

Historical Perspective of the Northwest Region

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Prior to 1995 – Risk managers in broad region meet to discuss risk – included Fauquier, Mary Washington and Lynchburg

1996-1997 – Began to carve out a meeting on Emergency Management and focus on a specific exercise.

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1998 – NATO Meeting in Washington – UVA invitation to report bed availability from other hospitals – 100% participation over 5 days

1999 – Y2K – sharing preparation and plans with verbal agreement of support

VaLiance – More formal arrangement

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2000- 2001 prior to Sept 11th – Focus on both JCAHO and Weapons of Mass Destruction formalized a basic MOU

Bioterrorism Mass Casualty Task Force – pulled public health regions into the mix

September 11, 2001

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January 2002 – Northwest Regional meeting

August 2002 – State Divides into Regions

Including our Partners - Organizational Efforts

VHHA

VDEM

VDH

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Promise of Continued Relationships

- Willingness to Learn
- Unified Focus –Regional Strength
- Greatest Good for the Greatest Number
