

Access and Functional Needs Coalition Meeting
Southwest Utah Public Health Department
4 March 2020 10:00 – 11:30 A.M.
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Welcome and Introductions – Kirsten Miner, Access and Functional Needs Advocate, SWUPHD.

Online: Brody Johnson, Carrie Schonlaw, Cindi Steed, Denise Dastrup, Nicole Hynson, Norine Castro, Rick Cobia, Erma Rainey, Mary Slack

COVID-19 Update – David Heaton, Public Information Officer, SWUPHD. The novel coronavirus is similar to the virus that causes the common cold. It is not an airborne disease. It is droplet-borne. For accurate information, go to www.swuhealth.org and check for updates in our southwest region and links to worldwide websites. Even though WHO declared this a global emergency worldwide, it is still low risk in the US.

Questions and Answers.

Upcoming Pandemic Exercise – Mike Gale, Healthcare Preparedness Coordinator, SWUPHD. June 1-2 is a statewide pandemic exercise. We would love for you all to participate with your organizations, if you can. You need to get an MOU with us and then register to participate. Email us to get started mgale@swuhealth.org or sroam@swuhealth.org

Closed POD Partnership – Nanette Day, Branch Manager, Applegate Home Health & Hospice. Described how using the health dept. exercise has helped her organization become more prepared. And they had fun too!

Independence – Preparedness Buddy Report – Sharon Hinson, Advocate for the Blind. She shared how the Preparedness Buddy can be used.

EEE Conference Highlights – Suz Roam, Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator. She asked for comments from those who attended the conference. Overall, it was a great success with a variety of learning opportunities.

Resource Ready Catalog – these items are available to use in an emergency if you have no other sources.

Languages Strike Team and Other Resources – Kirsten Miner. If you or someone in your organization is fluent in a foreign language, please consider joining our Language Strike Team. In an emergency, like the bus crash in Garfield Co last year, you may be called out to help interpret and communicate with others.

Important Dates:

March 9 - Open House for Paulette's Retirement 11:00–1:00, SWUPHD 2nd floor conference rm

April 16 - Great Utah Shakeout – Register at <https://www.shakeout.org/utah/>

June 1 - Pandemic Exercise – Closed PODs

June 2 - Pandemic Exercise – Open PODs

June 3 - AFN Coalition Mtg 10:00 am