

**Minutes - Access and Functional Needs Coalition Meeting**  
**Southwest Utah Public Health Department - Google Meet**  
**2 June 2021 - 10:00 A.M.**

Welcome - Kirsten Miner, Access and Functional Needs Advocate SWUPHD – Focus today is on independence (see C-MIST framework). Update given on access and functional needs that were evident during the COVID-19 response through vaccination clinics in the five-county region. There were clients that needed help with walking. WashCo donated some wheelchairs for us to use that were very helpful. There was a blind gentleman that used Uber to get him to the clinic. We had a clinic time available for deaf people who needed ASL interpreting. Were there other things we could have done?

St George has recently had issues with fire and power outages. Do you have what you need to survive something like that? Do you have alternate power for your life saving equipment? Documents preserved. Does your organization have an alternate location where services/communication for clients could continue?

AFN Coalition Plan – The plan was read and discussed. A new copy will be sent to each of you.

Mike Gale - Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response Division; SWUPHD – After Action Assessment. 60% have received at least 1 dose. We still have our vaccination clinics in all 5 counties in our offices. The Southwest Utah Public Health Dept have distributed 97,832 doses as of May 31. Preparedness Buddy pamphlets available.

What have we learned? What have YOU learned? What challenges did you overcome?

- Robert Hardy - In the beginning, the older folks were having a real hard time getting appointments. Very frustrated.
- Sherri Dial - People who were homebound weren't able to get out and get the vaccine. They also couldn't get out to get services.
- Nanette Day - It was thought that those homebound would stay in, so not exposed. But those that got it, it was found that outsiders brought the disease to them.
- We had some good infrastructure in place and were able to quickly move to virtual meetings with clients
- Diego Acosta - We also deal with seniors, many people have no computer, lots of our communication is via video phones
- James Jetton – IC Homeless shelter couldn't shut down and work from home, so how to figure out how to provide pantry and shelter without becoming a hub for the disease. Good to realize how to protect people and get them transported to doctors and testing. You have to have a plan, then have a network to help work the plan. Partnerships are important.
- Denise Dastrup GC EM – We know our community. We feel like we were able to get a lot of them vaccinated.
- Kester Tapaha - Blind and visually impaired. Had some challenges, but was able to get there and get vaccinated.

Excused. Emily Davis - Healthcare Coalition Chair; SWUPHD – Comments from audience: PPE was wonderful. It was great to get those things when we really needed it.

Suz Roam – Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator; SWUPHD – Our volunteers have been amazing during this pandemic. We have had 140 volunteers donate over 4,341 hours to these Covid Vaccination Clinics. Some donated almost 200 hours. There were there when we needed them.

Kirsten Miner – It would be so helpful if organizations would work into their intake or discharge process the introduction of the Preparedness Buddy concept and encourage their clients to make it happen.

Thank you for your support! Send me your complaints/critiques/ideas so we can improve.

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**Next AFN Coalition Meeting – 1 Sept 2021**