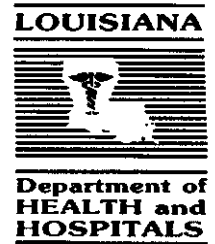




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SECRETARY

Thyra Lowe, M.C.R.P., Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Lowe:

Thank you very much for your generous offer of support to the state of Louisiana as we recover from the disaster from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. On behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, I would like to request that you and your partners assist us in a variety of ways, which I have listed below:

1. Provide mobile systems integrating into our existing plans as well as those of FEMA and the federal Department of Health and Human Services.
2. Set up in locations which would best serve transitional communities, rural locations, and walk-up clinics.
3. Collaborate with our Infectious Disease Epidemiology staff to determine how your disease surveillance system can be implemented.
4. Collaborate with partners on client tracking.
5. Integrate Southern University Systems (SUS) response plans into the overall response as is practical.
6. Provide eight-member acute and primary care teams with your volunteers initially and then by hiring local employees where available.
7. Work with pharmaceutical companies to facilitate procurement of prescription medications needed by patients.
8. Provide services for 18 months, with six-month reviews.
9. Negotiate other needs/situations as they arise.

The State of Louisiana needs your assistance as soon as you are able to mobilize your team. As you know, in the response and recovery phases after a disaster, local resources are of limited availability and must be used for disaster victims so the fact that your team is self-contained will be very helpful.

Thank you again for your offer. We look forward to a partnership that nobly serves the people of the State of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

Frederick P. Cerise, M.D., M.P.H.
Secretary

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Dr. Erin Brewer, Public Health Medical Director