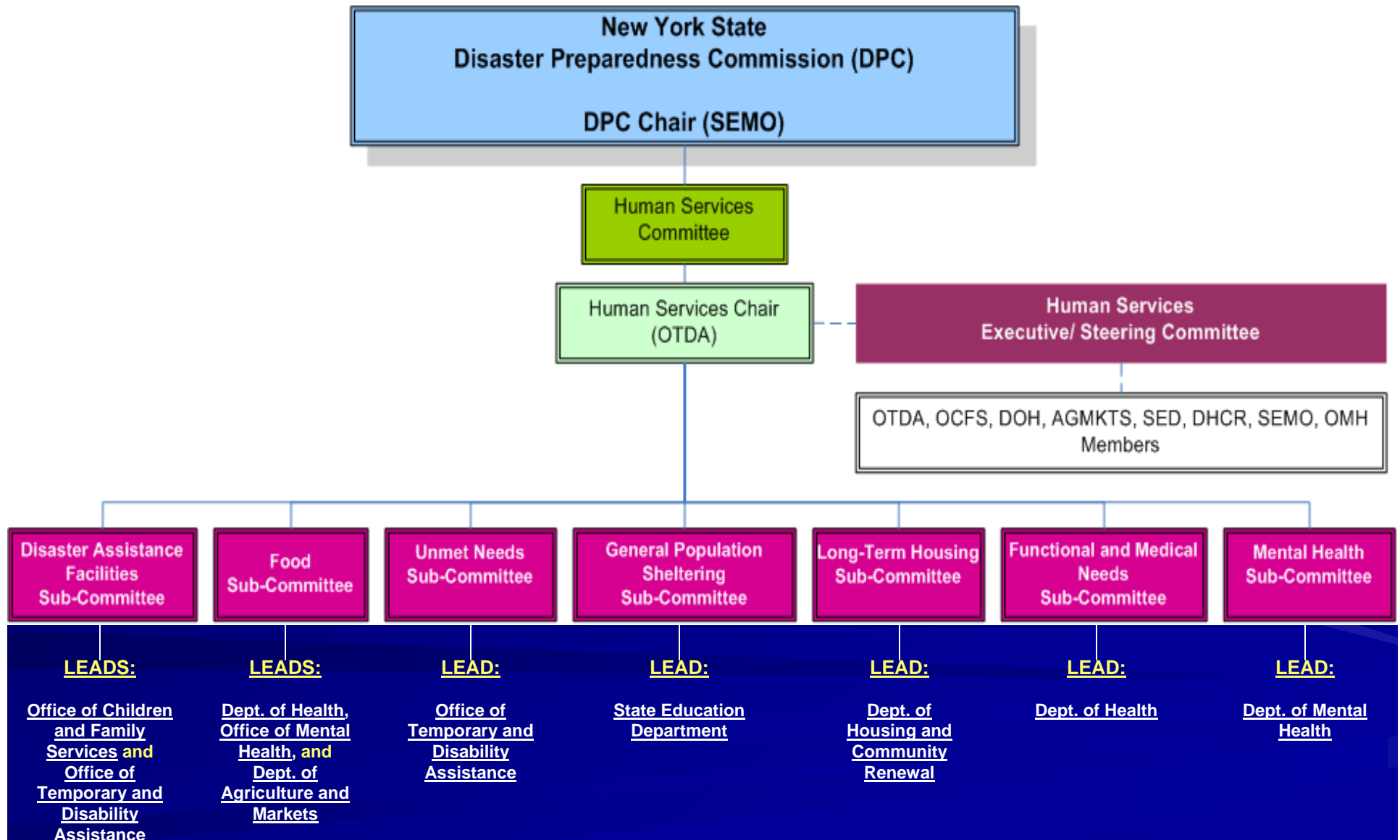


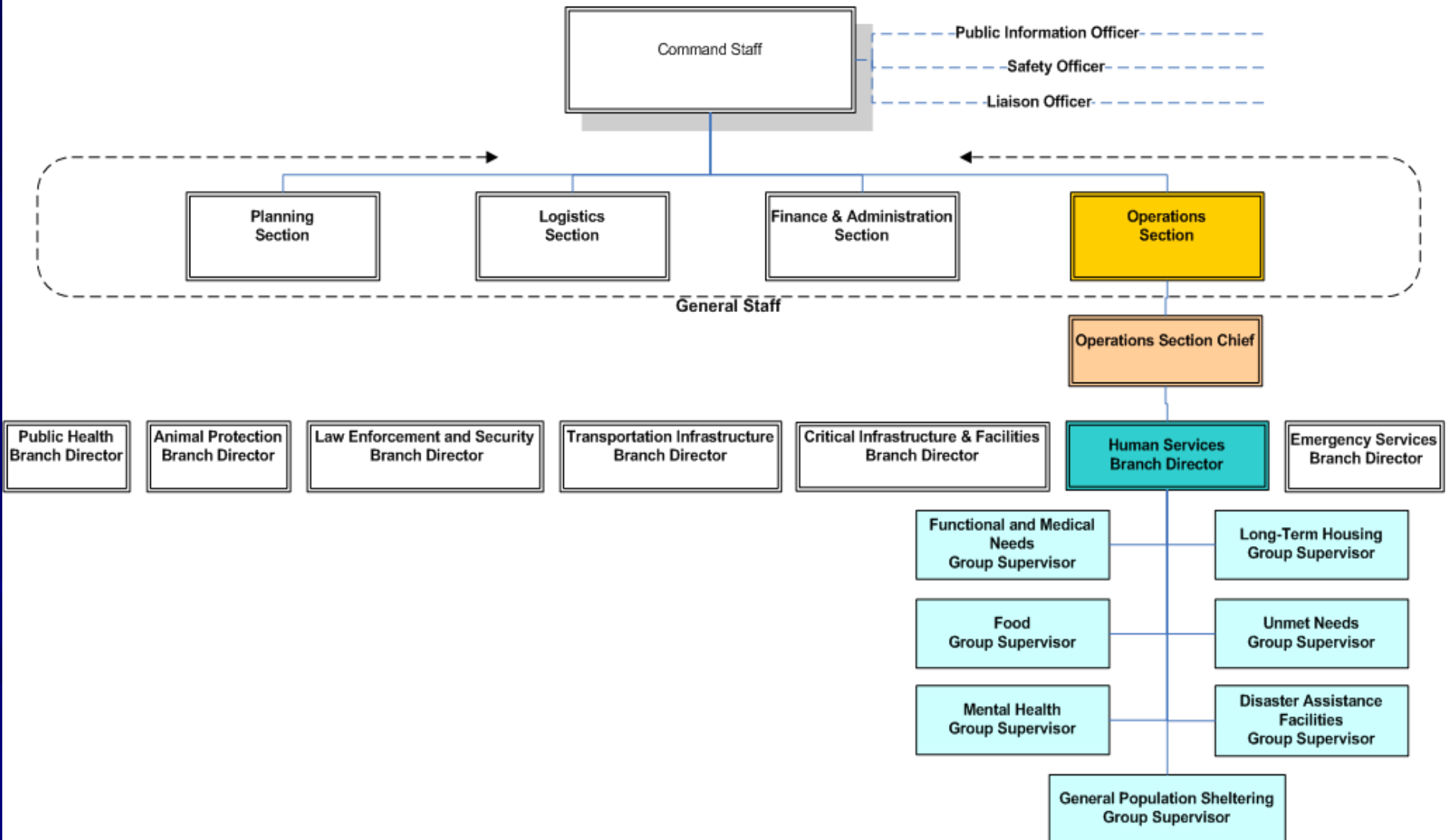
**NEW YORK STATE
COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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HUMAN SERVICES ANNEX &
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NON-DISASTER OPERATIONS HUMAN SERVICES CHAIN OF COMMAND



EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS HUMAN SERVICES CHAIN OF COMMAND



Functional and Medical Needs

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Member Agencies:

- New York State Office for the Aging
- State University of New York
- Office of Children and Family Services
- State Education Department
- Healthcare Association of New York
- NYS Commission on Quality Care & Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities
- NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
- American Red Cross
- Home Care Association
- Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

History and Scope of Functional and Medical Needs Group Activities

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Origin

- 2001 identified need to plan for State's vulnerable populations
- Group was put together with representatives of State agencies and private partners
- Basic plan drafted

Overall mission

- Support and promote response and readiness activities for Functional and Medical Needs Sheltering on local and community levels

Original Focus

- Response
- Short Term Recovery

First Tests of Plan

- Small Table top
- Hurricane Pierce Exercise – large group; helped identify many training issues

Camp Smith

- Post Katrina – NYS elected to establish a shelter for citizens displaced by the hurricane
- Camp Smith, a NYS military facility was converted to shelter space
- Brought focus to the need to rewrite the plan and make it realistic and operational

Scope Expanded

- Realized the need to be able to provide mass care
- Identified many specific needs to be addressed in shelter planning (signage, communication supports, mobility limitations, etc.)

Plan Grew

- Plan expanded, became much more specific in set up, operation, staffing and supporting shelter resident needs

June 2006 Floods

- Group oversaw response efforts to June flooding upstate – localized shelters
- Pointed out further needs for fine tuning the operational and communication functions of the plan

County/Local Templates

- Created a template planning documents for county and local planners to use in sheltering strategies

2007 Sheltering Summits

- Educational efforts designed to promote local and county collaborative planning
- Included:
 - General Population Sheltering
 - Functional and Medical Needs Sheltering
 - Animal Sheltering

Scope is Evolving

Moving from Response to Preparedness

- “The chief responsibility of government is to protect the citizens, communities and economic vitality of our State and Nation – and individuals must share a burden of that responsibility,”
- “Therefore, it is imperative that citizens take the time now to be prepared before storm warnings are posted by reviewing their emergency plans at home and at work to ensure their safety and that of their loved ones.” (Governor Patterson)

Citizen Preparedness

- State initiative promoting preparedness for all
- Working with regional groups to encourage and support planning for the special needs populations

Functional and Medical Needs Sheltering



Functional and Medical Needs Sheltering

Group Mission

Upon activation, act as an auxiliary source of functional and medical needs sheltering to counties during periods when local, county and established mutual aid resources are exhausted.

Definition

Functional/Medical needs shelters will house those individuals who need assistance with medical care and/or personal care during evacuation and sheltering because of physical, emotional or mental impairments or disabilities; but do not require nursing home, hospital or other institutional care.

Functional and Medical Needs Sheltering

Group Functions

- Develop a FMN sheltering plan for the State
- Provide technical assistance for vulnerable population self-preparedness
- Assist with county and local FMN shelter planning
- Monitor and provide technical and other support for county and local sheltering during a disaster
- Establish and operate state shelter(s) under certain circumstances

Overview

- Functional/Medical Needs shelters are a safe refuge immediately before, during and after an emergency condition
- “Shelters are a lifeboat, not a cruise ship”
- The goal is to maintain shelter residents’ health and functional status for a short period of time and expedite their safe return to their previous living situation.

Population Served

- Require non-inpatient, ongoing medical care or supervision
- May have functional limitations that require assistance with activities of daily living when separated from their environment, usual care giver(s), service animal or equipment

Examples*

- Blind, visually, or hearing impaired – dependent
- Post-acute stroke, cardiac, cancer
- Wheelchair bound; requiring assistance
- Diabetic – need assistance with insulin
- Developmentally disabled
- Individual requiring wound care
- Medically fragile, chronically ill

* individuals with disabilities or health concerns who are self managing, with or without a caregiver, are expected to be served by General Population Shelters

Basic Considerations for Opening a Shelter

- Qualified and sufficient staff
- ADA facility w/climate control
- Meet or exceed ARC guidelines for shelters
- Accessible transportation
- Communication technologies
- Electrical generation capabilities
- Medications, DME and oxygen, medical and administrative supplies
- Operational supplies (beds, cots, blankets, food, water, personal care items, etc.)
- Coordination with pet sheltering

Expectations of Local Government Receiving a State Shelter

- Local Government maintains primary responsibility
- Assign a local shelter manager to work with the State team
- Provide for appropriate veterinarian/animal sheltering
- Provide decontamination for residents, if required
- Provide transportation services for shelter residents
- Mass evacuation of shelter if needed

Expectations of Local Government Receiving a State Shelter

Continued

- Provide security/law enforcement for shelter
- Safely close or consolidate shelters (prioritize closure of state shelter)
- Assess need for long term mental health services for those affected
- Ensure safe and appropriate discharge for shelter residents

Future Activities- Preparedness

- Improve our ability to effectively communicate with shelter residents
- Development of SMERT
- Training for FMN sheltering
- Encourage additional local planning

How you can be involved

- Have a personal preparedness plan
- Help family or friends develop a plan
- Find out about your local FMN shelter plan
- Participate in local information registries
- Volunteer for local planning and/or exercises