CA Disaster Strategies Meeting Minutes

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Minutes: Megan Cowdell

# Introductions

Mario Janesin (CAC), Roxy Crawford (FEMA), Vance Taylor (Cal OES), Dan (DAC), June Kailes, Megan Cowdell (CFILC), Charlotte Lewis, Sarah Blackstone (Listos), Alissa Norman (TCIL), Marg Hall, Marcie Roth (WID), Ana Acton (FREED)

# Next Calls:

1. 6//11 Marcie Roth on international issues
2. 6/25 Strategy & briefing call

# Covid-19 – Updates, Hot Issues, Emerging issues – group discussion

1. CAC
	1. Received PPE from the State Council to use at their center and distribute to consumers
2. Cal OES
	1. Have distributed around 10 million pieces of PPE
3. Guidance on masks
	1. Concern that there will be discrimination faced by people who cannot easily wear a mask because of their disability.
		1. Suggestion to influence HHS on guidance
	2. What is the guidance that is being given to people with disabilities?
		1. Would not wearing masks be interpreted as a direct threat to others?
		2. Wearing a mask has also become very politicized
4. Inequities faced by people with disabilities
	1. Being left out, forgotten, and marginalized now more than ever
	2. How do we ensure that people with disabilities rights are upheld?
	3. Some CILs in the country are working to move people with disabilities out of congregate living
		1. Looking to create partnerships across the country.
	4. Underlying Conditions being used as an excuse
		1. Not providing open and clear communication

# Master Plan for Aging – emergency content -Ana

1. Starting to re-engage on the Master Plan for Aging
2. LTSS Subcommittee
	1. Have forwarded on the report with a cover letter making it more relevant to COVID.
		1. ACTION ITEM: Ana will share the report
3. May Revise Cuts
	1. Concerned about the cuts being made to the safety net programs
		1. With COVID, these cuts will mean more inequity for people with disabilities.

# Upcoming Topic calls 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:30 am-noon Pacific - Purpose: brief presentation 20-30 minutes || robust discussion up to 60 minutes

1. Collect ideas for future calls

# Vance – Cal OES Updates –

1. COVID-19, Statewide Thursday calls, Paradise recovery activities
	1. Vance can put together a presentation on this; focus is on COVID.
2. Other issues
	1. Will be more important than ever before for the community to do as much as they can to prepare on their own
		1. People need to put together their plans if there is an emergency

# FEMA Charlotte / Roxy –Region 9 Regional Integration specialist update on California activities

1. Great Plates
	1. Served around 20,000 people
	2. Focusing on 60-64 at-risk populations in addition to 65+
	3. Is there work being done to broaden the reach to people who are younger and at risk?
		1. Could be adding some additional categories – risks of exposure, inclusive of other disabilities.
			1. Dependent on the state and public assistance team.
		2. Suggestion to go to the Equal Rights Office
2. Project Room Key
	1. Funding for people experiencing homelessness who are high-risk for COVID
	2. 15,000 rooms available – currently about 50% occupancy
		1. Looking to make the language more accessible to include more people
	3. Accommodations
		1. Allegations that people who were eligible for the program were not housed because of the additional accommodations being requested.
		2. The regulations for Project Room Key are vague
3. Crisis Counseling
4. Tribal Nation
	1. Ensure access & information flow in areas which don’t have access to broadband
5. Discussion
	1. Please share suggestions through the proper channels (local, city, state) to FEMA

# Sarah / Lewis - Listos activity updates -

1. Focused on people who reside in CA who fall under vulnerable population categories
	1. Managed by Cal OES
2. Data Collection
	1. Related to numbers - engagements

# 2DEFI updates - life-saving, life-sustaining, and life-supporting definitions to be used as we look at new legislation and CPUC policy – Marg-

1. Group has mostly dissolved, have not met for a month or so
2. Disability Justice Culture Club
	1. Founder, Stacey Park Milbern, passed away.
	2. Mutual aid work still being done
3. SGIP Program
	1. Barriers to PWD are immense
		1. Many contractors will not work with someone who is on CARES.
		2. Need bridge funding to help with the high upfront costs
	2. Zero Emission in 10-year requirement
		1. Some contractors are requiring consumers also get solar installed to meet the zero-emission requirement, even though SGIP doesn’t cover solar.

# Legislative updates

# CFILC update regarding PG & E contract and SCE grants and other emergency activities - Christina

# Other issues

1. Personal Preparedness Webinars
	1. Suggestion to do a focused webinar series on personal emergency preparedness for people with disabilities with partners
		1. Listos has some trainings already completed – could tailor to fit a particular audience
		2. Reminder to archive and caption the trainings