

Access and Functional Needs Coalition Meeting Minute

March 1, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Utah Special Needs Registry [Ken Kraudy](#) - Utah Division of Emergency Management/State Coordinator For Access and Functional Needs

The purpose of the registry is to assist local Emergency Managers in efforts to plan for and respond to the needs of individuals and facilities requiring special assistance in the event of a disaster. It allows vulnerable populations to identify themselves as potentially needing assistance in a disaster situation. The website is specialneedsutah.org.

Three people can have access to the data in each county/city and one of them has to be the emergency manager. If you are one of the other two people with access to the data, you will need to submit a Memorandum of Agreement outlining the use and limitations of the registry as well as the access protocol.

The website has more information than just the registry. It also has various sections on how to prepare and what to do in an emergency.

If you are not sure if you are previously registered, you can email Ken Kraudy or Sheila Curtis to verify. Even if you remember doing it on the old system through 211, it would be good to check, just in case information has changed or if it was lost in the transfer. There is no harm in having it submitted twice as they verify each application individually.

There is currently no Spanish translation but it is in progress.

What will happen to those on the registry? The Emergency Managers will have the information. It doesn't guarantee response but if able, the EM will know where the people are that have needs. Registry is mainly a planning tool for EMs to know who has needs and where they are so that they can plan accordingly. If you are wanting to know what is being done with the registry, communication with the EMs can help understand their goal and focus with it in each city and county.

CMIST, Communication; Maintaining Health; Independence; Support, Safety, and Self Determination; Transportation [Jana Hedelius](#)

The biggest focus is on independence and the other areas are to help support maintaining independence. In an emergency situation lack of communication can be a major obstacle. Those who are deaf, blind or for whom English is not a primary

language cannot always rely on standard communication methods. Interpreters need to be certified and competent, it cannot be just anyone that says they can help.

It is important to have AFN specific items in your kits and plans. County emergency alerts systems can be a very big resource for AFN situational awareness. <https://swuhealth.org/emergency-preparedness/>

If there are any ideas for future presentations please let Jana know.

Upcoming Events: Next AFN Coalition Meeting - Jun 7, 2023

Online attendees: Scott Alvord, Austin Smith, Sheila Curtis, Nanette Day, Deanna Porter, Carrie Sigler, Iron County Home Health Agency (Angela Barclay), Alan Alldredge, Ali Elmen, Bill Dudleston, Ben Ashcraft, Norine Castro, Stacie Holt, Maria Veater