

# New York State Volunteer Program

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# Existing State Volunteer Program

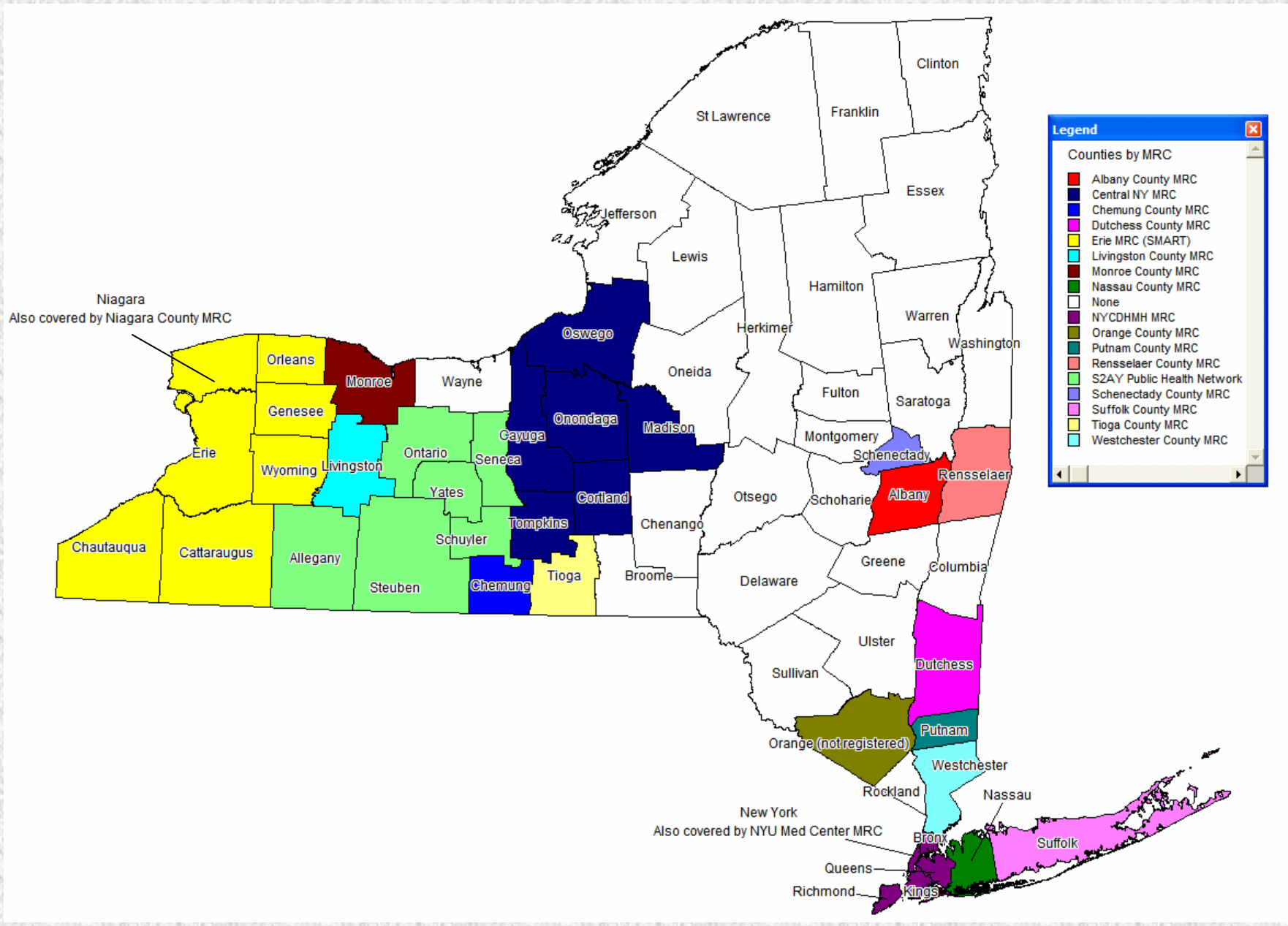
## One Database

- NYSNA recruits nurse volunteers
  - MSSNY recruits physician volunteers
  - Licensed medical professionals register on-line as a state volunteer through HPN (pharmacists, dentists, PAs, NPs, podiatrists, veterinarians, etc)
- 20 MRCs
  - 2 known hospital based team
  - Local Health Department POD volunteers
  - Recruit through SED Board of Professions

# NYSDOH Volunteer Program

- Over 10,000 medical volunteers are enrolled and include the following professions:
  - Physicians
  - PAs
  - RNs
  - NPs
  - LPNs
  - Dentists
  - Vets
  - Pharmacists
  - Midwives
  - Respiratory Therapists

# MRC Coverage Areas



Develop a statewide strategic plan for healthcare volunteers that is fully integrated and coordinated and supports both public health & healthcare response needs and increases the healthcare workforce in responses to emergencies without supplanting local volunteer efforts.

Single software application and database with processes and protocols to manage routine and emergency activities both a local and State level.

- Registration
- Recruitment/Retention
- Resource Typing (ESAR-VHP, NIMS compliant)
- Credentialing & Privileging
- Alerting/Activation
- Deployment/Mobilization
- Drills & Exercises
- Tracking & Reporting
- Medical Emergency Response Teams
- Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers

# Integration

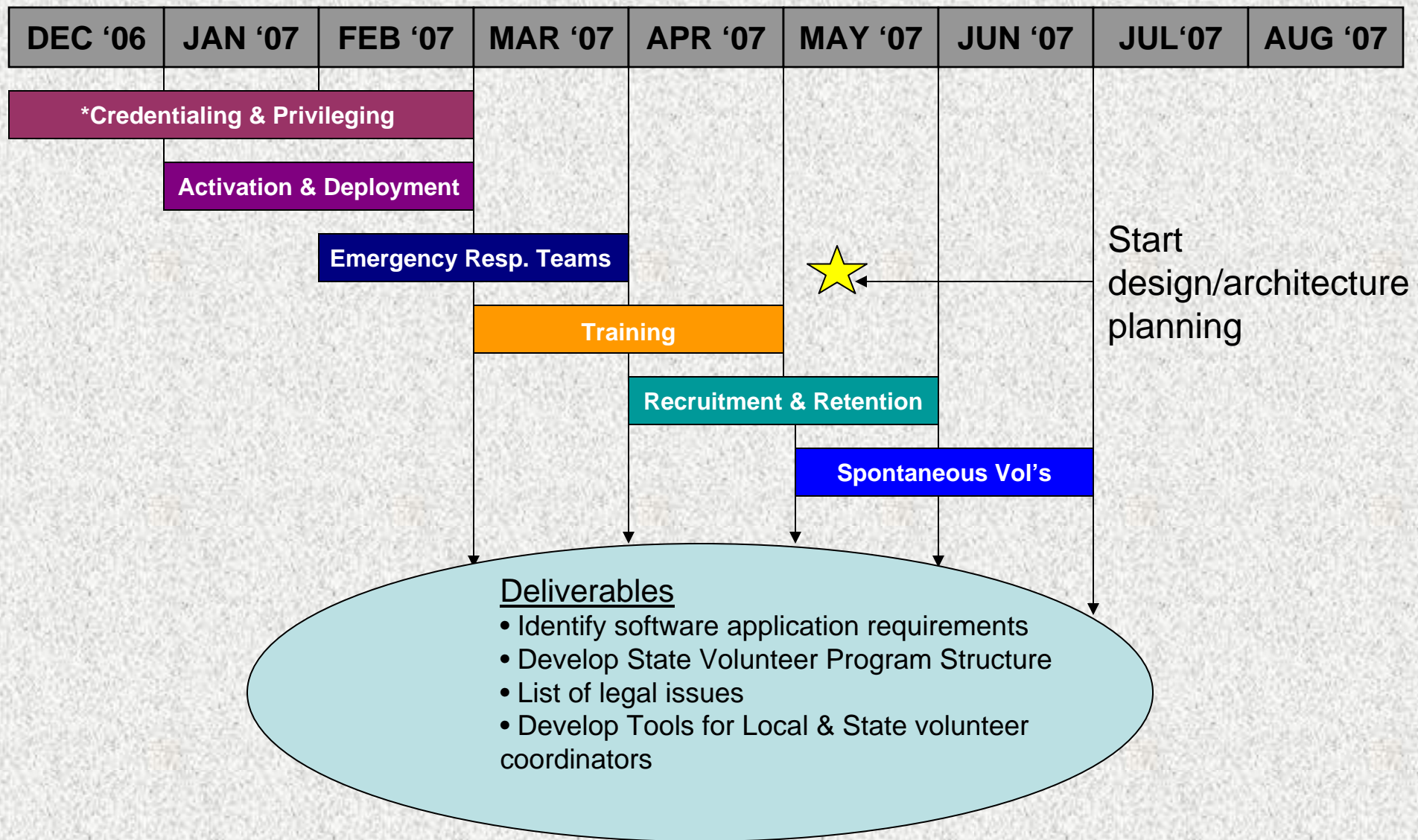
- Sharing of tools, resources, dollars\$\$
- Identify volunteers who volunteer for multiple agencies
- Remove duplications
- Identify recruitment opportunities
- New York City/New York State commuters

# Balance

- ✓ Federal Requirements
- ✓ State Planning Initiatives
- ✓ Home Rule
- ✓ Local capabilities
- ✓ Pre-existing systems
- ✓ Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis



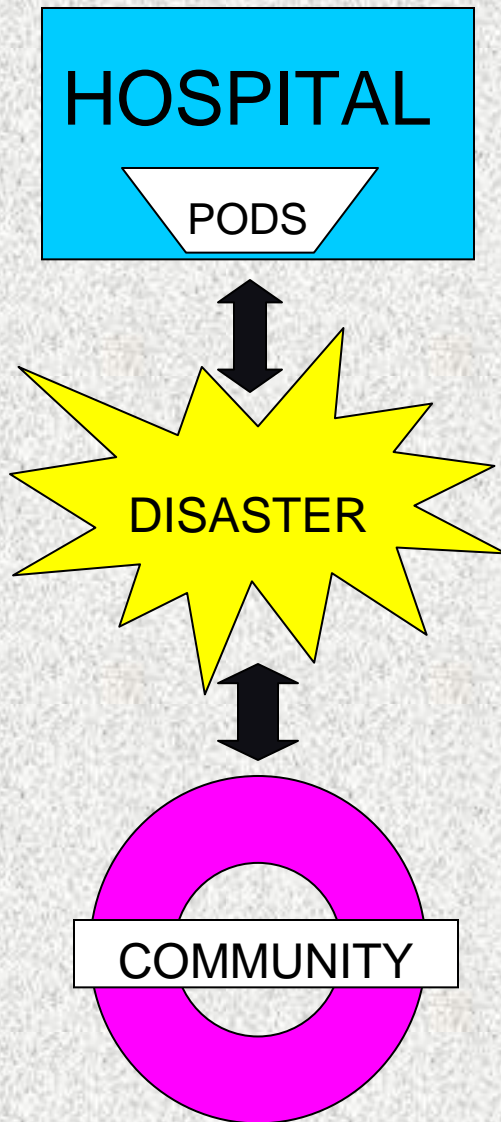
# Volunteer Project Timeline



# Partners

- GNYHA
- NORMET
- HANYS
- WNY Healthcare Assoc.
- Iroquois Consortium
- HHS (DMAT)
- HHS (ESAR-VHP)
- NYSACHO
- NYSNA
- MSSNY
- NYCDOHMH
- LIJ-North Shore
- MediSys Health Network
- Medical Reserve Corps
- NYS Chapter Medical Staff Officers
- Local County Health Depts.
- State OHS
- NYSEMA
- SED
- SEMO
- Regional Resource Centers
- EMS
- PHP Informatics Governance Group
- American Red Cross

# Planning Assumption



➤ **Healthcare Facility Staff Augmentation**

➤ **PODS**

➤ **Alternate Care Sites**

➤ **Triage Sites**

➤ **Special Needs & Medical Shelters**

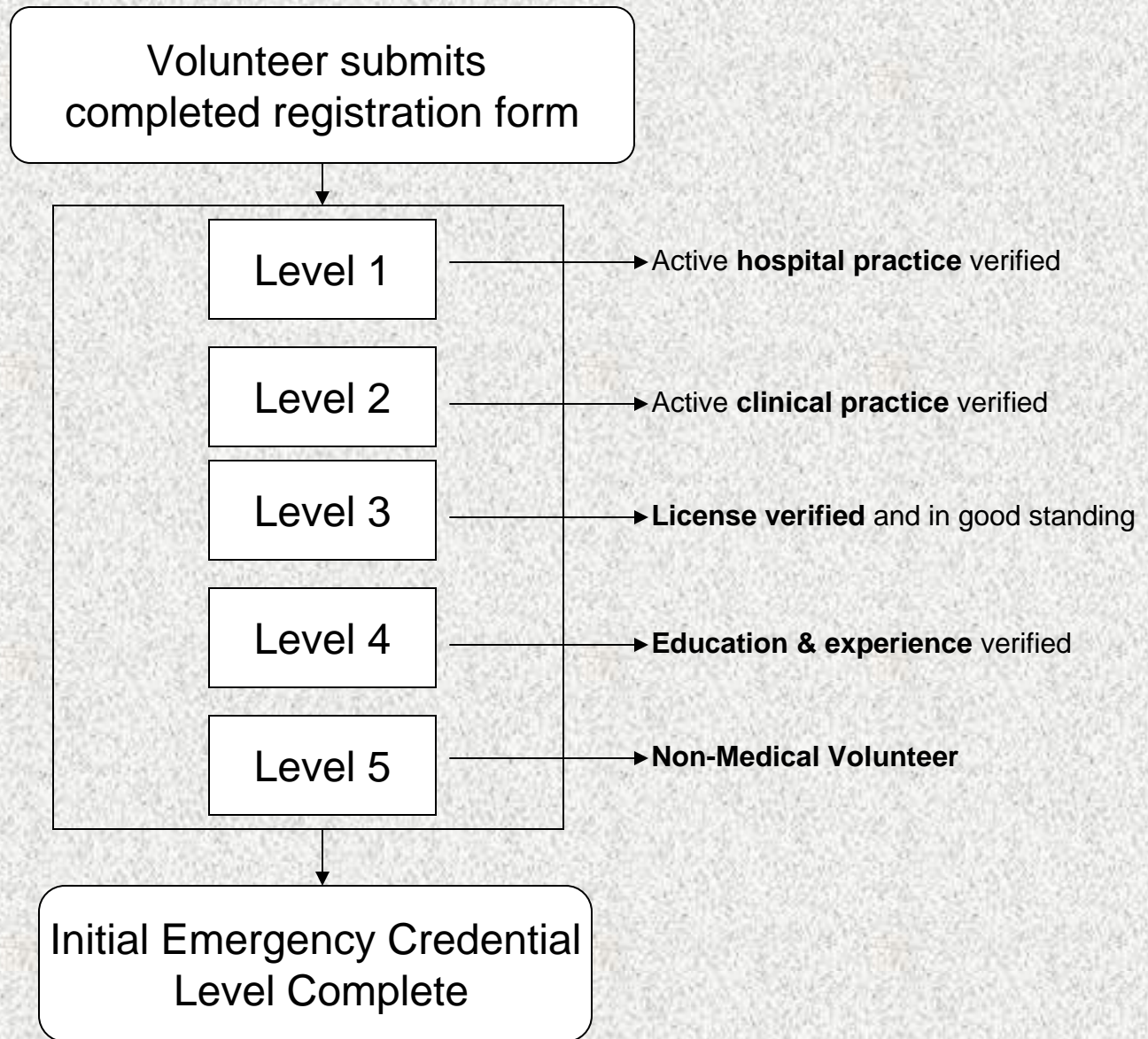
# Emergency System for the Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals Program (ESAR-VHP)

**Credential Verification:** License, National Practitioner Databank Status, DEA license, Inspector General Status, Medical Specialty

**Healthcare Practice Verification:** Hospital Privileging, active clinical practice

# Emergency Credential Level Status Codes

Volunteer Emergency Credential Level will be updated as credentials are re-verified



# Accomplishments

- Pilot test of software applications and registration process
- Verification of licensure (OPMC and DEA to an extent)
- Recruiting Respiratory Therapists
- Integration with NYC
- Pending pilots include Hudson Valley Drill, Fall Flu Pods
- National recognition for development methodology

# QUESTIONS?

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