

# VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

Valdez Unified Command

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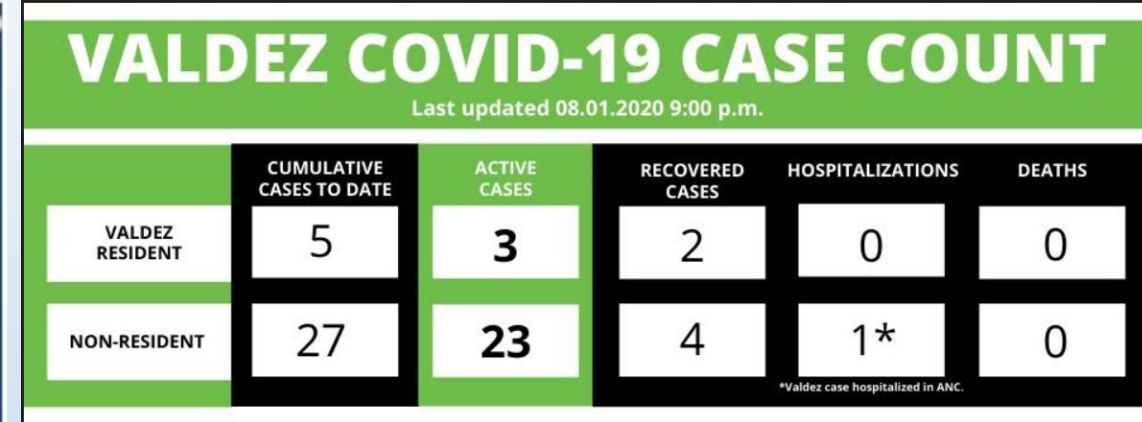
# DESCRIBE/UPDATE CURRENT SITUATION



## State of Alaska Case Count



## Valdez Data




NOTE: Valdez COVID-19 Case Count table is updated in real time. There is often a data delay before our local cases are reflected on the DHSS Response Hub.

### Active State Mandates

- Mandate 010: International & Interstate Travel
- Mandate 014: Non-Congregate Sheltering
- Mandate 015: Services by Health Care Providers
- Mandate 017: Independent Fishing Vessels
- Mandate 018: Intrastate Travel

### Active Valdez Health Mandates

- Mandate 003: Mask Mandate

**Trends:** Current general trend in active cases: up. Since  31 May, active cases have effectively doubled every 14 days. The last two days have shown a slowing of that pace, but they still result in a 98% increase since two weeks ago.

Transmission: Determining origin of index cases in contact investigations is growing more difficult. Public health officials suspect community transmission of COVID-19 in Valdez may be imminent or occurring now.

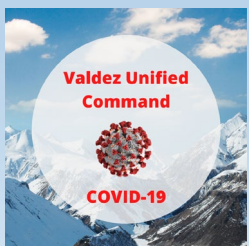
**Public Messaging Themes:** Physical distancing. Wearing cloth face coverings around others. Hand and surface hygiene. Keep your bubble small. Avoid gatherings. Bolster resiliency. Understanding of operational processes. Kindness, compassion, & mental health.

**Community Areas of Concerns:** (1) Approaching school year, (2) Economic impacts of COVID-19, (3) testing, (4) influx of visitors and workers, (5) mixed reaction to mask mandate, and (6) impacts of state mandates.

# 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.)~~



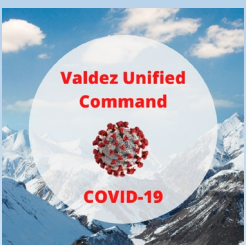
# CURRENT OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS

- **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



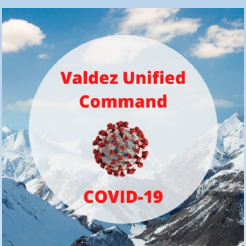
# SEAFOOD TASK FORCE

- **Agreements Signed with Processors**
  - Level of cooperation with local authorities exceeds state requirements and has been praised by health officials
  - 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



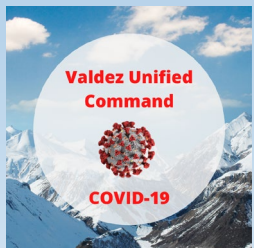
# ALTERNATE CARE SITE

- **Currently Demobilized and Staged for rapid re-deployment**
- **Set-up led by Dr. Angela Alfaro, supported by City of Valdez and ICS Logistics Section**
- **Managed under PVMC**
- **Materials can be disassembled/re-assembled quickly in future emergencies**
- **Scalable: up to 40 Beds or 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





# 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.

Plans are intentionally flexible to facilitate adaptation to changing conditions.

Details thought out before the situation is urgent

Example: CIR #5 Occurs

Execute CONPLAN 5a

Activate Alternate Care Site

Inform State EOC

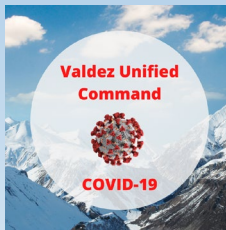
Increase resupply of consumables

Oxygen

PPE

Cleaning Supplies

Notify First Responders



# PLAN FOR ESCALATING/DE-ESCALATING MANDATES

- ICS team has a draft plan for guiding recommendations.
- 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 (under what conditions) ICS team considers making 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

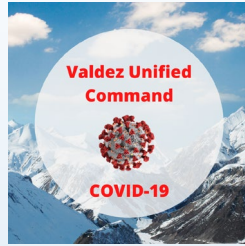
### Finance Section Chief

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

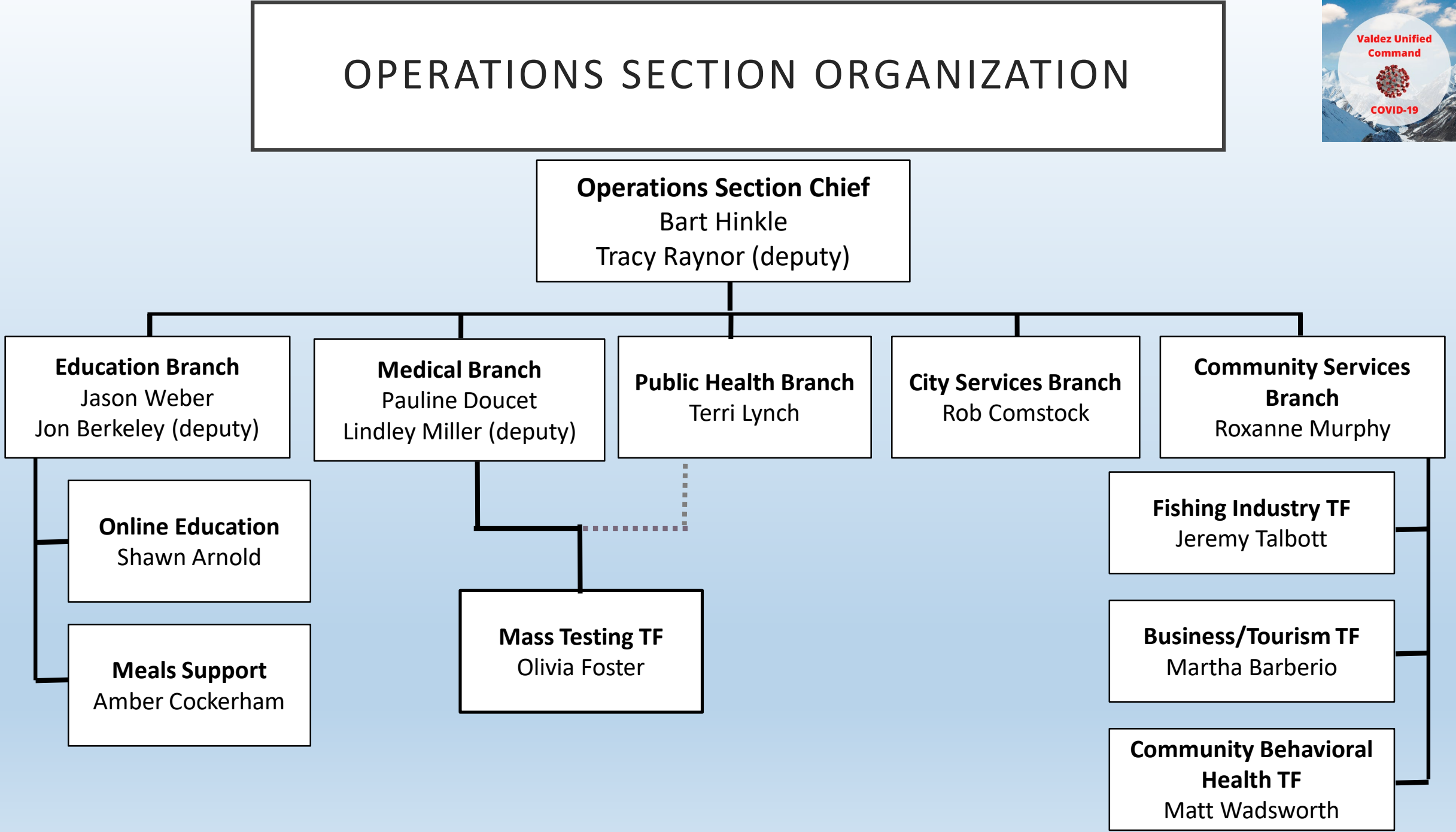
**Meals Support**  
Amber Cockerham

**Mass Testing TF**  
Olivia Foster

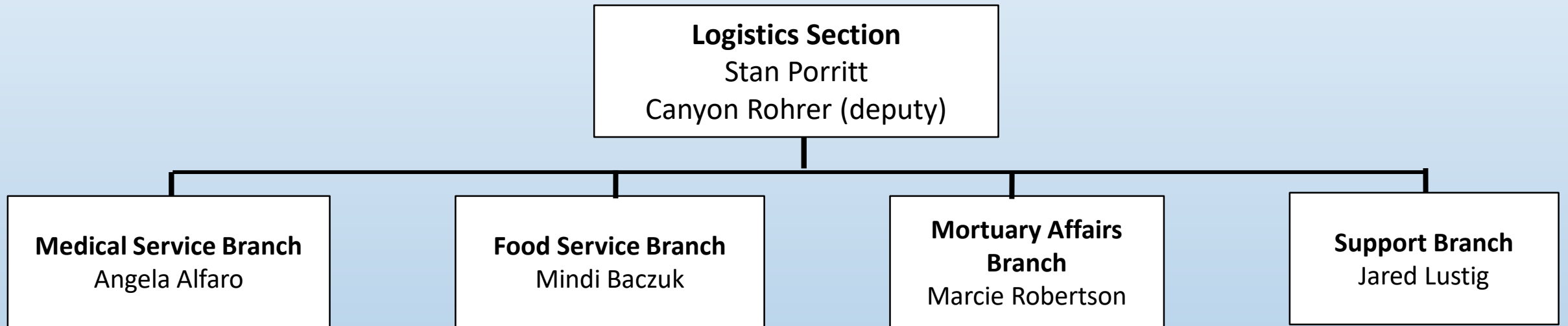
**Fishing Industry TF**  
Jeremy Talbott

**Business/Tourism TF**  
Martha Barberio

**Community Behavioral Health TF**  
Matt Wadsworth

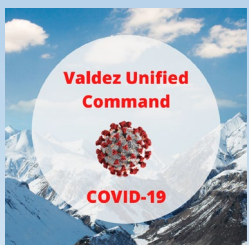


# LOGISTICS SECTION ORGANIZATION



# 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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