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Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning Charter

Mission and Vision:

The CIEP is a State Wide disability advisory group that provides technical advice on physical and programmatic access and effective communication.

Purpose:

The Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP) is a cross disability group that works with state and local emergency management stakeholders to build disability accessibility and inclusion into all aspects of emergency management.

The CIEP fosters communication and working relationships among emergency managers and state and local disability services, support and advocacy staff who are disability subject matter experts.

CIEP members are local people who can advise emergency managers in a steady state and in a disaster response and recovery to include people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs in: planning (emergency operations plans, exercises) processes; response (accessible emergency evacuation, sheltering and emergency messaging/communication); recovery (long-term recovery group leadership, membership and local citizen involvement; mitigation (infrastructure requirements for providing equal access to people with



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Disabilities); and protection.

Most CIEP members come with expert advice for inclusive practices and technical training in all aspects of The Americans with Disabilities Act for physical access, programmatic access and effective communication access.

This document expresses our intention and intended course of action; however, it does not establish legally binding obligations to the State and or other entities listed.

Meetings

Meetings of the Coalition shall be held quarterly. Meetings may be in person or by video/teleconference.

Participation

Participation in the Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning is open to all organizations and individuals interested in fostering the vision on disability inclusion in emergency preparedness, response and recovery, by actively engaging in the work of the Coalition.

Coalition Participants should join in a commitment to:

The Coalition will promote meaningful involvement with people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs and their representative organizations.

- Share best practices and knowledge
- Mentor partners and providers



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- Identify “Point of Contact” to be available 24/7 in the event of a disaster.
- Commit to a neutral environment that fosters a productive and supportive discussion, for learning and resource based solutions.

Participant categories may include:

- Centers for Independent Living
- Consumer advocacy organizations
- Government and State organizations
- Consumers
- Private/Nonprofit organizations
- Community-based organizations and those providing direct services
- Universities and Professors
- Law Enforcement/ First Responders
- Hospitals