

MINUTES - ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS COALITION MEETING, SWUPHD

2 SEPTEMBER 2020 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – KIRSTEN MINER, ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS ADVOCATE, SWUPHD. ATTENDEES: 13 IN HOUSE AND APPROXIMATELY 45 ONLINE/PHONE (SEE ROSTER)

TRANSPORTING CLIENTS DURING PANDEMIC – JAMES JETTON, SHELTER MANAGER, IRON COUNTY CARE AND SHARE

We've seen increased need for food, transportation and PPE. We've seen an increase in the number of people needing pantry services who have never used the services before. We're trying to meet needs and keep everyone safe in the process. When the pandemic hit we had to learn how to continue to help clients and keep our doors open. Intake process changed. When people come to shelter, they go to quarantine. After negative test, can move into shelter. But how to get clients to testing? Care & Share van was being used at first. We developed guidelines, implemented sanitizing procedures, use of PPE. As other needs surfaced, we realized didn't have enough resources. A local faith-based organization has a volunteer that takes clients to stores, doctor appts, etc., and they offered to take our clients to testing also. Offsite transportation was another issue. Partnering with other organizations in town helps us get these clients to appts and stores also. Would like to give a shout out to Kirsten for assistance with PPE and guidelines and procedures to use.

Q&A: How many people serviced and how much increase? Pantry services have increased. Mobile community pantries. Shelter has seen an increase, some due to job loss, definitely more for people leaving domestic violence - case management provided by Canyon Creek Shelter.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND COVID-19 – MICHAEL LEE, RISK MANAGER, WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

As a state entity, we have to comply with state mandates. Students and personnel are required to wear masks. What we want more than anything, is the students and teachers in schools. If having to wear masks makes that happen, then we are willing to do that. Our numbers are great, so far. We have not found any cases of school transmitted COVID-19; we've been in school for 3 weeks. We are in a unique position; we affect so many people, with 26,000 students, plus 4,000 staff and volunteers.

At school – how to treat students who flat out won't wear a mask, or personnel observes a student not wearing a mask. If the student refuses, they are sent to office. If still no, office will notify parents to come take the student home due to failure to adhere to school policy (treated the same as a dress code violation). For bussing: We provide masks on the busses with assigned seating charts; non-compliance requires student to sit at front of bus, then sent to office upon arrival at school. Non-compliant children can't be left behind at bus stop. HD cameras on busses. This whole thing is difficult. I would like to make it clear. We are compliant. We are not going above and beyond, but we are being precise in our efforts. We are listening to the community and to the state and trying to do all we can to stay neutral and safe.

COVID-19 SOUTHWEST REGION UPDATE – DAVID HEATON, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, SWUPHD

Check www.swuhealth.org for information on COVID-related data. Daily case counts have been lower recently. Recovered numbers are positive cases 21 days later, excluding deaths. Hopefully, you received your 'Health' magazine in the mail. It is a great resource. Visit the website rt.live for numbers R_t , a key measure of how fast the virus is growing. It's the average number of people who become infected by an infectious person. In Utah it is currently less than 1.0. If R_t is above 1.0, the virus will spread quickly. When R_t is below 1.0, the spread is slowing.

EVACUATE AND TRANSPORT PATIENTS – TRAVIS HOOPES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ST. GEORGE REHABILITATION

On Aug 23rd, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of our facility was flooded. Mud and rain everywhere. Water coming in through doors as well as air conditioner units. Quick response from fire dept and search and rescue. It was an amazing experience. We had to evacuate 37 patients. We have a text group that we use with our sister facilities; their transport vans were on the road and coming within 10 minutes; our vans were under water. We had patients in beds, some in wheelchairs, that were initially moved into hallways that were not affected. Three of our five hallways were affected. Within an hour and a half, all patients had been transported; 10 to another wing in our facility, 27 to other locations. Coral Desert Rehab had an empty COVID floor, so patients were temporarily staged there until admitted to sister facilities. We practice and talk about these things a lot, but actually doing it is completely different. Nursing director was having to put medications together to send with patients. Our CNA's went with our patients to other facilities to calm and assist them in getting settled. Lots of blessings, all things considered. No one got hurt. We were able to use the plan that we wrote. The only thing we can think of updating would be to assign specific responsibilities to specific personnel. Anticipate recovery/renovations to take 5 months.

VACCINE UPDATE AND FLU SHOOT OUT – MIKE GALE, DIRECTOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, SWUPHD

Every year the SWUPHD puts on a flu shoot out in each county; this is how we exercise our mass vaccination plan. The HD is responsible to administer vaccine for terrorist-type biologic attacks, as well as pandemic. So, as COVID-19 vaccines become available, we will be implementing our POD (Point of dispensing) model for mass vaccination. We invite all of our AFN, healthcare or MRC coalition partners to come and see how we do it; come get your flu shot, as well.

FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Sept 22 - Walk-in 8-12 Wash Co fairgrounds Grafton Building, 339 5500 W, **Hurricane**

Sept 29 – Drive-thru 8-12 Red Cliffs Mall (For Adults) 1770 Red Cliffs Dr, **St. George**

Oct 3 – Walk-in 9-12 SUU PE Building 256 N 600 W, **Cedar City**

Oct 7 – Drive-thru/Walk-In 12-4 EMS shed 1100 N Main St, **Beaver**

Oct 8 – Walk-in 1-4 Ruby's Inn 26 South Main St, **Bryce Canyon City**

Oct 10 – Drive-thru/Walk-In 9-1 (free to Kane County residents) Fire Station 601 S 100 E, **Kanab**

Oct 15 – Drive-thru/Walk-In 11-4 EMS Shed 40 N 100 E, **Panguitch**