Hurricane Katrina
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Regional Coordinating Center for Hurricane Response - Linking Lessons Learned to Policy and Practice Options

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RCC Purpose

To mobilize the combined resources of:
- ➤ NIH-funded Centers of Excellence in Partnerships for Community Outreach, Research on Health Disparities and Training (EXPORT Centers) and
- ➤ Affiliated academic health centers

to mitigate the Public Health Emergency Impact of Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters on high disparity populations in the Southeast and South Central regions of the United States, as well as, other Centers of Excellence in those states the Secretary has identified as Public Health Emergency States.

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RCC Targets

Balanced Healthcare

Information Technology

Strategic Response Infrastructure

Telemedicine

Research Network

Community-based screening and surveillance

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Patients arrived as early as 10:30pm.

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New Orleans Health Recovery Week

- February 6-12, 2006

- Audubon Zoo, New Orleans, Louisiana

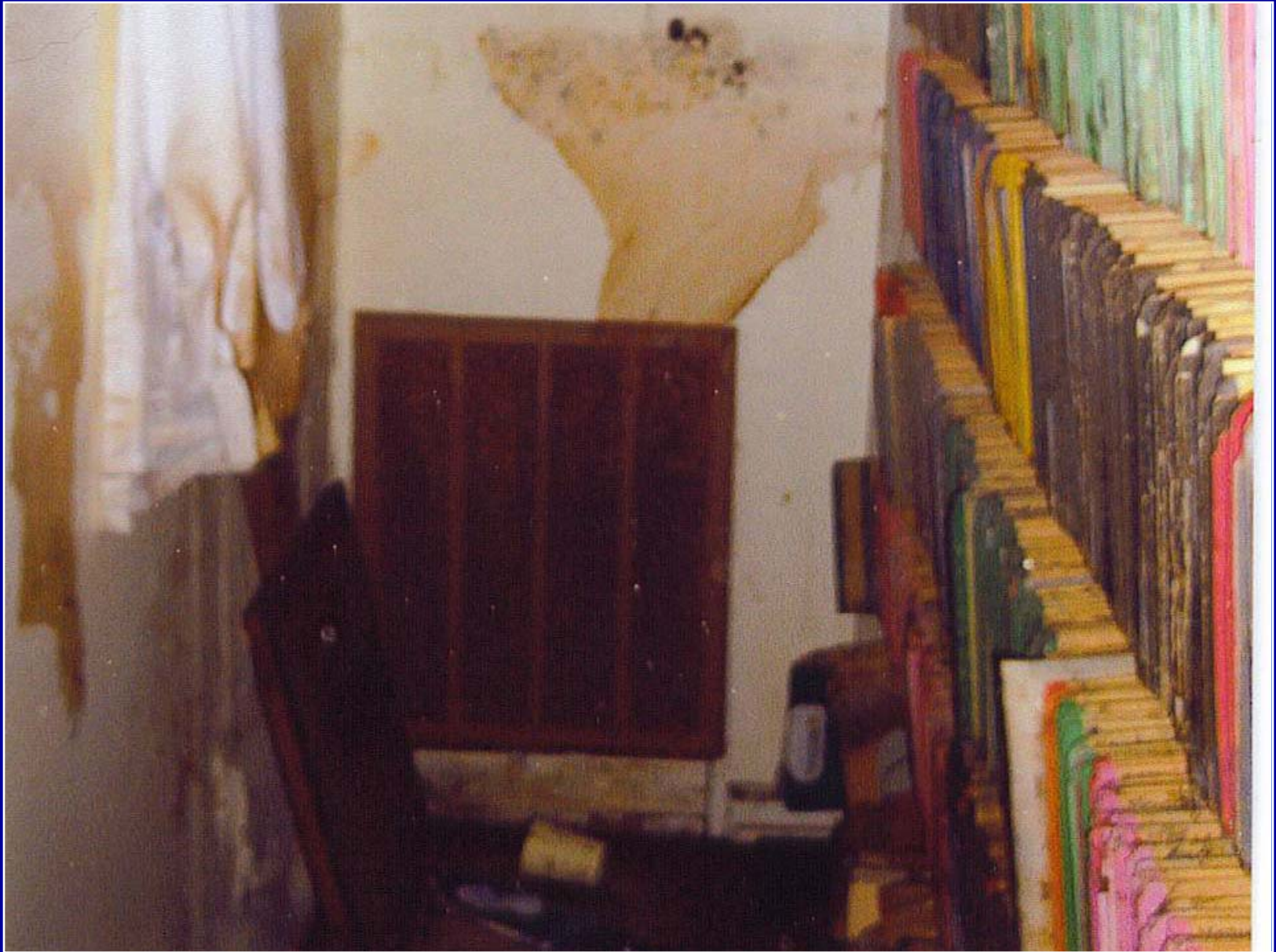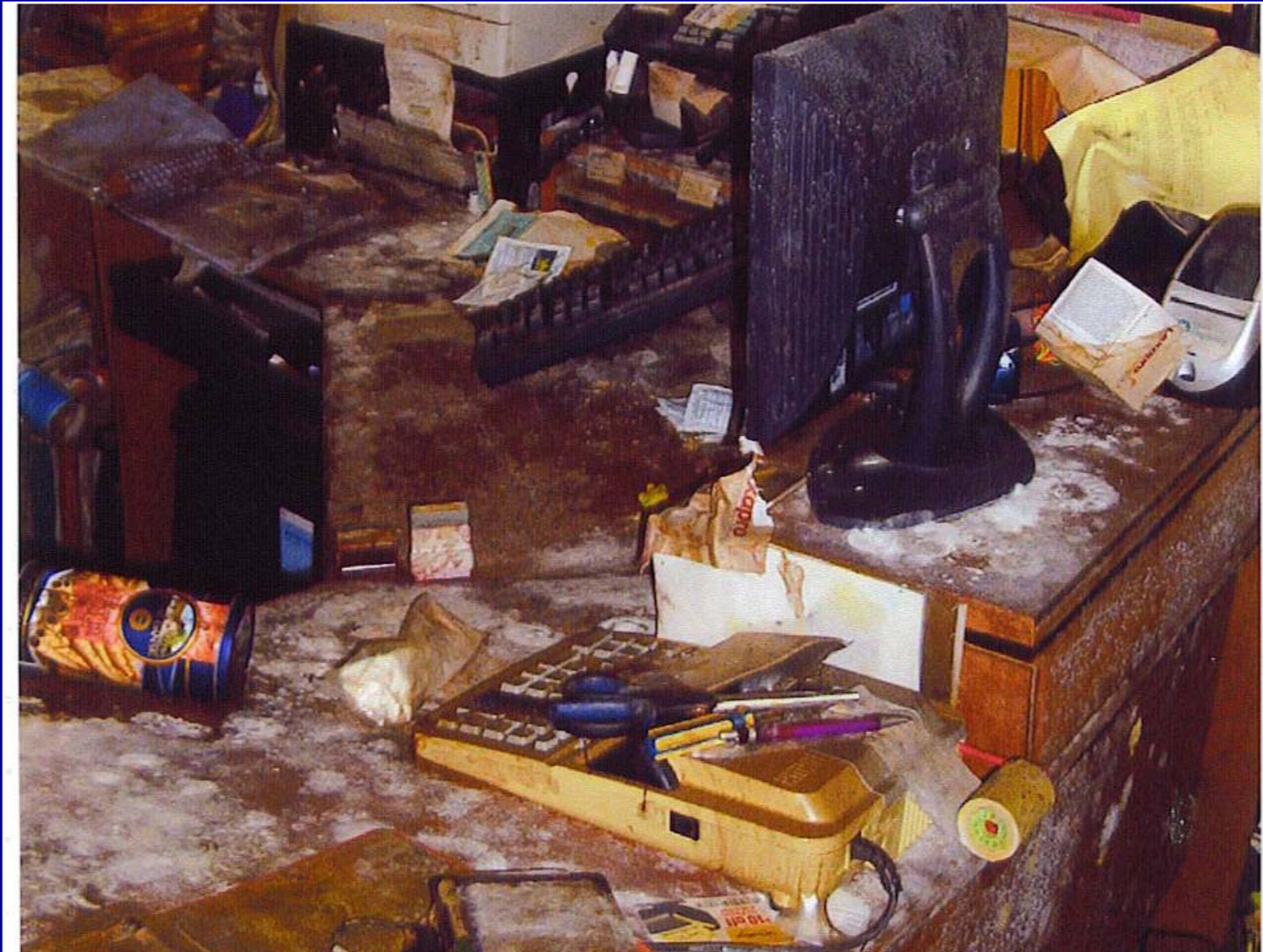- Sponsored by the New Orleans Health Department, the RCC, and Remote Area Medical, Inc.

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New Orleans Health Recovery Week

- $1.2 million in services were provided.
  - >6000 participants and >18,500 encounters
  - 3250 dental encounters with nearly 1,600 tooth extractions and more than 2,000 dental fillings
  - More than 1700 people received optical screening, and more than 1300 received prescription glasses.
  - 4500 personal health records were created.

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Katrina Phoenix

Katrina Phoenix: Access to Patient Information - From Soggy to Secure

- Relief for year one on healthcare IT infrastructure

- System is implemented in the Northstar network

- Provider can select electronic medical record/practice management solutions (Companion, Misys, Allscripts, SOAPWare)

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- Electronic medical record/ practice management license provided by project donation or one of their choice

- $7,200/year ongoing cost after year 1

Personal Health Records

- OurHealthMinistry.com with Universal Patient Record Information System (UPRIS)

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Policy Implications

- Should the government finance or merely regulate the health care industry's switch to electronic records?

- If the government bankrolls the upgrade, what form of financial assistance should clinicians receive?
  - Direct Grants?
  - Incentives?

- How should the government handle security concerns regarding electronic records and the rules governing access to them?

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