  
- DDSN would appreciate a review of the state's use of purchasing cards during emergencies to include the length of time authorization limits are lifted.
- DDSN would appreciate increased flexibility regarding the Office of State Fire Marshal requirement of a sprinkler system to be present in all dwellings which is an impediment to temporarily relocating consumers receiving residential services.
- DDSN would appreciate review of the process to ensure bottled water available from State Emergency Management Division is still in date and acceptable for use.
- DDSN would appreciate increased flexibility regarding DHEC licensure requirements to allow maximum capacity of facilities be exceeded temporarily.