



**PORTLIGHT
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The Getting It Right Workshop

Hampton Roads, Virginia

Agenda

Day One - February 24, 2015

- 8:00am–9:00am** **Registration & Breakfast (*provided*)**
- 9:00am–9:10am** **Welcome – Portlight Strategies, Inc. and the Hampton Roads Catastrophic Planning Team**
- 9:10am–10:30am** **Susan Dooha, Executive Director of the Center for Independence of the Disabled New York (CIDNY)**

Susan Dooha was one of the main plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed against the City of New York after hurricane Isaac. Susan has extensive experience in the Independent Living Movement, emergency preparedness and response for people with disabilities. Susan will discuss what led up to the case filed against the City of New York and solutions created as a result of the lawsuit.

10:30am–10:45am **Break**

10:45am–12:00pm **Sid Wolinsky, Director of Litigation Disability Rights Advocates**

The Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) represented CIDNY in the lawsuit filed against the City of New York. Sid will give a background on the DRA and how the DRA has helped people with disabilities. Sid will discuss the lawsuit filed against the City of New York and other lawsuits that have been filled as a result of the success in New York.

12:00pm–1:00pm **Lunch (*provided*)**

1:00pm–2:15pm **Janet Schumacher, City of Charleston ADA Coordinator**

Janet is an expert on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Janet will identify issues people with disabilities face during times of disaster. Janet will give tools and to insure full ADA compliance which will decrease the risk of litigation.

2:15pm–2:30pm **Break**

2:30pm–4:00pm **Cathie Hutchins, Virginia Senior Assistant Attorney General**

Cathie Hutchins is with the Office of the Attorney General providing legal counsel to various public safety agencies. In this role she will review the state code as it applies to emergencies, shelter liabilities and the legal areas that need to be addressed at the local level.



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8:00am–9:00 am Breakfast (*provided*)

9:00am–10:15am Marcie Roth, Office of Disability Integration and Coordination for the Department of Homeland Security / FEMA

Marcie was appointed by President Obama to her position in 2009. Since 2009, Marcie has led FEMA's commitment to meet the access and functional needs of children and adults with disabilities in emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. Marcie will give insight to how FEMA serves people with disabilities on a national level during emergencies and disasters.

10:15am- 10:30am Break

10:30am–11:45am American Red Cross

Representatives from the American Red Cross will discuss how the organization has reorganized and restructured to better serve people with disabilities. The American Red Cross will share how the organization works with Portlight Strategies and similar organizations to serve people with disabilities before, during and after disasters.

11:45am–12:45pm Lunch (*provided*)

12:45pm – 1:45pm June Isaacson Kailes, Disability Policy Consultant

June is a pioneer of emergency management and people with disabilities. Her breadth and depth of experience in access and functional needs and her work as a writer, trainer, researcher, policy analyst and advocate is widely known and well respected. June will discuss best practices for emergency managers regarding people with disabilities.

1:45pm – 2:00pm Break

2:00pm – 2:45pm Table Top Exercises, Led by FEMA

This table top exercise was developed for the Integrating Access and Functional Needs into Emergency Planning class taught at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute. The purpose of this activity is to help explore how an emergency operation center functions during an emergency incident that disrupts normal operations. This exercise will test your knowledge of the principles of integrating and access and functional needs concerns into emergency management and identify solutions.

2:45pm – 3:00pm Break

3:00pm – 4:00pm Emergency Management Panel Discussion

The panel will consist of representatives from all aspects of emergency management for people with disabilities. Attendees will get the chance to ask the experts questions about integrating access and functional needs into emergency planning. This discussion will

create valuable dialogue between the experts and emergency managers to create solutions to better serve people with access and functional needs before, during and after emergencies and disasters.