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Emergency Preparedness Committee Report

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Since early on in 2018 the MOSILC Emergency Preparedness Committee chair and the MOSILC Executive Director have fully participated in the Missouri Access and Functional Needs Committee (AFNC). The AFNC is a collaborative effort sponsored by the MO Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) and MO Emergency Human Services (SEMA).

Many branches of state government and private and non-profit organizations are represented on the AFNC. These agencies and organizations include: MODDC, SEMA, MOEMA, DMH, DESE, MO-AT, The Arc of the Ozarks, FEMA, Convoy of Hope, MOSILC, MO-GCD, City of St Joseph, DHSS, Brain Injury Assoc. MO, Kansas City PD, OATS Transit, US DHHS, City of St Louis, and many others concerned about the safety and needs of people with disabilities in a disaster.

In the meetings of AFNC many topics have been covered: from a definition of Access and Functional Needs Population; to presentations by Greater Kansas City / Mid-America Regional Council (MARC); Community Disaster Resiliency Network (CDRN); Sara Shirk, MARC Planner. AFNC also covered: Disaster Strategic Plan; Update on Review/Rewrite/Reenergize FAST; Update on Including People with AFN in Exercises, Training, and Planning; Update and Deliver Training to EMDs; Transportation Update; AFN Related Training Opportunities; and much more.

AFNC met May 1, 2019 where we discussed: Progress on FAST Refresher Course scheduled for June; Update on Including People with AFN in Exercises, Training, and Planning; Update and Deliver Training to EMDs; Transportation Summit; Disaster Updates; and AFN Related Training Opportunities. The MOSILC ED and I may be participating in a disaster training exercise on the SEMA campus the first week in June 2019.

Gary Copeland
EPC chair