



Alaska Health and Disability Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Present

Donna Avey (Alaska 2-1-1), Danielle Bailey (Federal Emergency Management Agency), David Barton (ACCESS), Craig Baxter (Residential Licensing-Division of Health Care Services), Merry Carlson (DPH Director's Office) Amanda Cooper* (Section of Women's, Children's, and Family Health), Heidi Frost (Alaska Statewide Independent Living Council), Nicole Graham (LEND), Tonya Janes (ANTHC), Lanny Mommsen* (Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education), Anna Nilles (Red Cross), Terri Possehl (Red Cross), Debbie Reed (Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management), Marcy Rein* (Making Anywhere Possible, LLC), Rain Van Den Berg* (Center for Human Development),
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Shared Goal

Improve health across the lifespan for Alaskans experiencing disability.

Purpose

Bring together our partners from the Alaska Health & Disability Program to discuss and highlight the Emergency Preparedness section of the strategic plan.

AHDP Brief Overview

Discussion: Emergency Preparedness

Updates, questions, and suggestions on this section were discussed.

- Emergency Preparedness:
 - Individual & Family Preparedness
 - Access
 - The group decided that it would be beneficial to compile resources on communication and information accessibility, built environment accessibility, and staff training, policies, and accommodations on accessibility, and post to the AHDP website.
 - Bullet #4: Ensure the Get Ready! toolkit is posted online and meets accessibility requirements. **Complete**
 - Education/Awareness
 - Bullet #1: DPH Emergency Programs and Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will advertise resources on emergency preparedness that are accessible and inclusive of people with disabilities, using diverse images of people with disabilities, person-first language, and varied literacy levels and formats. **Need to contact partners and make a list or packet of all available materials.**
 - Bullet #7: AHDP and DPH Emergency Programs will identify and customize materials on best practices related to continuity of operations plan. **This is being addressed by the Functional and Access Needs Workgroup.**

- Collaboration
 - Bullet #3: AHDP and Senior and Disabilities Services will use the Get Ready! Alaska's emergency preparedness toolkit to meet the emergency preparedness requirement associated with individual plans of care. **AHDP Program Manager will meet with DSDS Training Coordinator, Kara Thrasher-Livingston, to discuss.**
 - Bullet #4: AHDP, ATLA, Red Cross of Alaska, Access Alaska, and Municipality of Anchorage will produce and promote the Emergency Preparedness for All video. **Complete** (<https://vimeo.com/89664822>)
 - Bullet #5: Municipality of Anchorage, Fairbanks North Star Borough, and Mat-Su Offices of Emergency Management will adopt the Get Ready! Alaska's emergency preparedness toolkit as their primary emergency preparedness resource for people with disabilities. **Complete with the goal of adoption in other communities.**
- Integrated Emergency Planning
 - Access
 - Bullet #4: DPH Emergency Programs and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will increase universal access across the domains of preparedness, response, and recovery through including in local emergency planning committee's (LEPCs) individuals with disabilities and other subject matter experts. Partners in this effort include Centers for Independent Living and local disability subject matter experts. Initial steps should address access to community congregate shelters, including emergency notification, transportation plans, shelter accessibility, and access to life-sustaining equipment during power disruptions. **AHDP will advertise LEPCs on website and look at creating a workgroup to develop a white paper on access to community congregate shelters, including emergency notification, transportation plans, shelter accessibility, and access to life-sustaining equipment during power disruptions.**
 - Data/Surveillance
 - Bullet #1: The DPH Section of Emergency Programs will identify, summarize and disseminate existing emergency preparedness and response data, such as 2010 Census data to demonstrate need, in multiple formats to diverse audiences to support whole community planning. **AHDP and Emergency Programs to discuss developing disability fact sheets for communities in Alaska.**
 - Collaboration
 - Bullet #1: AHDP, Independent Living Network, the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and DPH Emergency Programs will advocate for the meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities on local emergency planning committees. **AHDP to host a list and contact information of all statewide LEPCs on their website.**
 - Bullet #3: AHDP, GCSDE, and WCFH will advocate for annual review of school emergency plans for inclusion of children with disabilities. **AHDP and WCFH to contact School Health Program Manager to see if we can access school emergency plans.**

Announcements & Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2015 from 1:00-2:00 pm in Suite 880 of the Frontier Building (3601 C Street, Anchorage) Topic area: Oral Health

Action Items

Lanny: Send out meeting minutes

Minutes recorded by Amanda Cooper