D5.4: Looking on the bright side of the storm

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Abstract:
Introduction: The purpose of this presentation is to discuss new research opportunities following a natural disaster that has major impact on a university and a surrounding community. Research opportunities may be hard to see when devastation is apparent, but research is needed into ways to cope with adversity.

Method(s): Earlier presentations in this symposium focused on research challenges after Hurricane Ike slammed into Galveston Island and surrounding areas in September 2009.

Results: In order to successfully adapt to natural disasters and see opportunities in them, researchers need to consider various options. Topics to be discussed in this paper will include: 1) essential post-storm considerations for taking care of self and business (e.g., attitude, resources, workload or other obligations); 2) seeing and seizing new opportunities (e.g., adapting ongoing research; seeing new needs, gaps, collaborative opportunities; examining post-disaster changes
and outcomes in education, technology, or practice); 3) decisions about individual or collaborative research; 4) timing considerations; and 5) lessons learned to be more prepared for future challenges or opportunities.

Discussion & Conclusions: Several examples of opportunities taken will be described. From post-disaster ruins, new growth can emerge.

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