

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDA OF  
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, in response to terrorist acts of September 11, 2001, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), on September 11, 2002 adopted a Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP); and

**WHEREAS** in the RECP federal state and local governments and other public and private stakeholders agree that the region must have a coordinated response to health emergencies, including both bio-terrorism and naturally occurring health emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government provides public health services as a local employer and as a federal agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services been voluntarily participating in COG health planning; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the members of the COG Health Officials Committee desire a formalized partnership for coordination and communication before, during and in response to health emergencies,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:**

1. The Board of Directors encourages partnerships that strengthen communication and collaboration in support and implementation of the RECP.
2. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall be invited to join the Health Officials Committee and participate in RICCS and related communication and coordination efforts with COG and its regional stakeholders.
3. COG may accept in kind donation of services from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
4. The COG Executive Director and is authorized to prepare and execute memoranda of understanding with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to implement this relationship.