

**SAMHSA's Interface with the National
Disaster Platform
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Presentation Purpose

- To update you on the impact of the recent developments in the Federal Government's national response efforts.
- To update you on changes underway.

National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released NIMS document in March 2004.
- A consistent nationwide approach for all levels of government to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for and respond to domestic incidents.
- It consists of a core set of concepts, principles and terminology for incident command and multi-agency coordination
- Proven compliance is a condition for receiving preparedness dollars.

Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) of 2006 Public Law 109-417

- The Act was signed into law on December 19, 2006.
- Substance abuse is not addressed throughout the entire document.
- Mental health is addressed in 3 minor areas:
 - As a small element of the mandated National Health Security Strategy.
 - As a small part of a common training curriculum
 - As an optional partner in the Partnership for Regional Hospital Preparedness program.

PAHPA vs. Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act of 2002

PAHPA

- No requirements for funded programs (NBHPP and CDC) to fund Disaster mental health preparedness
- Dissolution of bioterrorism training programs (BTCDDP)
- Minimal concern for Disaster mental health response and preparation

Act of 2002

- Mental health accounted for roughly 10% of NBHPP budget (around \$45M per year) and one of 14 critical benchmarks with reporting indicators
- BTCDDP – 63% awardees train mental health workers (6,000 per year)
- Moderate support for the inclusion of mental health into state public health response plans

Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-21

- President Bush signed HSPD-21 on October 18, 2007.
- Establishes accelerated timelines for elements evident in PAHPA.

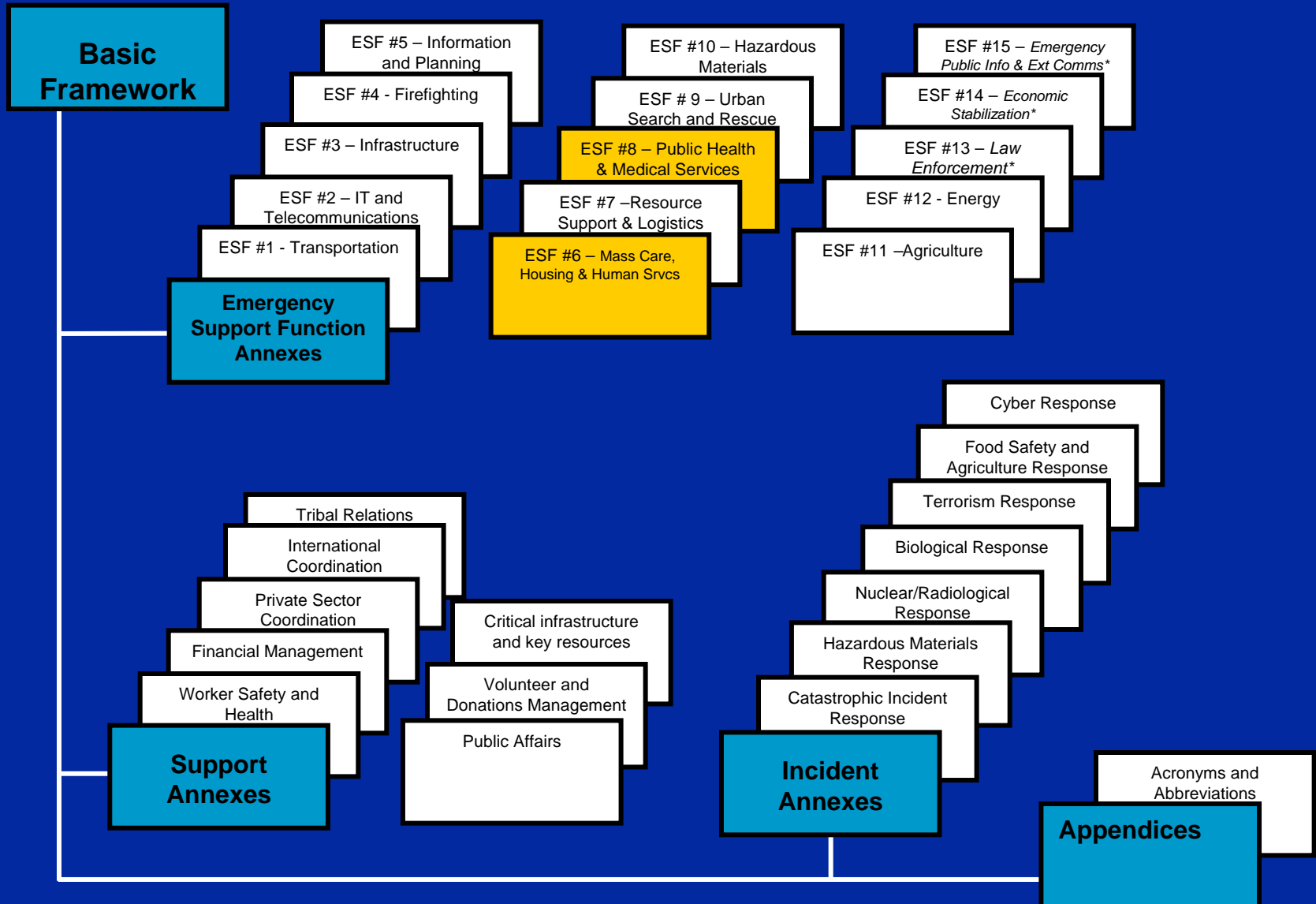
Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD-21

- Addresses mental health - “(31) Recognizing that maintaining and restoring mental health in disasters has not received sufficient attention to date, within 180 days after the date of this directive, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Secretaries of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security, shall establish a Federal Advisory Committee for Disaster Mental Health.

National Response Framework (NRF)

- Department of Homeland Security released the NRF on January 15, 2008.
- Emphasizes the coordination between local, State, private and public entities in response to disasters, and only when overwhelmed, would Federal support be available.
- Increased role of local and regional preparedness
- Broadens the scope from Incidents of National Significance to all incidents ranging from modest localized events to those of catastrophic proportions

Organization of the NRF



National Response Framework

ESF 8

- ESF 8 is coordinated by DHHS
- Emergency Support Function\ESF 8 changed to include “Public Health and Medical Services include responding to needs associated with mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse considerations of incident victims and response workers”.

National Response Framework

ESF 6

- ESF 6 has been changed to include Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services.
- DHS is solely responsible for coordination (not in conjunction with Red Cross) and supported by DHHS and other Departments.
- DHS is also responsible for coordinating voluntary contributions and assistance offers.

Reference Documents

- Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act -
<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c109:S.3678>
- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 21-
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/10/20071018-10.html>
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<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nrf/nrf-core.pdf>
- Emergency Support Function 8 – Public Health and Medical
<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nrf/nrf-esf-08.pdf>