

Access & Functional Needs Coalition **MINUTES** – 5 June 2019

Held at Southwest Utah Public Health Department at 10:00 A.M. Welcome and Introductions by Kirsten Miner, Access and Functional Needs Advocate – SWUPHD

Transportation Needs in an Emergency - Brian Akins from Washington County Council on Aging. Explained transportation service Dial-A-Ride (DAR) available to seniors age 60 and older as well as disabled persons over 19 for medical appointments, prescription pick-up, lunch or activities at the St George Senior Center, grocery shopping at various locations (call for details) and spousal visits. Operates Tuesday thru Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm in the St. George area. Suggested donation is \$3.00 one-way or \$5.00 round trip for all transportation provided. To schedule transportation, call the St George Senior Center at **435-634-5743**, choose option #1. <http://coa.washco.utah.gov/>

Transportations Services for People with Disabilities - Fred Davies from SunTran St. George City explained available services are similar to those of Dial-A-Ride. In addition to the public buses, there is special service available to people who absolutely cannot use the regular bus. Routes and schedules are found at www.suntranutah.com or www.sgcity.org In emergencies there is only so much they will be able to do, so it is imperative that people have their own emergency plans in place.

Resource Ready Skills Drill, After Action Review (AAR) by Paulette Valentine – SWUPHD, the drill was held in all five counties, with combined attendance of 364. Training was provided regarding what resources are available, how to request them and document actions for FEMA reimbursement. A catalogue of resources available in our region for emergencies will be made available.

Report on the Hospital Surge Test conducted in January, 2019 by Mike Gale – SWUPHD. He also reviewed the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) requirements and encouraged attendance at the Health Sector Emergency Planning (HSEP) Course on June 19 at the health department 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. **This course is designed to help agencies make emergency plans** and will be taught by instructors from The Center for Domestic Preparedness. It is free and lunch is provided. Register at the door, but bring your FEMA student ID number; to create that ID go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register>

All Washington County health and medical providers are invited to attend the ESF8 meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 8:30 A.M. at the health department 2nd floor conference room. This is emergency planning for response.

Review by Kirsten Miner of AFN Coalition goal to help people with access and functional needs prepare for emergencies; everyone encouraged to get the Preparedness Buddy pamphlets out to their clients. A Spanish version will be available soon.

Upcoming Events

June 11, 2019 10:00 A.M. Steps to a Healthier YOU Class at St. George Senior Center, 245 N 200 W, St. George, UT 84770. One-hour class taught by a certified lifestyle coach and a registered dietitian held every Tuesday through August 6 (except July 2nd). Those who attend at least 6 classes will be eligible for a free A1C test. <https://swuhealth.org/diabetes/diabetes-education/>

June 13, 2019, 8:30 A.M. ESF8 meeting, Southwest Utah Public Health Dept. 2nd floor conference room

June 13, 2019, 11:40 A.M. Private Sector Preparedness Group Seminar – Every other month 2nd Thursday at Southwest Utah Public Health Dept. 2nd floor conference room – **1-hour instruction on business continuity and resiliency to ensure a prepared workplace.** Next seminar: August 8, 2019 same time and place.

June 13, 2019, 6:00 P.M. Community Forum – Every 2nd Thursday at SWUPHD 2nd Floor Conference Room. Ask and learn about diabetes and prediabetes.

June 19, 2019, 8:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. at SWUPHD - Health Sector Emergency Planning (HSEP) Course