

## Aquinnah CERT

### 4.1.21

*Present: Gary Haley; Carla Cuch; Gary Robinson; Beckie Scotten-Finn; Zack Moreis; Chris Manning; Bill Lake; Morgan Hogson; Noli Taylor*

**Next meeting: Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 on Zoom**

### **Shelter volunteer training follow up**

- For a next step here, we'd like to get more specific with sheltering plans for both of our town sheltering sites
- *For Daytime Warming/Cooling Station:*
  - o **Noli** will email **Carla, Kathie, Rhandi, Simon and Forrest** to see if they would be willing to meet together at the Town Hall and walk through all the steps of opening and operating and closing the daytime shelter
    - Develop a communication plan of who will call who if and when the shelter should be opened, and how that process will begin
    - Determine a layout of the space, including a welcome/registration area, food service area, and what else will need to be set up in Town Hall
    - Decide what paperwork we'd like to have filled out—what do we want to have recorded? Are any of the Red Cross registration forms useful?
    - How many helpers do we think we'll need at each step of the process? How many to get the space set up; how many preparing and serving food; how many on registration/welcome; how many just being on site while it's open; how many to close the space.
- *For overnight shelter at the Tribe:*
  - o **Becky, Zach, Chris, and Bret** will work together to walk through a drill at the Community Center for overnight sheltering. DPH will assist them with finalizing their plans for this.
  - o Once their team has walked through it together, they will invite our CERT team to come and walk through the space and get familiar with the plans too.
- *Timeframe:*
  - o These core teams at both the daytime and overnight shelters will work on developing their plans in April. We'll aim to bring in CERT in May to walk through these plans with both teams, and then hope to bring in other volunteers to show them the plans on site in June if COVID allows.
- **Gary** will see if he can get some vests and t-shirts for our CERT team to wear at sheltering events/during emergencies
- **Morgan** suggested we may want to re-circulate the Shelter in Place resources; maybe in June as hurricane season approaches? Let's revisit this at our next meeting.
- **Carla** offered to ask Simon if he has vests enough to spare from the fire department so we could store some in the lockers at Town Hall for the daytime shelter
- **Zack** offered to talk with Bret about getting thermometers from the Tribe to the Town Hall for the daytime sheltering location

**CERT Survey:**

- **Gabbi** will send out the digital community emergency preparedness survey through the new town email list next week
- **Noli** will ask Rhandi, Simon, and Forrest to be on the call next month to discuss what and how we will use the information that we'll be gathering through the survey.

**Trainings:**

- CPR and First Aid trainings: we decided to wait a bit until more people are vaccinated and COVID numbers are down again before looking to schedule these trainings. We may look to September when Gary will be on-island for these. In the meantime, **Gary** offered to send along some print resources we can circulate with some basic CPR and First Aid guidelines.
- **Noli** will talk with Simon about organizing a fire safety training; these can be hands-on with social distancing outdoors; we'll see if we can get one of these trainings in before the summer drought season kicks in
- **Gary** says there are lots of good webinars out there, and offered to send us some links to check out