

# VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

Valdez Unified Command

21 JULY 2020



# CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

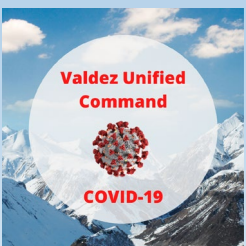
- **Alaska Case Count:** 2,041 confirmed: 737 recovered/1,286 active/18 deaths as of noon 21 July 20. (92 new cases since yesterday; 857 since the last update two weeks ago). Alaska's number of active cases has more than doubled since the last update two weeks ago.
  - **484 total non-resident cases in Alaska** (288 seafood industry, 63 unknown, 44 visitors, 33 other, 33 tourism, 19 mining, 3 airline pilots, 1 oil/North Slope).
- **Valdez Case Count:** 2 confirmed: 2 recovered/0 active/0 deaths as of noon on 21 July 2020. (20 non-resident cases/18 active)
- **State Mandates/Advisories(18 total, 5 active):** Phase 3 and 4 of the 5-phase reopening plan in effect. Mandate 10 incorporates testing prior to travel or upon arrival with a follow-up in 10-14 days as a way to bypass 14-day quarantine (<https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>), large gatherings (250+) must “consult” with public health, State will work with large industries, communities can have more strict measures. Parts of Mandates 15, 17, and 18 described under “special populations” in the Phase 3 & 4 plan also remain in effect. Mandate 14 still in effect. Almost 50% of state population now under a local mask mandate.
- **City Mandates (03 total, 1 active):** ~~(#001 rescinded). Mandatory quarantine of intrastate travelers. (#002 expired) PPE preservation.~~ (#003) Mask Mandate. (Non-Mandatory Proclamations) Health and Safety Proclamation.
- **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:** (1) influx of tourists and workers, (2) continued integration of medical professionals in local efforts, (3) economic impacts of mandates, (4) complexity of rules vs. advisories, (5) mask mandate mixed reaction, (6) approaching school year, (7) testing.



# PRESENT OBJECTIVES

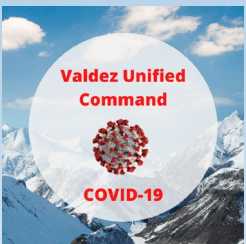
IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ESTABLISHED 23 JUNE 2020

- **Objective 1:** Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus (Ongoing)
- **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 (currently assisting Food Bank)
- **Objective 6:** Support Fisheries Task Force (ongoing coordination with commercial and recreational fishing)
- **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/Testing POD)
- ~~**Objective 3:** Create a plan for the Valdez Patient 1 announcement (Complete.)~~



# CURRENT OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS

- **Objectives 1 (Minimize Spread of Virus) and 5: (Medical Reserve Capacity)**
  - Track status of PVMC personnel needs, both current and projected.
  - Support alternate care site resourcing and staffing (Site set up and on standby; planning relocation in case necessary)
  - Support/resource Mass Testing Task Force (Testing vulnerable populations and critical workers)
- **Objective 2: (Resilience of Essential Services)**
  - Monitor Food Bank surge in demand and facilitate as necessary to maintain continuity of operations.
  - Monitor Public Schools status and be prepared to assist to maintain continuity of operations.
- **Objective 7: (Business/Tourism Task Force)**
  - Coordinate/consolidate individual plans into overall plans for tourism operations (including event planning)
  - Disseminate available economic relief resources & information (CARES Act, etc.)
  - Analyze state and local mandates to provide guidance to local businesses (including event planning)
- **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.
  - Communicate TF efforts to public as practicable.
  - Analyze sport/personal use fishing issues



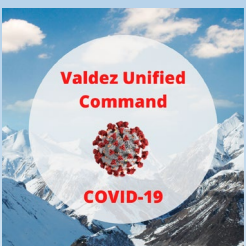
# BUSINESS/TOURIST TASK FORCE

- **Inform and advise business owners and the public**
  - Direct liaison with businesses
  - Public messaging
  - Emergency Operations Plan assistance
  - City of Valdez COVID-Conscious Business Program
    - Applications under review now
- **Continued analysis of new mandates and information**
  - Evolving sets of complex rules
  - State Mandates vs. Local Proclamations
  - Mandatory vs. advised procedures
  - Travel mandate requirements vs. advisories vs. exceptions
  - Event planning recommendations
    - Not recommending approval of requests for gatherings requiring city resources
    - Can provide mitigation recommendations for private gatherings



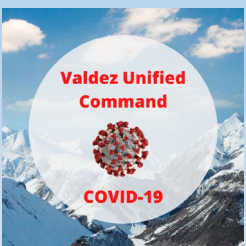
# SEAFOOD TASK FORCE

- **Agreements Signed with Processors**
  - Have kept fish-processor cases isolated from local population
- **Education/testing ongoing with inbound workers**
  - 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)**
  - Operational since 18 May
- **More inbound this week**



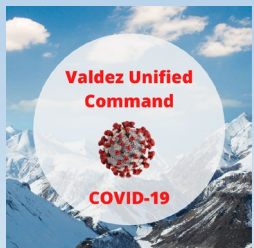
# ALTERNATE CARE SITE

- **Ready when needed on short notice**
- **Location: Valdez High School Gym (soon to move due to coming school year)**
- **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 configured for 40 Beds; also a 6-8 bed configuration for fast deployment**
- **Moderate level of care**



# COVID-19 MASS TESTING TASK FORCE

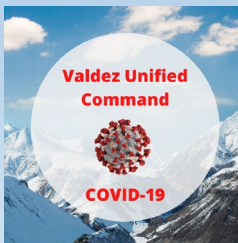
- **IMT facilitates coordination between agencies (Public Health, COV, and Hospital)**
  - Authorizations
  - Supplies
  - Contracts
  - Personnel
- **Currently testing vulnerable populations and critical workers**
  - Working out bugs for larger scale testing if needed
  - Contingency planning for surge capacity (See CONPLAN I Ia)
  - Vouchers not currently adversely impacting consumption rates and staffing
- **Critical Information Requirement #II and Contingency Plan I Ia**
  - In case testing capacity is overwhelmed
  - Will allow us to connect to state resources





# COUNCIL TESTING QUESTIONS

- **Local number of tests performed:**
  - **Average of 100 people tested in Valdez per week** (includes all types of testing: symptomatic patients, asymptomatic drive thru testing events, seasonal worker testing, pre-procedure or hospital admittance testing, etc.)
  - **To date, over 1,350 tests administered by PVMC.**
- **Symptomatic testing:** Providers exercise judgement, but have been liberal in ordering tests. Persons with ANY symptoms are encouraged to contact their healthcare provider.
- **Drive-thru asymptomatic testing events:** Right now offered every Tuesday and Thursday at PVMC. All those who work with the public (including essential workers) and those with state traveler vouchers are eligible for these testing events.
- **Testing of close contacts of positive cases:** Current CDC and DHSS guidance is for close contacts to quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts are not tested unless they develop symptoms, are in a congregate living situation, or are directed to test by DHSS Section of Epidemiology. There is no way for a close contact to “test out” of DHSS quarantine.
- **Onsite Abbott rapid testing (PVMC):** Used at medical provider’s discretion when quick results are needed (e.g. if patient is symptomatic, an emergency room patient, admitted to hospital, pre-procedure, etc.). Otherwise, the standard state or commercial lab test process is used.
- **Standard test result turn-around time:** 5-7 days



# 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~~ 2.1 Any confirmed Valdez Case
3. First confirmed community transmission
4. Incident-related death
5. Medical facilities 2-4+ COVID-19 patients
6. Critical shortage of mission essential resource  
( $\leq$  1 resupply cycle remaining)
7. Critical personnel shortage  
( $<$  mission capable)
8. Disruption of supply chain
9. Occurrence of another emergency
10. Multiple unrelated COVID-19 cases
11. Testing Capacity overwhelmed or displaced

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

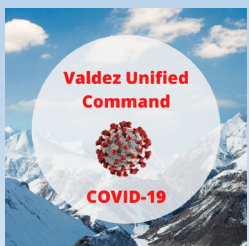
Increase resupply of consumables

Oxygen

PPE

Cleaning Supplies

Notify First Responders



# CONPLAN 2D: CONFIRMED LOCAL CASE (INVOLVING PUBLIC SCHOOL)



Implement CONPLAN 2d (public school):

Inform ICs and PIO

**City Action:** Valdez EOC report to state EOC; Public Health Branch report to DHSS.

**PIO** Assist school IMT with maximum message coverage in community  
Coordinate people to participate in announcement  
PIO post message

**Logistics:** Be prepared to assist school district IMT with coordination of additional resources  
Be prepared to employ transient housing MOU

**Operations:**

**Public Health Branch:**

Execute DHSS procedures for isolation/quarantine & contact investigation  
Determine need to isolate person(s) and locations; issue orders as necessary

**Mass Testing TF:**

*Targeted* testing plan (In conjunction with contact investigation)

**Council Action:** inform of condition yellow; recommend draft proposals for tightening of mitigation measures

**Hospital:** inform

# PLAN FOR ESCALATING/DE-ESCALATING MANDATES

- ICS team has a draft plan and is currently refining it and comparing it to plans from other cities.
- Conditions-based criteria for escalating/de-escalating mandates, with time-based criteria for reviewing conditions.
- Will consider both current cases and upward/downward trends in cases.
- Will consider impact on local healthcare system capacity.
- Will address when ICS team makes recommendations; council will decide what to do.



# 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

Kate Huber (APIO)

See separate slide  
for full JIC  
composition

### Operations Section Chief

Bart Hinkle

Tracy Raynor (deputy)

See separate slide for  
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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Logistics Branches

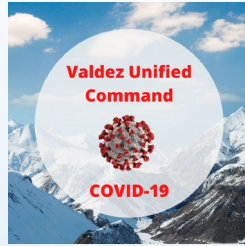
### Finance Section Chief

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

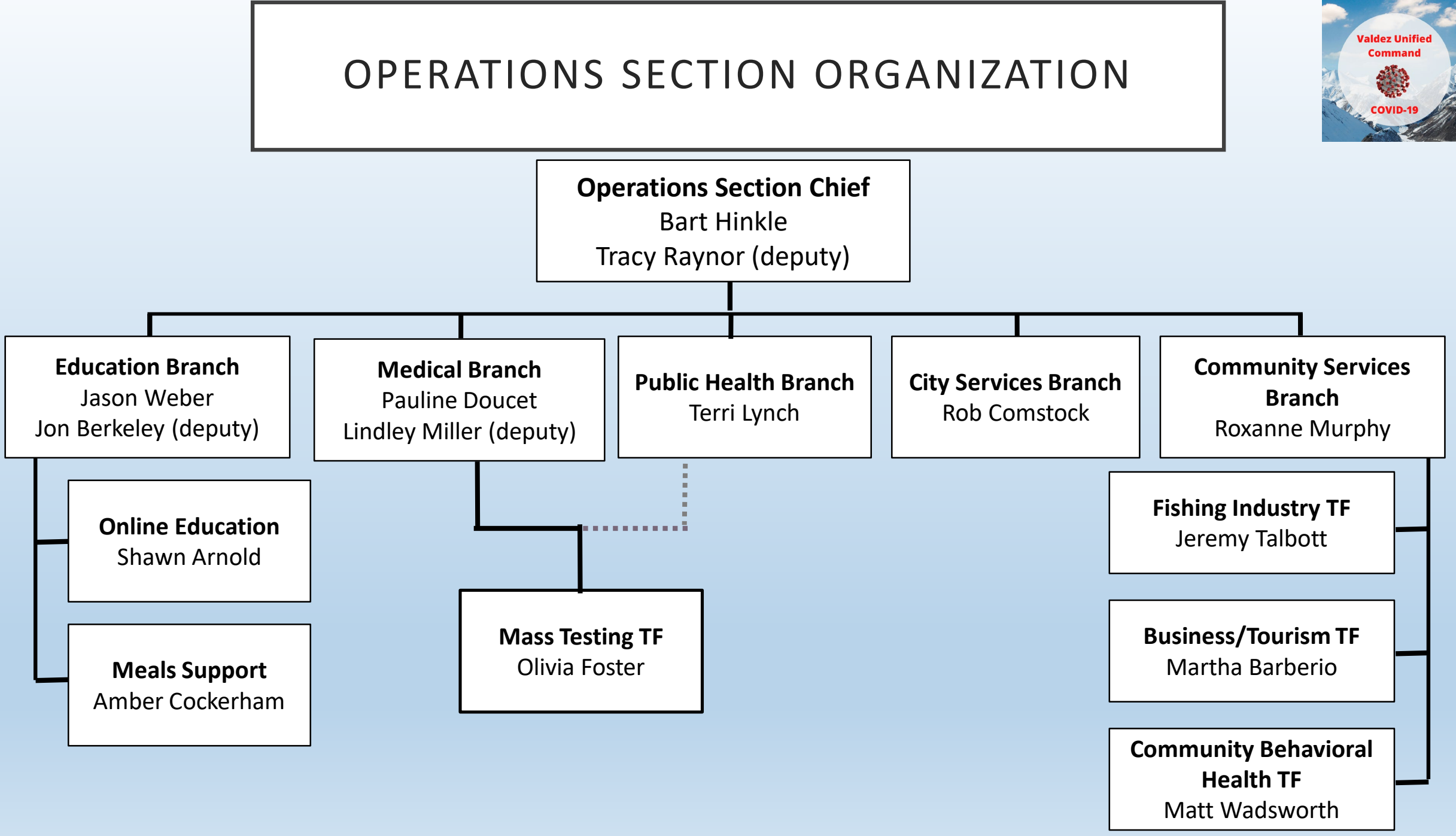
**Meals Support**  
Amber Cockerham

**Mass Testing TF**  
Olivia Foster

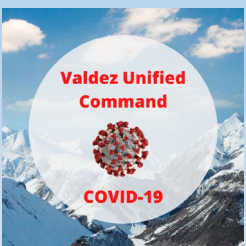
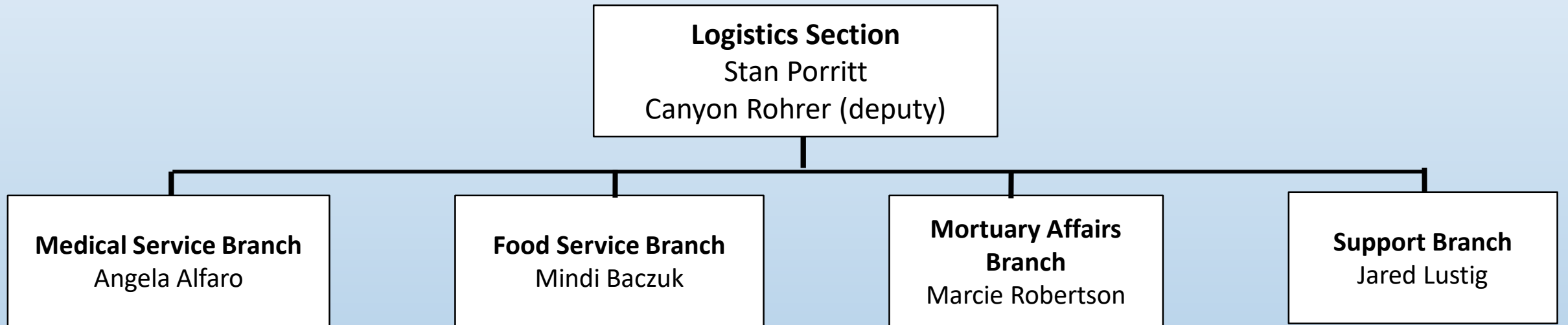
**Fishing Industry TF**  
Jeremy Talbott

**Business/Tourism TF**  
Martha Barberio

**Community Behavioral Health TF**  
Matt Wadsworth

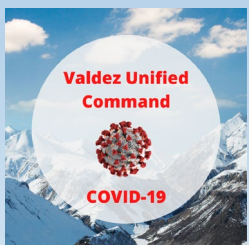


# LOGISTICS SECTION ORGANIZATION



# 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	Public Health Consultant	DHSS PHN
Kate Huber	APIO	Designated Back-up to Lead PIO Radio Station Liaison	COV
Kate Dugan	APIO	<i>Available Upon Request by Lead PIO</i>	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
Melissa Reese	APIO	News Media Monitoring Lead Writer Assist PIO Liaison to Valdez School District	VSC
Dan Plaster	APIO	Runner & Logistics	COV
Seed Media	APIO	Videography (Formal)	Seed Media





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