

Access and Functional Needs Coalition Meeting Minute

Southwest Utah Public Health Department 4th Floor Conference Room/Google Meet

1 December 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

Welcome – Joey DeAngelo – AFN Advocate SWUPHD

Focus of today's meeting is CMIST Support/Safety/Self Determination. As well the AFN state representative, Rich Foster, came down to attend the meeting.

Topic – CMIST Support/Safety/Supervision

This focuses on those that would need support and help or that cannot fully help themselves in case of an event or emergency. As mentioned by the County Emergency Managers, there is a struggle to find who these people are because the information and data provided is all unidentifiable and they can get more info during an emergency but at that point it is often too late to help. Rich Foster did mention that he has a state contact that can help explain the process to emergency managers to make it easier to get the information. The Preparedness Buddy Pamphlet is a great resource to help these people. There are plenty of these and the Health Department will gladly provide them as needed.

Utah Geriatric Education Consortium – Linda Edelman – Linda.edelman@nurs.utah.edu

Main focus is to help improve quality of life and providing resources to the community with a focus on the caregivers. Would love to work with community partners and help get people connected to the program. Please contact Linda to find out more details or work with the program.

Covid 19 Southwest Region Update – David Heaton – Public Information Officer SWUPHD

At the moment in the five counties 50% of people are fully vaccinated and 80% of the older and at-risk population is vaccinated. There have been a few up and down trends with infection and hospitalization with a current surge but the death rate has been lower. Vaccines are currently by appointment only, availability is as shown on www.swuhealth.org, but may change to walk-ins as demand lessens. Currently there is no expectation for a yearly shot, only the boosters. With Pfizer and Moderna anyone 18+ can get a booster 6 months after their second shot and with J&J anyone 18+ can get it 2 months after their shot.

Keep an eye out for our next edition of the Health Magazine which will be ready in the coming weeks and our weekly covid 19 updates can be found every week on our website.

Emergency Preparedness for Child Care – Carrie Sigler – 5 Counties – 435-628-4838 (Director of Care About Child Care)

Children cannot care for themselves in an emergency and it is the responsibility of the program owner/director to have a disaster plan and to inform and collaborate with parents. The program staff need to be educated and able to execute the disaster plan. They are assigned various responsibilities as needed to help carry out the plan.

MRC – Suz Roam – SWUPHD MRC Coordinator

From January to May we have had 140 volunteers donate 4,400 hours in our covid clinics. You don't need to have medical experience to be a part of the Medical Reserve Corp but about half of the volunteers do. Please tell us about events that need volunteers to give opportunities to volunteer in the community. Contact sroam@swuhealth.org with any opportunities for service or if you are interested in joining the MRC.

Round Table Discussion – What have we learned?

RRCI – Brenda

RRCI has an assistive technology program that can help with many different needs-based expenses such as putting ramps in a home, obtaining shower benches, car lifts, hearing aids, wheelchairs, etc. through the Utah Technology Grant.

Next AFN Coalition Meeting – March 2, 2022