

Meeting Minutes

Purpose: HSAC Access and Functional Needs Subcommittee

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m (VIRTUAL ONLY) | Next Meeting: **July 18, 2024** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Regularly scheduled time)

Location: VirtualJoin Zoom Meeting [Zoom Link](#) or +16699009128,86721105165,#

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Minutes

Welcome Remarks and Determination of a Quorum

1. Welcome Remarks, Committee Chair Aimee Voth Siebert or Co-Chair Sadie Martinez
2. [Introductions/Roll Call](#) - Aimee, Julia, Tim, Hannah, Jaclyn, Veronica, Curt, Nicole, Kristina, Matthew, Sadie
3. New Members - Aimee new co-chair for CDPHE, Nicole Cantrell NE Homeland Security Coordinator, Kristina Ericson, CO DD Council, Matthew Jacobs, CRO
4. Overview, Reflections on AFN Conference
 1. Tim - thanks for everyone's help, best ever, ups - level of engagement and participation, thanks to Hannah and volunteers for the organization and assistance, how smooth the technology went, needed better signage particularly where the language translation equipment was located, preconference will be baked into whole conference, spacing and seating issues need to be addressed - more seating options with more screens (half virtual half participation) looking at other spaces beyond this year
 2. Curt - the best food at a conference ever, people in person from out of state, changes in format, more emergency managers, accessibility of rooms (height of bed) is still a problem, handheld showers a little complicated.
 3. Nicole - exciting, great engagement, new partners, planning for space, great technology, accessibility issues in rooms, no preconference, needs certificate, reduction in numbers day three, would limit two days, limit lecture style presentations, help speakers be more interactive, breakout sessions/workshop style presentations, continue to engage online participants for more inclusive environments
 4. Aimee - representation from more disciplines, more emergency managers, breakouts - fear of missing out, facilitate more discussion could help, pillars were a visual block, adding screens to back, pillars made it difficult to hear, don't want to lose number of voices, having individuals where transportation was key for next year.
 5. Kristina - acronyms, connect emergency managers and disability advocates,
 6. Hannah - received background visual descriptions were appreciated, sharing where individuals come from/areas of expertise, would like more stories about real life stories and how to implement ideas

5. Approve Meeting Minutes for March

Old Business:

- Approve meeting minutes - [HSAC AFN Minutes March 21, 2024](#) Curt moved, Veronica second

New Business

1. Strategic goal - [AFN Key Results - Strat Plan](#) Aimee - reviewed and requested new agencies provide information for next three years, Nicole - mentioned they didn't have anything specific to AFN, but could fill in as develop statewide strategies, Matthew - involved in G197, and add topics to next level G197, Aimee - develop a logic model structure to assist with development. What are we going to do, for whom, and what are the results, Matthew - add a separate row for CRO, separate DOLA line 6 and CRO line 7, likes logic model for use with behavior changes
 - Please share what your organization's emergency management objectives are
 - Please bring any of your organization's mission, vision, and/or objectives.
 - Identify what will work with Steering and STRAT goals
0. Monthly Updates - **Please fill out for annual report** Aimee asked members to add any activities they be hosting to help identify what activities around the state that involve individuals with AFN
 - [2024 HSAC Annual Reporting tool \(Monthly\)](#) (specific to community members who need access to resources in order to function in **emergency management** planning, training, and exercises)
0. Updates from the group
 - Power Outages - have key issues, resources, and strategies been identified - Aimee reviewed three power outage events, and Blue Mesa Bridge outage between Gunnison and Montrose - response in Boulder to medical devices going out, arrange O2 tanks available, creating a power needs shelter, hotel charging station and hotel vouchers, food safety also became a public health issue, Human Services were able to reset EBD cards for continuity of food availability. Nicole providing generators to shelters and community centers for power dependent individuals, looking at portable options, not timelines,
 - Julia - reviewed lesson learned and development of additional resources in backup battery program
 - Curt - new executive director Brian Growe Jr., lived experience, from Arapahoe Community College, activities of daily living (personal care) in shelters - how to staff to keep individuals out of nursing homes, any ideas would be appreciated, what department will own it,
 - Kristina - if individuals need additional care can be prohibited from shelters,
 - Nicole - rural areas issue is more exaggerated. Can't meet needs because of lack of people resources and funding mechanisms. Looking for creative solutions. Can this group provide more in depth training, may have some awareness, but need more indepth tools and training.
 - Curt - FEMA reimburses these services when a disaster is declared. Home health care has a huge staffing shortage, one group interested in hiring new immigrants, would like to see a workgroup come together
 - Aimee - HCPF has been involved in the committee, has HCBS service providers been included in planning

- Veronica - lots going on, community preparedness in ASL - travel the state, safe infant feeding team - recruit and provide trainings, CISA exercise - add AFN to plans and test communications
- Tim - successful G197 training in Walden, Colorado, public health and emergency management participated and excited about possibilities, some out of state participation, Bahamas public health in attendance, working on next set of trainings
- Hannah - also provided G197 in Loveland, Language Justice training last week, Emergency Response Interpreter coming up.

0. Upcoming Meetings

- o Colorado Community Inclusion meeting next Thursday, September 11.
- o Coors Field Exercise Next Wednesday.
- o Sadie going to Pennsylvania to evaluate national mass care exercise
- o Sadie and staff - June 6th Integrating CMIST Into Exercises training
- o Sadie and staff - Visiting ODIC office in Washington, DC and counterparts in New York

Public Comment Period/Open Discussion

Closing Remarks & Motion to Adjourn:

- Nicole/Matthew moved, Curt second
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