

## Functional Needs Subcommittee Meeting #2

Monday, October 30, 2017  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

American Red Cross  
3747 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

### Agenda

**1. Attendance:**

Kathy Biddlestone	Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Chief Johnny Brewington	Woodmere Village Fire Department
Rebecca Hysing	Cuyahoga County Board of Health
Sharon Nicastro	American Red Cross
Donna Prease	Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)
Serena Steele	Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management

**2. Agenda**

- The agenda was reviewed.

**3. Housekeeping**

- Facility issues were reviewed.

**4. Introductions**

- Attendees introduced themselves.

**5. Subcommittee Purpose**

- The attendees reviewed the Subcommittee purpose.

## **6. Goals and Objectives**

- a. Individual and Household Preparedness – Discussed the status of readiness of employees, volunteers, and clients of member organizations. Although preparedness information is provided, it is difficult to measure results.
- b. Continuity of Operations – Some organizations have COOP plans. The County Office of Emergency Management can provide workshops for those who do not.
- c. The Subcommittee Goals and Objectives – The Goals and Objectives that were compiled from the June Isaacson Kailes Checklist contain items that are beyond the scope and capabilities of the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will have to extract the items that it can address.
- d. Prioritization – The Subcommittee identified the following challenges for individuals with functional needs during emergencies:
  - Staffing levels and employee burnout
  - Getting supplies in an emergency
  - Availability of caregivers
  - Replacing or repairing durable medical equipment and assistive devices
  - Caring for pets
  - Transportation
  - Sheltering for hospice patients and individuals who cannot tolerate public or chaotic environments
  - Support for suicidal and other individuals with mental health issues – Where/to whom will they be referred?
  - Functional Assessment Support Teams (FAST) were discussed as a possible means of addressing some of these issues. Sharon Nicastro will research and talk to the American Red Cross about the feasibility of implementation.

## **7. Next Steps**

- Continue to establish a direction for the Subcommittee.
- Research Functional Assessment Support Teams

## **8. Next Meeting**

- 2018 – To be determined