

VALDEZ COVID-19 WEEKLY SITUATION UPDATE

Valdez Unified Command
01 September 2020



DESCRIBE/UPDATE CURRENT SITUATION



State of Alaska Case Count

New Resident Cases Yesterday 37 Updated Daily by Noon	Total Resident Cases 5,263 Cumulative (includes recovered cases)	Recovered Resident Cases 2,044 Statewide Total	Currently Hospitalized 37 Confirmed COVID Positive	Total Resident 37 Deaths Statewide
New Nonresident Cases Yesterday 2 Updated Daily by Noon	Total Nonresident Cases 862 Cumulative (includes recovered cases)	Active Cases 3,219	Total Hospitalizations 224 Cumulative (does not reflect current stays)	Total Nonresident 0 Deaths Statewide

Valdez Data

VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT					
Last updated 08.31.2020 @ 8:00 p.m.					
	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	CUMULATIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	11	1	10	0	0
NON-RESIDENT	27	0	27	1*	0

*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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 trend in active cases: **up**. The rate of increase in cases has slowed substantially, but the number of current active cases is still rising, up 126 from one week ago (a 4% increase) **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.

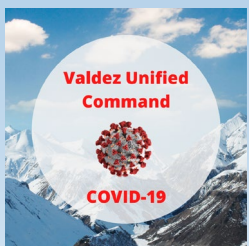
Public Messaging Themes: Physical distancing. Wearing cloth face coverings around others. Hand and surface hygiene. Keep your bubble small. Avoid gatherings. Bolster resiliency. Understanding of operational processes. Kindness, compassion, & mental health.

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 11 AUGUST 2020

- **Objective 1:** Establish control measures to minimize spread of the virus (Mask mandate, etc.)
- **Objective 2:** Strengthen and monitor resiliency of essential services (Food Bank, public schools)
- **Objective 7:** Support Businesses & Summer Tourism task force (advise and inform)
- **Objective 5:** Establish a reserve pool of health care workers (Alternate Care Site, Mass Testing TF)
- **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.)~~



ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Assistance acquiring resources
 - Disinfectant/cleaning materials and equipment
 - PPE
- Exploration of testing options
- Contingency plan to coordinate response to positive cases in schools

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

40 Calls for Service

- Travel / Quarantine Mandate (15)
- South Harbor Drive Checkpoint (23)
- Facial Covering Mandate (2)

Other

- COVID Birthday's (39)

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 investigations)

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

Hospital: inform

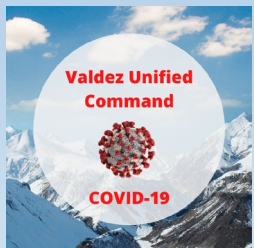
CURRENT OPERATIONAL EMPHASIS

- **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; rapid testing)
- **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



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 11a)
 - Vouchers not currently adversely impacting consumption rates and staffing
- **Critical Information Requirement #11 and Contingency Plan 11a**
 - In case testing capacity is overwhelmed
 - Will allow us to connect to state resources
- **Current emphasis**
 - Exploring rapid testing options
 - Coordinating with Flu vaccination clinic planning



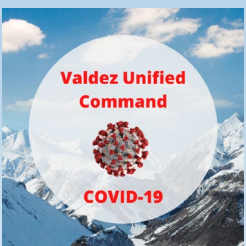
ALTERNATE CARE SITE

- **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**



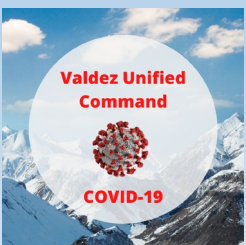
BUSINESS/TOURIST TASK FORCE

- **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
- **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**
 - Few remaining inbound workers = risk of new exposure declining
 - 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; ends in September



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

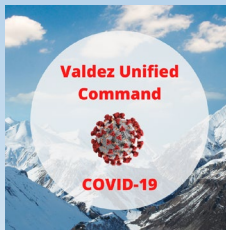
Increase resupply of consumables

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)

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Operations Branches

Planning Section Chief

Jim Pomplun

George Keeney (deputy)

Documentation Unit
Melissa McCumby

Logistics Section Chief

Stan Porritt

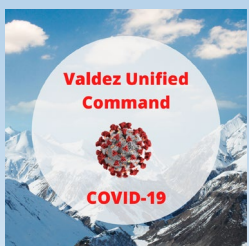
Canyon Rohrer (deputy)

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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

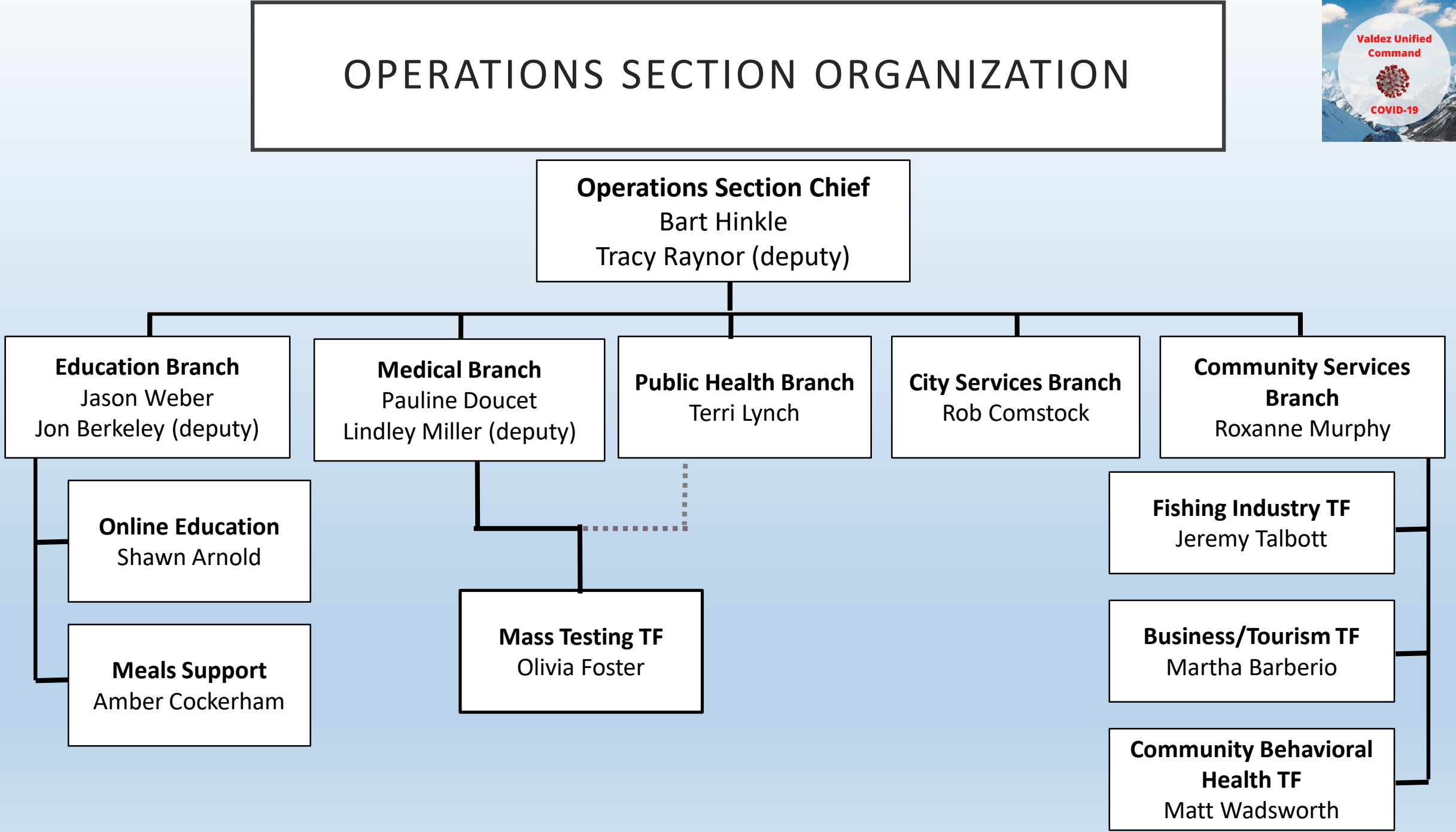
Meals Support
Amber Cockerham

Mass Testing TF
Olivia Foster

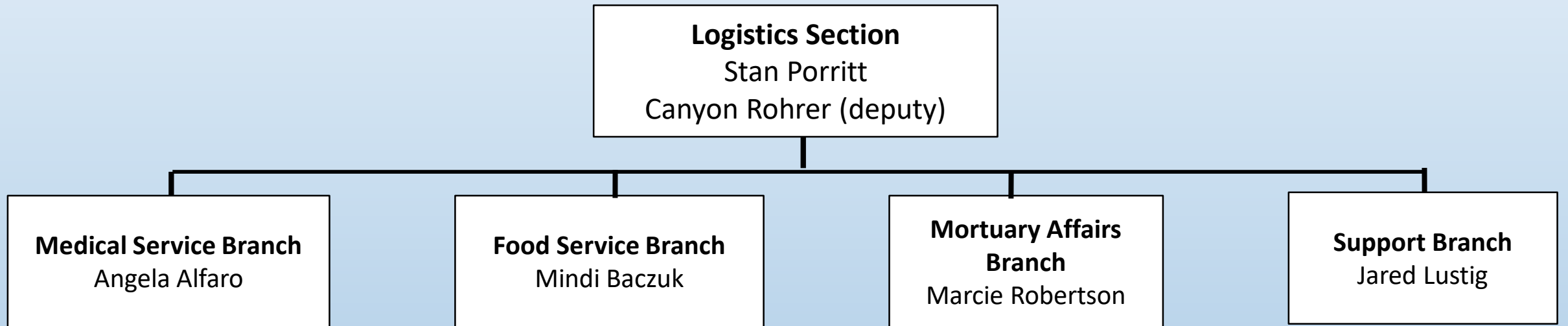
Fishing Industry TF
Jeremy Talbott

Business/Tourism TF
Martha Barberio

Community Behavioral Health TF
Matt Wadsworth

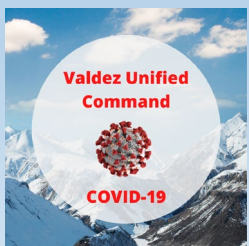


LOGISTICS SECTION ORGANIZATION



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/AD
Terri Lynch, RN	Public Health Consultant	Public Health Consultant	DHSS PHN
Kate Huber	APIO	Designated Back-up to Lead PIO Radio Station Liaison Writer Assist	COV
Kate Dugan	APIO	<i>Available Upon Request by Lead PIO</i>	N/A
Rachel Farline	APIO	PIO Liaison to Providence Valdez Medical Center Social Media Content Assist (Public Education Videography)	PVMC
Krystal Moulton	APIO	Graphic Design Lead News Media Monitoring Lead Webpage Content Assist	COV
Melissa Reese	APIO	PIO Liaison to Valdez School District Social Media Content Assist (School District Content)	VSC
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Seed Media	APIO	Videography (Formal)	Seed Media



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