AFN Coalition Meeting

6 June 2018

Notes

We gave out and discussed handouts on the C-MIST planning framework and Preparedness Buddy

Paulette gave instruction on what United Way's 211 service can and cannot provide

Steve discussed the benefits of UNIS and how to access the service

Iron County emergency planner, John Higley, shared a sample emergency action plan

Pharmacist, Russ Tobler, spoke about how patients can fill prescriptions a few days early and over time build up an emergency stockpile (non-narcotics), ways pharmacies work together to help patients access prescriptions in personal emergencies. He shared how pharmacies in this area are supplied and how they network to mitigate shortages.

Petersen Medical Supply Manager, Christi Bardsley shared how they always provide 2 extra tanks of oxygen and advise clients to call for a replacement if they use one so that they always have at least one spare. We discussed the wisdom of having backup batteries for medical equipment.

Paulette explained what PODs are and how they would function during an emergency. The next closed POD drill is scheduled for September 6, 2018.

Samantha Small who works for Brookdale (assisted living company) here in St. George shared her experience of being "deployed" by her company to a sister facility during the northern California fire last fall - she helped evacuate residents in their jammies/nighties in the middle of the night, they had short notice because the fire was moving so fast, they only had time to grab the med carts, no time to grab individual patient charts....very interesting first-hand account of helping clients in an emergency situation.

Next AFN Coalition meeting will be September 5, 2018