

UNAPPROVED MINUTES



Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Show Low Department of Economic Security
2500 East Cooley Suite #410 Show Low, AZ 85901

Meeting was available via
videoconference/teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Lupita Hernandez, Catrina Jenkins, Scott Lindbloom, Shawnnita Miranda, Susan Molloy, Haley Nicoll, and Sheryl Yellowhair

Staff Present: Sara Ann Joehnk

Public Present: Allison Hephner (Navajo County Public Health), Paula Kaye Martin (ChangePoint Integrated Health), Jeffrey Oakes (ChangePoint Integrated Health), and Robin Oothoudt (AzCHER)

Welcome and Introductions:

Scott Lindbloom, Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:01 pm. Welcome and introductions were completed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:

Scott Lindbloom called for public comment. No public comment was received.

New Committee Members:

Scott Lindbloom asked ChangePoint representatives Jeffrey Oakes and Paula Kaye Martin to join the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Sara Ann Joehnk will send formal invitations to Jeffrey and Paula via email.

Report by AZSILC Staff:

Sara Ann Joehnk announced the upcoming Winter Workshop, an individual emergency preparedness class in Taylor, Arizona which will be presented by Sara Ann, Scott Lindbloom, Catrina Jenkins, and Haley Nicoll. Sara Ann stated some obstacles to hosting the class in a rural venue is lack of public and/or accessible transportation, and public outreach.

Sara Ann Joehnk discussed the latest activity from the NCIL's Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee. The subcommittee took part in listening sessions following a report by the National Council on Disability titled "Preserving Our Freedom: Ending Institutionalization of People with Disabilities During and After Disasters". As of this meeting, there are no concrete actions regarding this report.

Sara Ann Joehnk stated she has been appointed to the board of Coyote Crisis Collaborative as a representative of AZSILC. Coyote Crisis has two upcoming Targeted Event Readiness Forums

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which she encouraged the committee members to participate in. Scott Lindbloom asked for more information about Coyote Crisis. Sara Ann explained that Coyote Crisis brings together different agencies, businesses, and the nonprofit sector together to solve emergency preparedness challenges. In addition to their events, Coyote Crisis creates videos and guides related to emergency management that can be found on their website, such as one on family reunification. Scott Lindbloom suggested to invite Vicki Staples, Director of Outpatient Behavior Health Services with Maricopa Integrated Health System (MIHS).

Sara Ann Joehnk mentioned that the Administration for Community Living published a letter about Statewide Independent Living Councils currently playing a role in emergency management. However, Sara Ann stated there is little guidance about how to perform this role. Here in Arizona, AZSILC has been working with the Arizona Department of Health Services on inclusive emergency management for about twelve years ago thanks to the work and initiative of Tony DiRienzi, former executive director of AZSILC. At a previous meeting, this committee decided to create a survey to learn about the best practices developed in other states. The committee is now working with the National Council on Independent Living on creating this survey to send out to other SILCs before SILC Congress in February 2020.

Sara Ann Joehnk brought up that there were two issues previously addressed by the committee and are ongoing projects. Issue one was the problem of snow and storm debris blocking sidewalks and access to stores and public transportation. Issue two is about new rules against bringing drinking water and food onto public transportation.

Report by AzCHER Steering Committee Members:

Scott Lindbloom stated he is representing the Emergency Preparedness Committee on the Arizona Coalition of Healthcare Emergency Response (AzCHER). AzCHER has four regional steering committees. Scott is participating on the Northern Region Steering Committee. Scott suggested members of the Emergency Preparedness committee also join the remaining regional steering committees. Scott suggests that the committee ask Vicki Staples if she could participate herself or if she could suggest someone who could speak on the subject of behavioral health.

Robin Oothoudt discussed AzCHER's upcoming work on the federal-level exercise about cybersecurity and potential risks to the electrical grid. This exercise takes place in April 2020 and involves FEMA Region IX. There will also be a wildfire training exercise at the next AzCHER general body meeting.

ADA Coordinators:

Scott Lindbloom suggested emergency managers work in partnership with local ADA coordinators. Haley Nicoll asked if county emergency managers now have a local ADA coordinator or someone else that they can go to for questions related to accommodations. The committee agreed that further research on best practices was needed.

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Lessons Learned:

Susan Molloy discussed the current electrical power shut offs and wildfires in California. She explained these recent events have caused a growing mobilization of disability activists, especially those with respiratory conditions. Susan also brought up her concerns about lack of treatment for substance abuse issues during disasters. She stated that people are still falling through the cracks. Robin Oothoudt suggested that the Emergency Preparedness committee request an official from California speak to our group at the next meeting.

Schedule Meetings for 2020:

The Emergency Preparedness committee agreed to an early March date for the next meeting.

Announcements

No announcements.

Call to the Public:

Scott Lindbloom opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment received.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.