

Minutes

Access and Functional Needs Coalition Meeting

Dec 7, 2022

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

10:00 Welcome and Introductions Jana Hedelius AFN Advocate

SWUPHD

- Jana Hedelius worked as a Respiratory Therapist for 15 years. She has personal experience with family members that had Access and Functional Needs. She is excited to be part of the Emergency Preparedness Division at SWUPHD and focus on AFN emergency preparedness. Please reach out to her if you have any questions. Her contact information is

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10:05 Rich Foster Utah Department Of Health and

Human Services
(DDHS)- State
AFN Liaison

- Everyone either becomes a caregiver or a person that needs to be cared for. Rich is a caregiver for his wife as well as his role as the state AFN Liaison at UDHHS. The AFN coalition is there to provide tools to assist caregivers and professionals.
- DHHS has created a Preparedness and Health Equity Toolkit for People with Access and Functional Needs and can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/13MNAkyoKd-bntoz8nvdDc3JOYuYYdeYx/vi/ew?usp=sharing>
 - CMIST Framework
 - Communications
 - Maintaining Health
 - Independence
 - Support and Safety

- Transportation
- Has many great links to other AFN Emergency Planning resources

Understanding those we serve and plan with AFN Advocate Jana Hedelius SWUPHD

Reviewed definitions of who are those with Access and Functional Needs. More than 50% of people in America can be referred to as having AFN. Often left out of emergency plans. Planning with these individuals and not just “for” them is important

Special needs Registry Discussion:

- Working to encourage people to sign up for the Special Needs Registry at <https://specialneedsutah.org/>
- Kanab City would like to push out a press release to its residents about the registry. Mike and Jana will get a template from SWUPHD PIO and send it out to be adapted to fit the needs of the community. Will also send to other EMs as a template to use throughout the region.
- Several questions about the registry such as if people who were on it before needed to go back in and register again.
- Do city Emergency Managers have access to the Registry as well as the county Emergency Managers?
- George Colson, Iron County EM, would like to get access to the registry.
- Ken Kraudy with the Division of Emergency Management is now in charge of the registry. The registry is in process of being updated. For any questions you can contact him. kkraudy@utah.gov
- Chief Poulsen, Kanab City EM, would like to have training on how to log in and use the Registry.
- Coordination is the most important part of this effort. If one agency needs info they don't have but they know who can get it for them they can work together. Sharing contact information and knowing who has what really helps with emergency response.
- Having information prior to the disaster is also important
- Just because someone has signed up for the Special Needs Registry does not mean someone will come to save them. Needs to be part of the education.
- Preparedness Buddy encourages people with AFN to have a personal preparedness plan and have someone identified to check on them.
- Work with DME suppliers to encourage clients to have emergency preparedness plans. CMS requirements exist for preparedness plans for Home Health agencies.
- AFN, and AFN medical providers need to be at the table for coordination. AFN and ESF8 Coalition exist for this reason.

- DME, Home Health agencies are difficult to keep up with. Constant Turn over. Mike will share current DME supplier contact info that we have.

Hearing from the Community Brenda Mckee RRCI

- See RRCI PPT.. Website rrci@rrci.org
- RRCI Serves 9 counties in southwest utah “Empowering People with Disabilities”
- Independent living services, not a facility, help people live in their homes.
- No Cost Services,
 - Independent living skills
 - Advocacy
 - Assistive Technology
 - Loan Bank Equipment. Short term loans of assistive devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, etc. For up to 3 months, no income limits.
 - Nursing Home Transition and Diversion
 - Older Blind/ Low Vision
 - Peer Support
 - Youth Programs
- Offer many services that would be very beneficial to assist AFN during an Emergency. Would be very helpful for support of AFN at a Shelter or Evacuation Site.
- Have vehicles (bus) that could be used to transport AFN individuals in an evacuation.
- Recently Purchased emergency supplies including a Generator. Will put a resource list together to share with Emergency Management.
- Also working with Red Cross to help clients with Emergency Preparedness plans, Smoke Detectors, Fire Extinguishers etc.
- In Kanab once a month
- Valery Emory is the Cedar city RRCI. Covers Iron and Garfield County. Contact with George Colson.
- RRCI Have an evacuation emergency preparedness guide that would be great to pass along. Will share with AFN coalition
- Get loan bank equipment from donations from the community, and can be quickly accessible.
- Share contact information with County Emergency Management to partner. Add to the resource list at the EOC.

Upcoming Events: Next AFN Coalition Meeting - 3/1/2023