

## **AFN Coalition Meeting December 13, 2017**

### **Those in Attendance:**

Southwest Utah Public Health, Paulette Valentine, Brittney Rivers  
Iron County POST High, Jerel Johnson  
Dove Center, Madonna Melton  
RRCI, Alison Muir  
Brookdale, Dave Pool, Samantha Small  
Rise, Brooke Snell  
Switchpoint, Kristen Clark  
United Way, Jodi West  
Southwest Behavioral Health, Neal Smith  
Washington County EM, Jason Whipple  
Iron County EM, John Higley  
Enoch City EM, Rob Dotson

### **Welcome and Objectives: Brittney Rivers**

Mission Statement: The role of AFN Coalition is to identify the needs of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs before, during and after disasters and to integrate them into the emergency plans held by both businesses and individual families.

### **Video & discussion: Preparedness Buddy.**

We have lots of preparedness buddy brochures in our office. The AFN individual fills it out and give it to their buddy as a resource. Personal Responsibility

### **211 Registry:**

Managed by the United Way... \*211 is a resource for many things so you need to specifically ask for special needs registry when registering. Brittney reported on her efforts to get the information on Preparedness Buddies and also \*211 during IEP meetings so parents of those with Special Needs have the information.

### **Discussion on emPOWER data: Paulette.**

Discussion on current numbers and also how if the number is 11 it can reflect any number 1-10 in reporting to keep confidentiality of those with needs.

### **Planning tips: Where to Start? C-MIST**

C- Communication. During an emergency, people with communication needs may not be able to hear announcements, see signs, understand messages or verbalize their concerns. Planning is key to helping them through an emergency.

**We also discussed Unis.**

We discussed that once registered on UNIS we will have a training next meeting on how to be an administrator. If you do not want to be an administrator you can send us your contact lists through an excel spreadsheet and we can upload it and send the messages out for you. For now we would ask for you to register on UNIS as a start point.

**Medical:**

Discussion on how the law has been changed to be able to get your non narcotic prescription filled 3 days early and how after filling early a few months now you have a reserve stockpile in case of emergency. Brittney is asking for help getting pharmacies involved in the coalition to be of a resource when planning how to get needed meds and supplies in an emergency situation. The Dispensary of Hope kept at the hospital was brought up as a possible resource and also Omnicare could be a contact to try.

**Independence:**

Individuals may become separated from their assistive equipment in an emergency. The ESF8 coalition was discussed. The next meeting is January 25th at 9:00 am at the DXATC building at 610 S. Airport Road. The healthcare alliance that has newly been formed to be a resource of emergency volunteers that can be called to help with caring for AFN patients during an evacuation or other emergencies.

**Supervision:**

During an emergency, some people with AFN may be able to function well while others require a more protected and supervised setting. The Healthcare Alliance is also a resource to be used when there is extra supervision needed during an emergency.

**Transportation:**

Pre-Planning evacuation needs helps prevent chaos during an emergency and many people can function independently once evacuated to safety.

**Next meeting is scheduled for March 28th at 10.**

We discussed having a UNIS training and discussing Medical/Health Response Community Support Team. Please invite those you think would be interested.

**Assignments:**

-Register on UNIS before the next meeting in order to receive training on how to be an administrator.

-Join our Facebook AFN Coalition Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/784336338407802/> (or search Access and functional Needs Coalition for Southwest Utah.)

-Encourage those you service to register under 211 Special Needs Registry

**Future Meeting ideas:** Go over where the fault lines are in our area.