

Exercise Evaluation Guide

Exercise Name: North Central Texas Council of Governments Recovery Tabletop Exercise
Exercise Date: January 15, 2020

Organization/Jurisdiction: North Central Texas Council of Governments

Mission Area: Recovery

Exercise Objectives

- **Objective 1:** Gather information in order to validate the North Central Texas Recovery Framework, specifically its approach to coordination, organization, and collaboration that can be implemented by all jurisdictions to better prepare for disasters.
- **Objective 2:** Review critical functions for recovery related to economic recovery, health and social services, housing, infrastructure, land use planning and development, and natural and cultural resources.
- **Objective 3:** Explore the role of local government, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations in supporting community recovery.

Core Capabilities

- **Planning.** Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level approaches to meet defined objectives.
- **Public Information and Warning.** Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as actions being taken and assistance being made available, as appropriate.
- **Operational Coordination.** Establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.
- **Economic Recovery.** Return economic and business activities (including food and agriculture) to a healthy state and develop new business and employment opportunities that result in an economically viable community.
- **Health and Social Services.** Restore and improve health and social services capabilities and networks to promote the resilience, independence, health (including behavioral health), and well-being of the whole community.
- **Housing.** Implement housing solutions that effectively support the needs of the whole community and contribute to its sustainability and resilience.
- **Infrastructure Systems.** Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community.

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- **Natural and Cultural Resources.** Protect natural and cultural resources and historic properties through appropriate planning, mitigation, response, and recovery actions to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate, and restore them consistent with post-disaster community priorities and best practices and in compliance with applicable environmental and historic preservation laws and executive orders.

Organizational Capability Target	Associated Critical Task	Observational Notes and Explanation of Rating	Target Rating
Objective 1: Gather information in order to validate the North Central Texas Recovery Framework, specifically its approach to coordination, organization, and collaboration that can be implemented by all jurisdictions to better prepare for disasters.	Identify leadership roles to direct post-disaster recovery.		
	Identify an organizational structure for coordinating government, private-sector, and nongovernmental recovery partners to support disaster recovery efforts.		
	Discuss the phases of recovery and build consensus on the priorities that would be set for each phase.		
Objective 2: Review critical functions for recovery related to economic recovery, health and human services, housing, infrastructure, land use planning and development, and natural and cultural resources.	Explore recovery challenges and activities related to land use planning and development, including damage assessment, inspections and permitting, community engagement and long-term planning, historic preservation, and hazard mitigation.		
	Explore recovery challenges and activities related to health and social services, including donations and volunteers, individual and family services, public health and medical services, schools and academic institutions, and community resource centers.		
	Explore recovery challenges and activities related to infrastructure recovery, including damage assessment, debris management, utility restoration, and public facility repair.		
	Explore recovery challenges and activities related to economic recovery, including business restoration, retention, and recruitment, as well as employment and workforce support.		

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	Explore recovery challenges and activities related to short-term and long-term housing.		
	Explore recovery challenges and activities related to natural and cultural resources, including environmental remediation and restoration and community arts and recreation.		
Objective 3: Explore the role of local government, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations in supporting community recovery.	Identify potential recovery roles for local government, the private sector, and nonprofit organizations to support community recovery.		
	Use plain language when discussing recovery so that operations can be easily understood by all stakeholders in the region who may implement it.		
	Suggest how regional stakeholders could work together to coordinate community recovery and post-disaster needs.		
		Final Core Capability Rating	

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Ratings Key*
P – Performed without Challenges
S – Performed with Some Challenges
M – Performed with Major Challenges
U – Unable to be Performed
*see definitions on next page

Ratings Definitions

Performed without Challenges (P)	The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s) and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.
Performed with Some Challenges (S)	The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s) and did not negatively impact the performance of other activities. Performance of this activity did not contribute to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers, and it was conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws. However, opportunities to enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency were identified.
Performed with Major Challenges (M)	The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were completed in a manner that achieved the objective(s), but some or all of the following were observed: demonstrated performance had a negative impact on the performance of other activities; contributed to additional health and/or safety risks for the public or for emergency workers; and/or was not conducted in accordance with applicable plans, policies, procedures, regulations, and laws.
Unable to be Performed (U)	The targets and critical tasks associated with the core capability were not performed in a manner that achieved the objective(s).