Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, or Nobody?
Colorado’s Development of a Statewide Access & Functional Needs Program

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You’re Here...
“There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.” - unknown author

When have you learned something about community needs from another emergency support function or partner?
Access & Functional Needs

Discussion

• How are your response services reliant on community functioning in these areas?
• How do you support community functioning in these areas?

HHS Access & Functional Needs Web-Based Training

ESF's

ESF 8

ESF 5

ESF 6
Colorado’s Access & Functional Needs Program

History

Summary of Findings
Waldo Canyon Fire Forum for People with Disabilities
Colorado Springs, CO  August 26, 2012
2019 Taking a Snapshot and Developing Shared Language

- Regional Access & Functional Needs Workshops
- Colorado’s Getting It Right Conferences

“I thought I was in the Ambulance Business for over a decade until I had a mind shift and realized that I am actually in the Medical Transportation Business.” Paul, Montrose, CO

2020 – Building Capa…COVID-19

- Continued Shared Language Building
- Regional Access & Functional Needs Subcommittees
- Training about Access & Functional Needs in EOC
- Response Training: CMIST Response Teams Training

Curriculum with areas of concentration:
- On-Site Environmental Accessibility Assessments
- Functional Needs Assessments
- Information and Technical Assistance Support
- Community Outreach
- Emergency Response Interpreter (Languages)
- Future Consideration: Media Communications Response Teams
Fixing the Fault Lines: Challenges and Accomplishments

COVID-19: “Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth”
Challenges

• Capacity
• Funding
  • Grant-driven activities
• Colorado’s Department Structure
• Authority differences
Access & Functional Needs demand a whole community approach – everybody trained, anybody can speak up, and somebody focused

- Community-centered and system-flexible – CMIST framework as a “Watch out” structure
- Integrating non-traditional partners
  - Government leaders
  - Social service non-profits
  - Cultural navigators
- Everyone is a responder, but not everyone is resourced like one
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