

AGENDA

Access and Functional Needs Coalition Meeting

Sept. 6th, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 am

Welcome and Introductions (Please sign in)

- Confirm contact information on roster, update as needed Please inform Jana Hedelius at jhedelius@swuhealth.org if any information needs to be updated.

Access and Functional Needs Topics for Today

- **Language Strike Team** - We are continuing our work of putting together a language team that our emergency managers can contact to interpret in emergency or disaster situations. They will be members of our MRC and Suz will see that they will receive HIPAA and bloodborne pathogen training. If anyone is interested in being part of this team please contact us.
- **Self-Preparation Information**- As we prepare to help others with Access and Functional needs in an emergency, we also need to continue to be aware of our personal preparedness. If we are fully prepared we can then be more effective in helping others with their needs. Everyone is encouraged to check where they are at and increase your individual preparedness level. In addition, consider what your personal access and functional needs would be. For instance, do you need to make sure you have extra eyeglasses or medications in case you need to evacuate? Some good preparedness help information will be attached.
- **AFN needs for offsite vaccination clinics**- Our 2024 vaccine clinics will be starting soon. The flyers for all ten scheduled clinics are attached. This includes a Spanish translation for each. If you know of any residents with special needs in your county please let us know. We can prepare to meet the needs of those who want to come.
- **CMIST- Independence** - We focused on the importance of maintaining independence in an emergency situation. The slide presentation is attached. We want you to be aware that RRCI has an equipment loan bank and the health department also has equipment that can be checked out. Including 3 shelter kits for those with access and functional needs.

Presentation

Jason Whipple- Washington County Emergency Manager -

- Jason Whipple runs the Emergency Operations Center for Washington county. The EOC is located on Tabernacle street in the admin building.
- Jason Bradley, who is the heart of our organization, is the manager of the emergency operations center. They both handle the day-to-day, maintaining the emergency plan, attending and speaking at meetings. But when they have to open up an emergency operations center or handle some kind of disaster somewhere, it is crucial to reach out to the community. To make things run the way they should in an emergency, they need the whole community.
- The emergency plan that they have is comprehensive in that it covers a lot of
- areas but not in great detail. The plan does address access and functional needs, but in reality they look to us to help facilitate this area and to help meet those needs that are out there.
- Having your eyes and ears out there saying these are what our needs are, these are what our challenges are really helps us because they know all the details that are out there. So having that working relationship with you all is very important to them. It is also important to AFN coalition members because the county emergency managers would have access to resources and things that the coalition needs and the coalition has information and access to resources that the county needs.
- They are happy to into homes or talk with communities in order to facilitate emergency planning.

Round Table Discussion

- Presentation Ideas for future meetings?

Upcoming Events

- Next AFN Coalition Meeting
Dec. 6th, 2023

