Emergency Preparedness in SF: DAFN and ADF Update

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Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) Workgroup


- DAFN is focusing on how it serves the AFN community in:
  - Emergency communications;
  - Emergency transportation;
  - Emergency evacuations; and
  - Emergency sheltering.

- The DAFN Coordination Workgroup meets every other month in January, March, May, July, September and November.

- Workgroup consists of both CCSF agencies and NGO/CBOs.
The DAFN Population

Individuals who have:

• Developmental, intellectual, physical or sensory disabilities;
• Chronic conditions or injuries;
• Limited English proficiency or non-English speaking.

Individuals who are:

• Older adults, children, or pregnant;
• Living in institutional settings;
• Low-income, homeless, and/or transportation disadvantaged; or
• From diverse cultures.
2017 DAFN Workgroup Efforts

- Emergency Preparedness Final CMS Rule for Medicare and Medicaid providers.
- Overview of Paratransit Operations
- Discussion of DAFN lessons learned from significant local emergency events in 2017, including SF extreme heat and North Bay Fires.
- Mapping of DAFN resources and facilities throughout CCSF.
- Identification of DAFN demographics by BOS District (DAAS’s 2016 Needs Assessment)
- Increased engagement with DAFN support agencies (e.g. Lighthouse for the Blind).
- Inclusion of Disability Organizations in emergency preparedness/response training and exercises (e.g., SF Ballpark evacuation, Yellow Command sheltering).
2018 – 2020
DAFN Workgroup Efforts

The DAFN Workgroup identified these action items as high priority for 2018-2020:

- Updating processes and procedures for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) access and transport during and following an emergency incident.

- Continued engagement with SF Fire Department, the Department of Building Inspection and others on policies and procedures pertaining to safe and effective DAFN evacuation, especially in multi-story buildings.

- Mapping and sharing of DAFN facilities and resources throughout San Francisco to AFN populations, and especially Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Blind and low-vision individuals.

- Implementation of recommendations from the Aging and Disability Friendly Task Force Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Domain.
San Francisco’s Age & Disability Friendly Effort

- A collaborative planning process to ensure an accessible, inclusive San Francisco
- First municipality to incorporate disability

*Recognizes Global Trends:*
- Rapidly aging population
- Increasingly urban population
- Prioritization of community based living
- Environmental impact on aging
World Health Organization’s “Global Age Friendly Communities”

**Framework**: an iterative, 5 year planning process
- Baseline Assessment
- Action Plan
- **Implementation**
- Evaluation

**San Francisco Target Populations:**
- Seniors
- People with Disabilities
- Age-related cognitive impairment
- Caregivers

**Framework Goal**: to develop collaborative process that identify strategies to address barriers faced by seniors and people with disabilities in SF
San Francisco’s 8 Domains

- Community Support & Health Services
- Engagement & Inclusion
- Communication, Information, & Technology
- Employment & Economic Security
- Housing
- Transportation
- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings
- Resiliency & Emergency Preparedness
2018-2020 Resiliency & Emergency Preparedness Recommendations

1. Provide support and training for seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers on emergency preparedness;

2. Prioritize outreach campaign to encourage registration with AlertSF; and


Domain Partners Include (but are not limited to):
Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Emergency Management, Mayor’s Office on Disability, Dept. of Aging and Adult Services, Neighborhood Empowerment Network
Other Disability Initiatives of Note

Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Accessible Vote By Mail (State)
- Voting Platform Recommendations (local)
- Open Source Voting and Accessibility (local)

SB 1376: Transportation Network Companies (TNC) Accessibility for All Act
- Signed by Governor Brown September 2018
- For Statewide implementation by 2024

Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) Ordinance
- Currently in first of four phases
- To be implemented in SF over the next three years

Litter and Waste Reduction “Plastic Straw” Ordinance
- Discussion of exemption for people with disabilities
- For SF implementation in 2019

SF Emerging Technology Recommendations
- Currently in Workgroup phase
- To be presented by City Administrator to BOS December 2019
- Has track recommendations related to Accessibility & Safety, Equitable Benefits, and others