

**Table 18. Descriptive Analysis of VISN 8 Support to External Requirements Capabilities**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>N(%)</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Mean (SD)</b>	<b>N(%)</b>
<b>National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)</b>	2.00 (1.00)		<b>Response/Interface with Community Healthcare Organizations</b>	2.50 (.55)	
Exemplary		1 (33.3)	Exemplary		3 (50.0)
Excellent		1 (33.3)	Excellent		3 (50.0)
Developed		1 (33.3)	Developed		
Being Developed			Being Developed		
Needs Attention			Needs Attention		
<b>Bed Expansion under DoD/VA</b>	2.20 (.84)		<b>Connectivity with HHS and Other Federal Agencies</b>	2.60 (.55)	
Exemplary		1 (20.0)	Exemplary		2 (40.0)
Excellent		2 (40.0)	Excellent		3 (60.0)
Developed		2 (40.0)	Developed		
Being Developed			Being Developed		
Needs Attention			Needs Attention		
<b>Response/Interface with State and Community Emergency Management Authorities and State and Local Public Health</b>	2.00 (.89)				
Exemplary		2 (33.3)			
Excellent		2 (33.3)			
Developed		2 (33.3)			
Being Developed					
Needs Attention					

**\*Note.** 1 = Exemplary; 2 = Excellent; 3 = Developed; 4 = Being Developed; 5 = Needs Attention

**\*\*Note.** N may vary by capability as not every capability was assessed at each facility