

# VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

Valdez Unified Command

11 JUNE 2020



# CURRENT SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Alaska Case Count:** 610 confirmed: 397 recovered/202 active/11 deaths as of noon on 11 June 2020. (17 new cases). Active cases now at the highest count since the start of the pandemic.
  - **58 total non-resident cases** in Alaska (45 seafood industry, 7 visitors, 3 other industry, 2 airline industry, 1 mining industry). Includes one case in Valdez, seafood worker now recovered. All contacts cleared.
- **Valdez Case Count:** 0 confirmed: 0 recovered/0 active/0 deaths as of noon on 11 June 2020. (1 non-resident case, resolved)
- **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: New update to Mandate 10 now in effect, will incorporate testing prior to travel or upon arrival with a follow-up test (voucher) in 7-14 days as a way to bypass 14-day quarantine, 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.
- **City Mandates (02 total, 0 active):** ~~(#001 rescinded). Mandatory quarantine of intrastate travelers. (#002 expired) PPE preservation.~~ (Non-Mandatory Proclamations) 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, (5) mask wear and social distancing lax.



# MANDATE 10: INTERSTATE TRAVEL

- Options for people arriving from out of state
  - Can **quarantine** for 14 days like before
  - Can show **pre-travel test** results (within 72 hours of travel) Minimize contact until the earliest of:
    - Negative results test after arrival
    - 14 days
    - Leaving Alaska
  - Can **test on arrival** and self-isolate until getting results
    - Follow up test in 7-14 days (voucher)
    - If results are positive, must isolate until cleared
  - Can show evidence of **prior positive**. No arrival test required if all three are true:
    1. Previous positive test was at least 3 weeks prior to travel to Alaska
    2. Traveler is currently asymptomatic
    3. Traveler has medical provider's note certifying recovery.
  - **Alaska Residents** returning from trips of 5 days or less,
    - Minimize contact until negative test result
    - Follow up test 7-14 days (voucher)
  - **Vouchers** will be accepted at Valdez Providence Medical Center as valid reason for asymptomatic testing
    - Insurance will be charged, but no copay



# 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 7: (Business/Tourism Task Force)**

- Events planning issues driving this task force's increased emphasis
- 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 6: (Fisheries Task Force)**

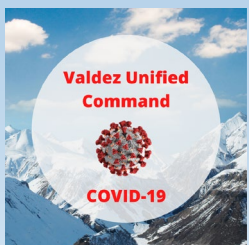
- ICS Task Force housed in Operations Section. Works in collaboration with Public Health & Medical Branches.
- Coordination & collaboration regarding worker/community protection plans for fisheries industry operations
- Analyze fisheries operational agreements at state & local levels. Adopt practices 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

- **Objective 1 (Minimize Spread) and Objective 5: (Reserve Medical Capacity)**

- **Alternate Care Site** resourcing and staffing
- **Mass Testing Task Force** resourcing and staffing

- **Objective 2: (Resilience of Essential Services)**

- Food Bank temporarily expanded operations.



# 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 AND APPROVAL

- **The Incident Command staff is not here to plan events, but we can advise**
- **State guidance for large events currently draws straight from CDC guidance to consider:**
  - Overall number of attendees or crowd size. (250+ requires consultation with local authorities)
  - 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.
  - Means for tracking who attended (for contact investigations later)
  - Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html>
- **No real authority to control events on private property**
- **On city property, can deny requests to use city property/resources, otherwise hard to enforce mitigation requirements.**



# SEAFOOD TASK FORCE UPDATES

- **Agreements Signed with Processors**
- **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)**
  - Now Operational (started 18 May)
- **Status of Positive COVID-19 Case**
  - No additional cases identified
  - This case is considered recovered





# 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**



# COVID-19 TESTING PLANNING

- **IMT facilitates coordination between Public Health and Hospital**
  - Mass Testing Task Force
  - Authorizations
  - Supplies
  - Personnel
- **Currently testing vulnerable populations and critical workers**
  - Working out bugs for larger scale testing if needed
  - Contingency planning for surge capacity if needed
  - Assessing impact of vouchers on consumption rates and staffing



# 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: \$1,750**
- **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**
- **The checks are in the mail.**



# 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  
( $\leq 1$  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
- ~~11. (draft) Medical facility testing capacity exceeded~~

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

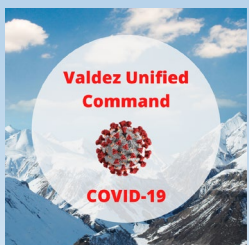
Increase resupply of consumables

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  
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

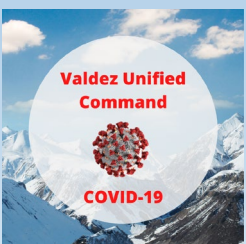
### Logistics Section Chief

Stan Porritt  
Canyon Rohrer (deputy)

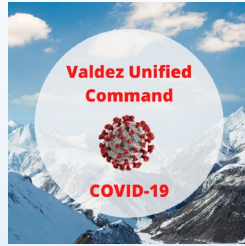
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### Finance Section Chief

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

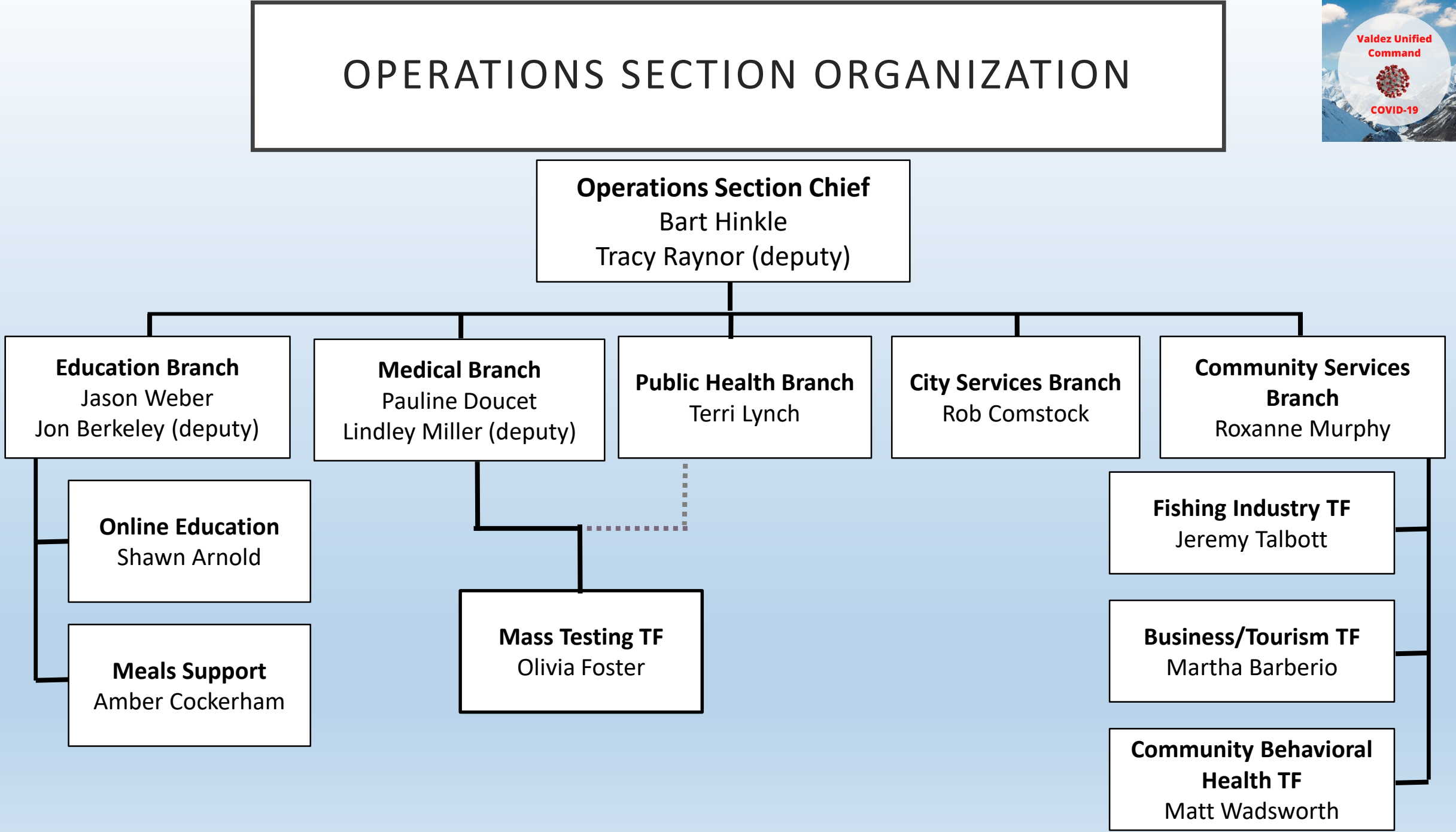
**Meals Support**  
Amber Cockerham

**Mass Testing TF**  
Olivia Foster

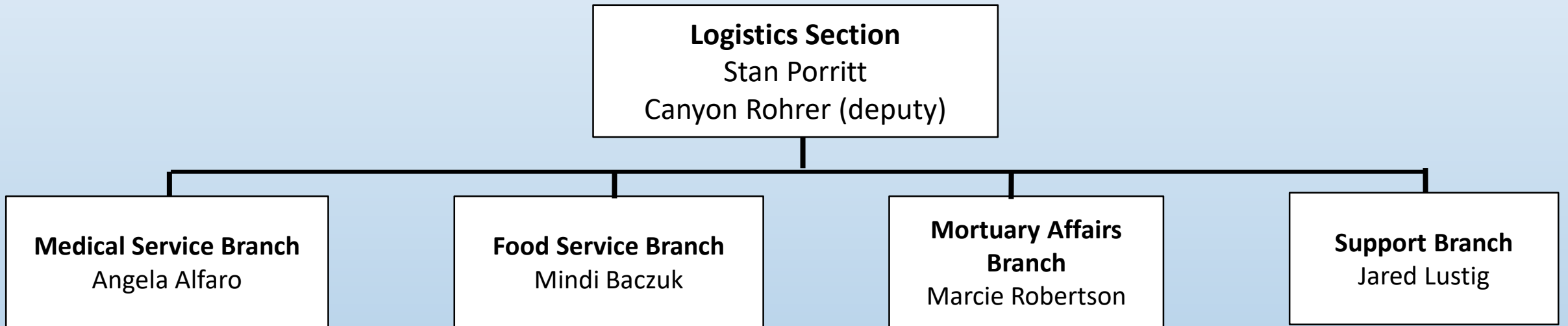
**Fishing Industry TF**  
Jeremy Talbott

**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
Kate Huber	APIO	Designated Back-up to Lead PIO	COV
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





**NEXT UPDATE: 16 JUNE 2020**

