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Paul:

Purpose: Devise a strategy for safe and effective AT/DME to respond to needs.

Need group to identify good practices in moving forward.

Offering Portlight to be a conduit .

How are we identifying needs, and how are we tracking needs?

CP: We have been doing this for years. We have a simple process to identify needs, but we also have a set of Indicators of Quality for things like sanitization and matching devices to participants. We have people ready to send equipment. Transportation is an issue.

We have webinars and videos on how to sanitize equipment. We also have OT, PT and AT professionals ready to go to the area to assist.

[Need a larger conference capacity]

They want to come up with a single point of entry to track the DME requests and distribution. Portlight is securing warehouse space near hardest hit area of Houston. They will seek a “paid volunteer” to manage that location. Participants may suggest names to [Marcie.roth@gmail.com](mailto:Marcie.roth@gmail.com).

Other immediate needs:

* How to get devices delivered to people: Cajun Navy is focused on rescue and not ready to assist with delivering items to people. There are some other resources who may be ready to this.
* CP: We need exact lists, then we share the list with partners who can provide the devices. Transportation is an issue.
* Gail: They can provide lists when they can reach the shelters.
* Paul: Suggested that people funnel the list through a single location which would be Portlight, then they would take the devices for distribution. LA has a means of doing that.
* Need an individual from Texas to create the list and establish an infrastructure.
  + Paul: Who will visit shelters, coordinate requests, and get them to John W.
  + John suggested that the CILs might be a choice. Ron from Texas said CILs are not in a position to do this. Easter Seals and Goodwill.
  + Jamie: LA does have a questionnaire that is used when people come into shelters that includes AT. She will send a copy of the questionnaire and a wheelchair questionnaire. It tells how to measure for simple wheelchair needs.
  + Assume that Red Cross does not have the capacity to deal with this because they have another primary mission. We need someone else who can collect the information.
  + It is too difficult to do matching remotely.
  + Marcie: We do not have anyone to fill that role. Before our next meeting, we need to identify individuals with specific skill sets to work individually with people to identify their needs and send to John.
  + ?. Attempting to identify partners on the ground to link them from LA team to TX team with VOAD.
  + Dawn: AUCD will reach out to partners.
  + CP: PIOC has videos on how to measure correctly.
  + ATP from North Texas has set up a pod to take in the wheelchairs. She can provide a detailed inventory of what they have, or deliver entire pod to Houston.
  + Marcie: Challenge is to identify people to help with specific requests.
  + Roger Levy: In earlier call with Houston folks, it was noted that the Harris County Medical Group (OTs, SLPs) will be coming into the area and would be capable of helping. Sandra Bookman was on the call.
  + Need a job description for this person. CP: We do have that in the knowledge base.
  + Paul Timmons 843-817-2651
  + UPS Foundation is offering assistance for transport. John will find out the nature of the offer.
  + CP: Avoid collecting HIPAA information. Don’t transfer ownership because that compromises their benefits. When the loaned device is no longer needed, it can be returned to a local program.
  + Jamie: Loaned devices are placed on open-ended loan to the individual. They sign a release of liability. (Release is also in the KB.)

Take aways:

* Portlight will have space in the immediate Houston area.
* They will have a paid volunteer.
* We are looking for the right people to go into the shelters to identify individual requests. Need recommendations tomorrow on who can work with us on that.
* John will work with everyone to collect the information.
* John will explore UPS Foundation resource.
* Need a draft letter describing the kind of person that we need. PIOC will do that.
* What do they need to do the job? Tools for the job.