

VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

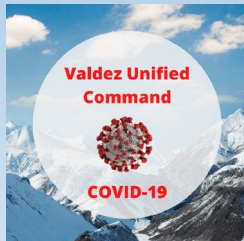
Valdez Unified Command

26 MAY 2020



CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

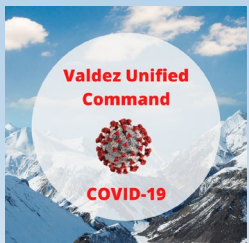
- **Alaska Case Count:** 411 confirmed: 362 recovered/39 active/10 deaths as of noon on 26 May 2020.
 - 17 total non-resident cases in Alaska (12 seafood industry, 2 visitors, 2 airline industry, 1 mining industry). Includes one case in Valdez, asymptomatic seafood worker. Patient and close contacts are quarantined, and this occurrence is considered contained.
- **Valdez Case Count:** 0 confirmed: 0 recovered/0 active/0 deaths as of noon on 26 May 2020. **(1 non-resident case)**
- **State Mandates/Advisories(18 total, 5 active at this time):** Phase 3 and 4 of the 5-phase reopening plan in effect. Everything is open, with a few exceptions: 14-day quarantine of interstate travelers still in effect (to be reviewed weekly), Senior centers and prisons still restricted access, large gatherings (500+) must “consult” with public health, State will work with large industries, communities can have more strict measures. Parts of Mandates 10, 15, 17, and 18 described under “special populations” in the Phase 3 & 4 plan remain in effect. All other remaining mandates are now advisories.
- **City Mandates (02 total, 0 active):** ~~(#001 rescinded). Mandatory quarantine of intrastate travelers. (#002 expired) PPE preservation.~~ Health and Safety Proclamation. Economic Relief Program.
- **Public Messaging Themes:** Physical distancing. Wearing cloth face coverings in public. Keep your bubble small. Hygiene. Information to bolster resiliency & understanding of operational efforts. Kindness, compassion & behavioral health.
- **Community Areas of Concern:** General tension surrounding (1) anticipated influx of workers in commercial fisheries industry, (2) continued integration of medical professionals in local efforts, (3) economic impacts of mandates, (4) complexity of rules vs. advisories as Alaska reopens.



PRESENT OBJECTIVES

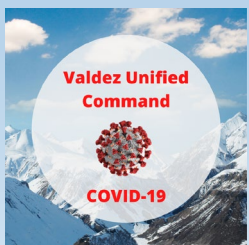
IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ESTABLISHED 04 MAY 2020

- **Objective 1:** Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus (Ongoing)
- **Objective 6:** Support Fisheries Task Force (ongoing coordination with commercial and recreational fishing)
- **Objective 7:** Support Businesses & Summer Tourism task force (including advising event planning)
- **Objective 5:** Establish a reserve pool of health care workers (Alternate Care Site, Mass Testing TF)
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen and monitor resiliency of essential services
- **Objective 9:** Coordinate support for community mental wellness
- **Objective 4:** Create a plan for staffing essential functions (ICS 213RR; messaging vacancies.)
- **Objective 8:** Create plans for addressing displaced persons and essential functions (MOUs /Alt Care Site)
- ~~**Objective 3:** Create a plan for the Valdez Patient 1 announcement (Complete.)~~



CURRENT OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS

- **Objective 6: (Fisheries Task Force)**
 - ICS Task Force housed in Operations Section. Works in collaboration with Public Health & Medical Branches.
 - Coordination & collaboration regarding worker/community protection plans for fisheries industry operations
 - Analyze fisheries operational agreements at state & local levels. Adopt practices which make sense to Valdez.
 - Agreements with processors signed
 - Coordinating information for sport/personal use fishing operations and inbound commercial vessels.
 - Checkpoint on South Harbor Drive operational 18 May.
- **Objective 7: (Business/Tourism Task Force)**
 - Analyze state and local mandates to advise local businesses and community (including events)
 - Coordinate/consolidate individual plans into overall plans for tourism operations (including events)
 - Disseminate available economic relief resources & information (CARES Act, etc.)
- **Objective 1 (Minimize Spread) and Objective 5: (Medical Staffing)**
 - Support **Alternate Care Site** resourcing and staffing
 - Support **Mass Testing Task Force** resourcing and staffing
- **Objective 9: (Mental Wellness)**
 - Community **Behavioral Health Task Force** formed and meeting.



SEAFOOD TASK FORCE UPDATES

- **Agreements Signed with Processors**
- **Education ongoing with inbound crews**
 - Training (coordinated with Public Health/Valdez Medical Alliance)
 - Valdez Informational Packet
 - Regular meetings
- **Continued analysis of new mandate revisions**
- **Road block/checkpoint (South Harbor Drive)**
 - Now Operational (started 18 May)
- **Status of Positive COVID-19 Case**
 - Isolation, contact investigation, and further monitoring
 - This case is considered contained



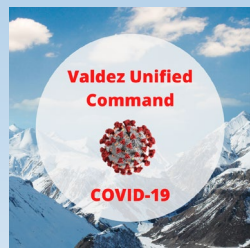
BUSINESS/TOURIST TASK FORCE UPDATES

- **Inform and advise business owners and the public**
 - Direct liaison with businesses
 - Public messaging
 - Emergency Operations Plan assistance
- **Continued analysis of new mandates and information**
 - Rapidly changing sets of complex rules
 - State Mandates vs. Local Proclamations
 - Mandatory vs. advised procedures
 - Travel mandate requirements vs. advisories vs. exceptions
 - Event planning recommendations (see next slide)



EVENT PLANNING

- **The Incident Command staff is not here to plan events, but we can advise**
 - Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs)
 - Risk assessments, mandate interpretation, and mitigation recommendations
- **State Task Force to review plans for gatherings 500+**
 - Task Force is formed
 - Specific guidelines/procedures not yet posted.
 - Does not look like a quick turn around in review, so plan early (Fly In and July 4th are not far off)
- **State guidance for large events currently refers straight to CDC guidance to consider:**
 - Overall number of attendees or crowd size.
 - Number of attendees who are at higher risk.
 - How close together attendees will be at the event.
 - Potential ways to minimize economic impact to attendees, staff, and the local community.
 - Amount of spread in local community and the communities from which attendees are likely to travel.
 - Needs and capacity of the local community to host or participate in your event.
 - Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>



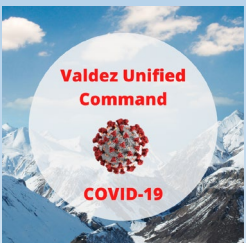
ALTERNATE CARE SITE

- **Ready when needed on short notice**
- **Location: Valdez High School Gym (assessing alternate locations as fall approaches)**
- **Set up led by Dr. Angela Alfaro, supported by City of Valdez and ICS Logistics Section**
- **Managed under PVMC**
- **Materials can be disassembled and stored for quick assembly in future emergencies**
- **Currently 40 Beds**
- **Moderate level of care**



2020 ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAM

- **Direct, one-time payment to qualifying households and businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 Emergency**
- **Authorized by City Council Resolution on April 28; Funded with 2020 Permanent Fund appropriation (\$2.89MM)**
- **Estimated payment: \$1,800 per applicant**
- **Household Applicants: one payment per household**
- **Business Applicants:**
 - **Must have business license as of April 15, 2020**
 - **May share an address with household applicant IF it has a distinct Federal Tax ID number**
 - **Sole Proprietorships must have a distinct address from household applicants**
- **Applications must be complete, including IRS Form w-9; City will issue IRS form 1099 in January, 2021**
- **Two-week application process closed May 22nd**
- **Payments will be issued by check on May 29th**



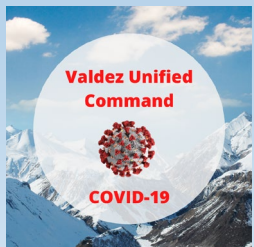
PUBLIC OUTREACH ECONOMIC RELIEF PROGRAM

- Standalone webpage for the program: www.valdezak.gov/EconomicRelief
 - Basic information and how to apply, FAQs, blank application, etc.
- PO/HCI Box holder mailing (2,178 boxes)
- Fliers posted around town with concentration on high traffic areas.
- Email to Valdez business and agency/organization distribution lists, requesting amplification of program information to their employees and clients.
- Information campaign through KCHU and KVAK radio stations.
- Interviews highlighting program on KCHU and KVAK radio stations.
- Social media posts (including paid post boost focusing on Valdez area).
- Program information included in City of Valdez digital signage.
- Program mentioned on COVID-19 hotline during application period.



COVID-19 TESTING PLANNING

- **IMT facilitates coordination between Public Health and Hospital**
 - Mass Testing Task Force
 - Authorizations
 - Supplies
 - Personnel
- **Isolated community cases (e.g. fish processing housing, senior care facility)**
 - Targeted testing on location
- **Community wide transmission suspected**
 - Mass Testing POD (start with symptomatic and vulnerable populations)
 - Drive-thru model (like flu shot POD last Fall)
 - 2 Lanes: symptomatic and asymptomatic



CIRs AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Critical Information Requirements

(Information that drives a decision)

1. New Federal/State Directives
- ~~2. First confirmed local case of COVID-19 (complete)~~
3. First confirmed case of community transmission
4. Incident-related death
5. Medical facilities have 2-4+ COVID-19 Patients
6. Critical shortage of mission essential resource
(≤ 1 resupply cycle remaining)
7. Critical personnel shortage (< mission capable)
8. Disruption of supply chain
9. Occurrence of an additional emergency
10. Multiple non-related cases of COVID-19

Each CIR links to a contingency plan

The CIR is a triggering event that will activate its associated contingency plan.

Allows pre-planning of actions, personnel, and resources for quick deployment when the event occurs.

Details thought out before the situation is urgent

Example: CIR #5 Occurs

Execute CONPLAN 5a

Activate Alternate Care Site

Inform State EOC

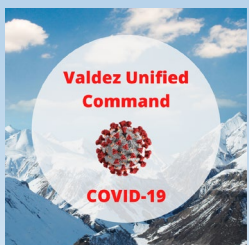
Increase resupply of consumables

Oxygen

PPE

Cleaning Supplies

Notify First Responders



VALDEZ COVID-19 UNIFIED COMMAND

Incident Commanders

Mark Detter (COV) / Nathan Duval (deputy) *Lead Agency*
Dan O'Connor (PWSC) / Shawn Arnold (deputy)
Jeremy O'Neil (PVMC) / Lindsie King (deputy)

Safety Officer

Jim Pomplun

Liaison Officer

Aaron Baczuk

Physician Consultant

Dr. Angela Alfaro

Public Information Officer

Allie Ferko
Melissa Reese (APIO)

See separate slide
for full JIC
composition

Operations Section Chief

Bart Hinkle
Tracy Raynor (deputy)

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Operations Branches

Planning Section Chief

Dennis Humphrey
George Keeney (deputy)

Documentation Unit
Melissa McCumby

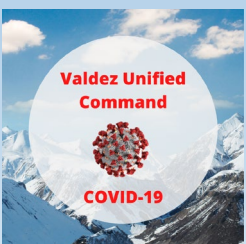
Logistics Section Chief

Stan Porritt
Canyon Rohrer (deputy)

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Finance Section Chief

Brian Carlson
Jordan Nelson (deputy)



OPERATIONS SECTION ORGANIZATION



Operations Section Chief
Bart Hinkle
Tracy Raynor (deputy)

Education Branch
Jason Weber
Jon Berkeley (deputy)

Medical Branch
Pauline Doucet
Lindley Miller (deputy)

Public Health Branch
Terri Lynch

City Services Branch
Rob Comstock

Community Services Branch
Roxanne Murphy

Online Education
Shawn Arnold

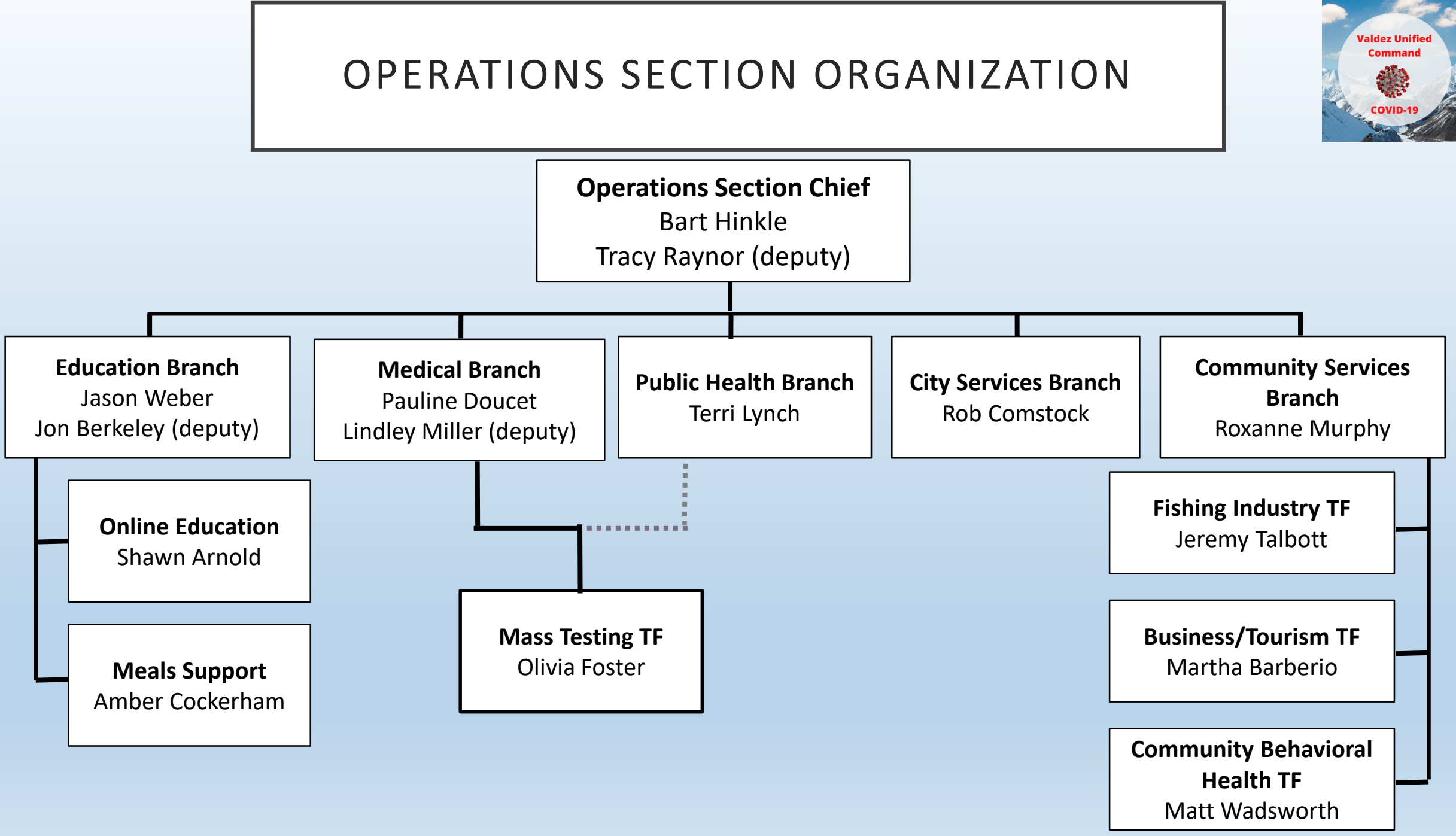
Meals Support
Amber Cockerham

Mass Testing TF
Olivia Foster

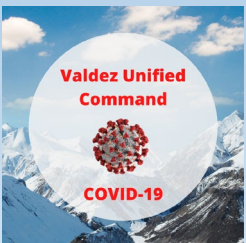
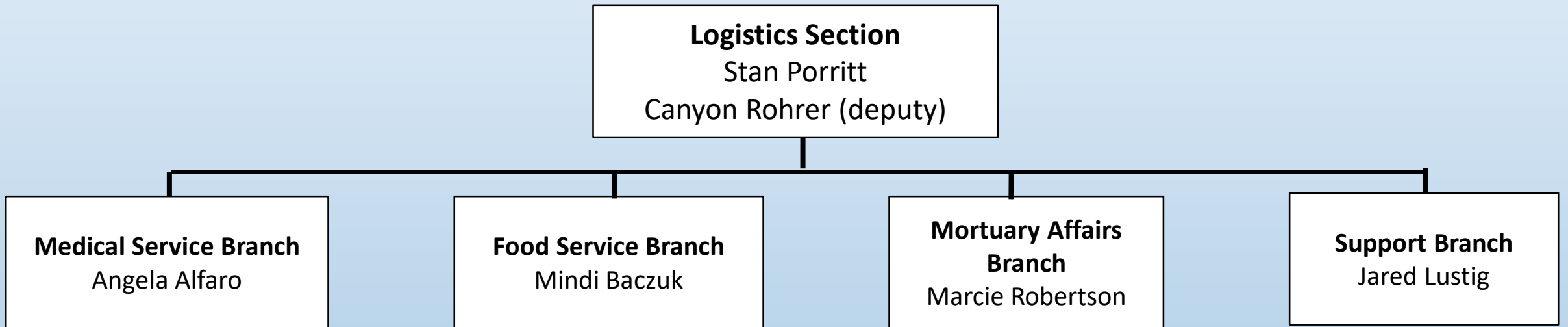
Fishing Industry TF
Jeremy Talbott

Business/Tourism TF
Martha Barberio

Community Behavioral Health TF
Matt Wadsworth



LOGISTICS SECTION ORGANIZATION



JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (VIRTUAL)

Member Name	Role	Specialized Assignment	Agency
Allie Ferko	Lead PIO	Lead PIO Writer Lead Social Media & Webpage Content Lead	COV
Angela Alfaro, MD	Physician Consultant	Physician Consultant	PVMC
Terri Lynch, RN	Public Health Consultant APIO	Public Health Consultant Education Outreach & DHSS Information Dissemination	DHSS PHN
Melissa Reese	APIO	Designated Back-up to Lead PIO PIO Liaison to Valdez City Schools	VSC
Kate Dugan	APIO	News Media Monitoring Writer Assist	N/A
Rachel Farline	APIO	Videography (Informal/Social Media - Public Educational Content) PIO Liaison to Providence Valdez Medical Center	PVMC
Krystal Moulton	APIO	Graphic Design Lead Social Media & Webpage Content Assist	COV
Kate Huber	APIO	Radio Station Liaison	COV
Dan Plaster	APIO	Runner & Logistics	COV
Seed Media	APIO	Videography (Formal)	Seed Media



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