



Access and Functional Needs Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 1-2:30pm

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at [insert time].

Roll Call

- Present: Todd Roach, Kira Meskin, Keneth Jennings, Sam Knight, Angela Botz, Robin Jones, Scott Gauvin, David Kuriniec, John Eckert, Anu Meka, Judith Levitan, Allison Anderson, Dale Tieman
- Absent: Jae Jin Pak, Randy Colon, Dorothy Coz-Stowe

Welcome and Introductions

Introductions of new committee members, presenters, and guests.

- [Insert names of new members and guest]

Approval of Minutes

- 11-17-22 both 01/19/23 motion to approve Dale second from Angela – motion passed.

Reports of Officers

- Chair: Todd Roach
 - No report
- Vice Chair: Kira Meskin
 - Discussion about attendance, awareness of attendance and alerts about committee's reminder to email the Executive Committee (Todd, Kira and Jae Jin). Reminder of commitment of advisory and standing members to actively participate in sub-committee meetings and engagements.



- Secretary: Jae Jin Pak
 - Absent. No report

Sub-Committee Reports

- Kira asked for updates from groups on who the chair is and is the general concerns or recommendations from plans as well as any questions for IEMA personnel.
- Kira stated the executive committee is splitting up responsibility to support the subcommittees.
- Communications:
 - Kristen Chair and Judith Secretary, haven't met since last meeting
- Maintaining Health:
 - Anu reported, committee met and scheduling future meetings. Laura is chair. Discussion concerning IMEA not having capacity and expertise for medical transport via plan review. Scott Clarke suggested that committee made a few recommendations on plan changes. Kira reminded members that subcommittees should meet at least once between committee meetings.
- Independence and Autonomy:
 - Randy Colon is chair. March 1st meeting and a few preliminary recommendations were discussed. Randy discussed potential recommendations for consideration. Gauvin answered question from Randy asking who is the group of people the plan is for? Gauvin provided context of who the plan is for and how the plan works. Allison Anderson confirmed that purpose of an emergency operations plan (EOP) discussing that the plan is simply who in government at that level does what.
 - Discussed why IDHS was not involved in the plan. Question from Kira to Allison about stockpiling of assistive devices. Allison referenced the mass casualty centers in a large-scale event. These resources lose value and capability due to under use and are very man-power oriented. Vendor managed inventory versus warehousing is the way many are going. Gauvin updated the group on the status of PPE operations and stockpiles in the state.



IEMA

- Kira asked about mobility devices and wheelchairs during times of emergency to support people during times of crisis. Is this an option for IDHS to house in their warehouse.
- Thane asked about generators versus wheelchairs – Scott discussed the state does has walkers and wheelchairs in the warehouse ready for use and recommended the engagement with local partners need to ensure local jurisdictions can provide resources when needed. Scott offered to provide a listing stockpile numbers at the next meeting.
- Angela discussed proper instructions for assistive devices, powered wheeled chairs, etc.
- Support and Safety:
 - Chairperson is Thane Hunt. One meeting since last meeting and expected meeting tomorrow and meeting every two weeks. Working on plan reviews.
- Transportation:
 - Dale, Karen, Ken and Kristin are the members of the Subcommittee. Dale reported there was a meeting in January.

Scheduled Presentations

Formal presentations from committee members or guests that have been added to the agenda by the chair and do not involve debate or a vote.

- No presentation

Unfinished Business

Unfinished business is business from a past meeting that was tabled and a member wants to return it to the floor to be debated and potentially voted on.

- None

New Business

New business is reserved for formal proposals from the floor that are brought forth as a motion that needs to be debated and potentially voted on.

- Thane agreed and recommends way forward and discussed local efforts that mimic methodology presented.



- Allison welcome the exposure on this issue and stated that counterparts in NE. IL ready to discuss this topic. Exposure helps us emergency management partners better prepare to serve the whole community.
- Kira recommended that all members speak up equally from their personal expertise. John Eckert also offered the local area agencies on aging to be resources as well.
- Kira suggested we will set the bar high but have open and honest conversation the disability advocacy side to change the minds of those who dig their heels in.
 - Kira asked about congregate care facility mass evacuation efforts, nursing homes, long term care etc. Allison offered that if you accept Medicare or Medicaid, they are required to have a plan to relocate and have emergency power for the facilities. They must not rely on police and fire assets for evacuation. Private facilities don't have to follow the same rules.

Announcements and Good of the Order

Announcements are for the good of the order, such as available webinars, training opportunities, and any other issues individuals want to discuss that do not require a vote.

- Gauvin suggested having the committees work in their own areas to develop questions for the local emergency managers. Kira recommended utilizing other states and existing already established tools and resources.
- Scott Clarke, June 3rd ARC is hosting an AFN workshop to training personnel who respond to local events in the Chicagoland area. Invites will be forthcoming.
- Public Comment:
 - none

Adjournment

Gauvin and Dale Motion to adjourn at 2:30pm
Next meeting – May 18, 2023 1-2:30pm.