

The Role of BSAS in All-Hazards Coordination

Emergency Planning and Response

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BSAS

- The Bureau of Substance Abuse Services is the single state authority in charge of overseeing substance abuse prevention and treatment services in the Commonwealth.
 - *<http://www.mass.gov/dph/bsas>*

BSAS Services

Responsibilities include:

- *Licensing programs and counselors*
- *Funding and monitoring prevention and treatment services*
- *Providing access to treatment for the indigent and uninsured*
- *Developing and implementing policies and programs*
- *Tracking substance abuse trends in the state.*

Prevention

- Prevention Services can include programs that target all residents in the community, programs that focus on particular groups of individuals who are at high-risk in a community, and coalitions that work with multiple systems in a community.
 - *Regional Centers for Healthy Communities*
 - *Prevention Programs*

Treatment

- Residential Under 30 Days: short-term acute treatment for individuals who require intensive care and support.
 - *Acute Treatment Services*
 - *Transitional Support Services*
- Residential Over 30 Days: for individuals who recently stopped using, are medically stabilized and able to participate in a structured residential treatment program.
 - *Recovery Homes*
 - *Social Model Homes*
 - *Therapeutic Communities*
 - *Residential Services for Families*
 - *Youth Residential Programs*

Treatment (cont'd)

- Ambulatory Services:
 - *Outpatient Counseling*
 - *Day Treatment/ Intensive Outpatient Treatment*
 - *Acupuncture Services*
 - *Compulsive Gambling Services*
 - *Opioid Treatment*
- Aftercare/Recovery Support:
 - *Supportive Case Management*
 - *Community-Based Case Management*

Other BSAS Services

- Homeless Services
- Driving Under the Influence
- Statewide Support Services:
 - *Support funded system of prevention and treatment programs statewide with technical assistance, project coordination, and training on a range of topics.*

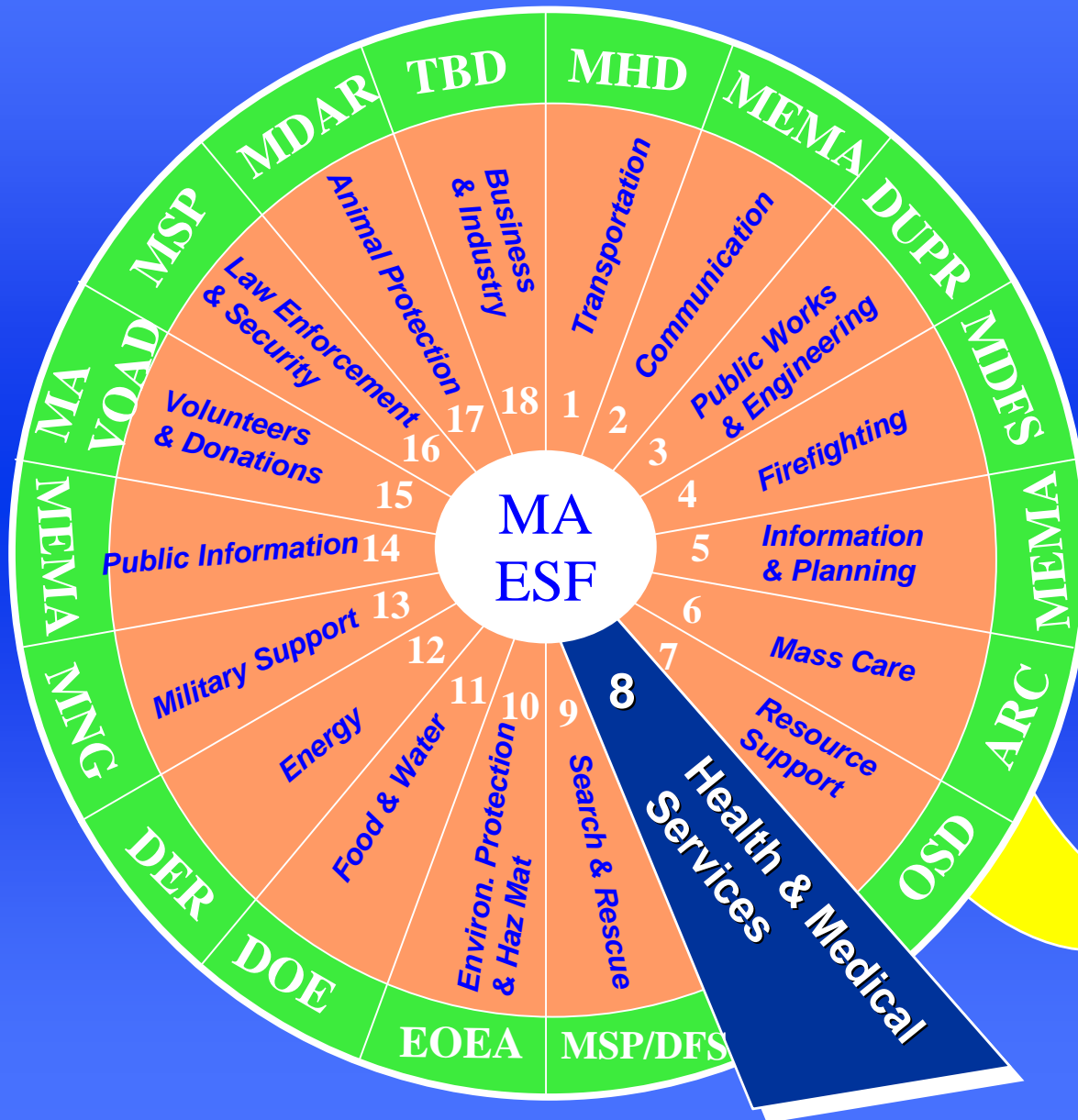
History

- Post-911 SAMHSA funded affected states for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (Behavioral Health Disaster Response, or BHDR)
- DMH and DPH partnered to provide:
 - *Summit on Trauma and Substance Abuse*
 - *Co-sponsorship of 2002 Emergency Management Conference*
 - *MassSupport online resource*
 - *School-based health center project*

Substance Abuse in Emergencies and Disasters

- The role of substance abuse services in emergency planning and response is new and evolving...
- The BSAS response to emergencies and disasters is part of BHDR, administered by DPH, in collaboration with DMH.

Emergency Support Functions



Players include:

- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Local Agencies
- Private Sector
- Volunteers

Substance Abuse in Emergencies and Disasters (cont'd)

- Immediate issues:
 - *Services*
 - *Individuals:*
 - ✓ *Active*
 - ✓ *In Recovery*
 - ✓ *Self-medicators*
 - ✓ *Co-occurring disorders*
 - Mental Health
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Trauma

Substance Abuse in Emergencies and Disasters (cont'd)

- Issues over time:
 - *Relapse*
 - *Coping mechanisms that become dysfunctional*
 - *Linkage between SA and Trauma*

Role of BSAS in All-Hazards:

1. **All-Hazards Coordination:** *How emergencies and disasters affect substance abuse service providers*
 - When Services are Affected:
 - ✓ *Not accessible*
 - ✓ *Interruption of Operations*
 - ✓ *Medication/Opioid Treatment*
 - BSAS offers its providers:
 - ✓ *Oversight / Protocols*
 - ✓ *Technical Assistance / Trainings*
 - ✓ *Tools (Planning Guide) and Resources*
 - ✓ *All-Hazards Plan*

Role of BSAS in All-Hazards:

2. Behavioral Health: *How substance abuse service providers affect emergencies and disasters*

- Disaster Response: *Substance Abuse Counselors have the expertise to identify and deal with AOD issues that people may present at the scene of an emergency or disaster*
- BSAS offers its providers: *BHDR trainings, drills, support, recruitment and deployment*

Role of BSAS in All-Hazards:

3. MassSupport: *In collaboration with DMH, BSAS designed and developed MassSupport, operated by The Medical Foundation:*
- ✓ *An online resource database, searchable by geographic location: <http://mass.gov/samh>*
 - ✓ *A 24/7 toll-free helpline: 1.866.237.8274*
 - *BSAS provides: website content and information maintenance.*