

Alternate Housing Workshop: Best Practices

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Overview

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- Overview of Housing Options
- Brainstorming Solutions
- Champaign
- Peoria and Peoria County
- Questions



What is Alternate Housing?



Overview of Housing Options

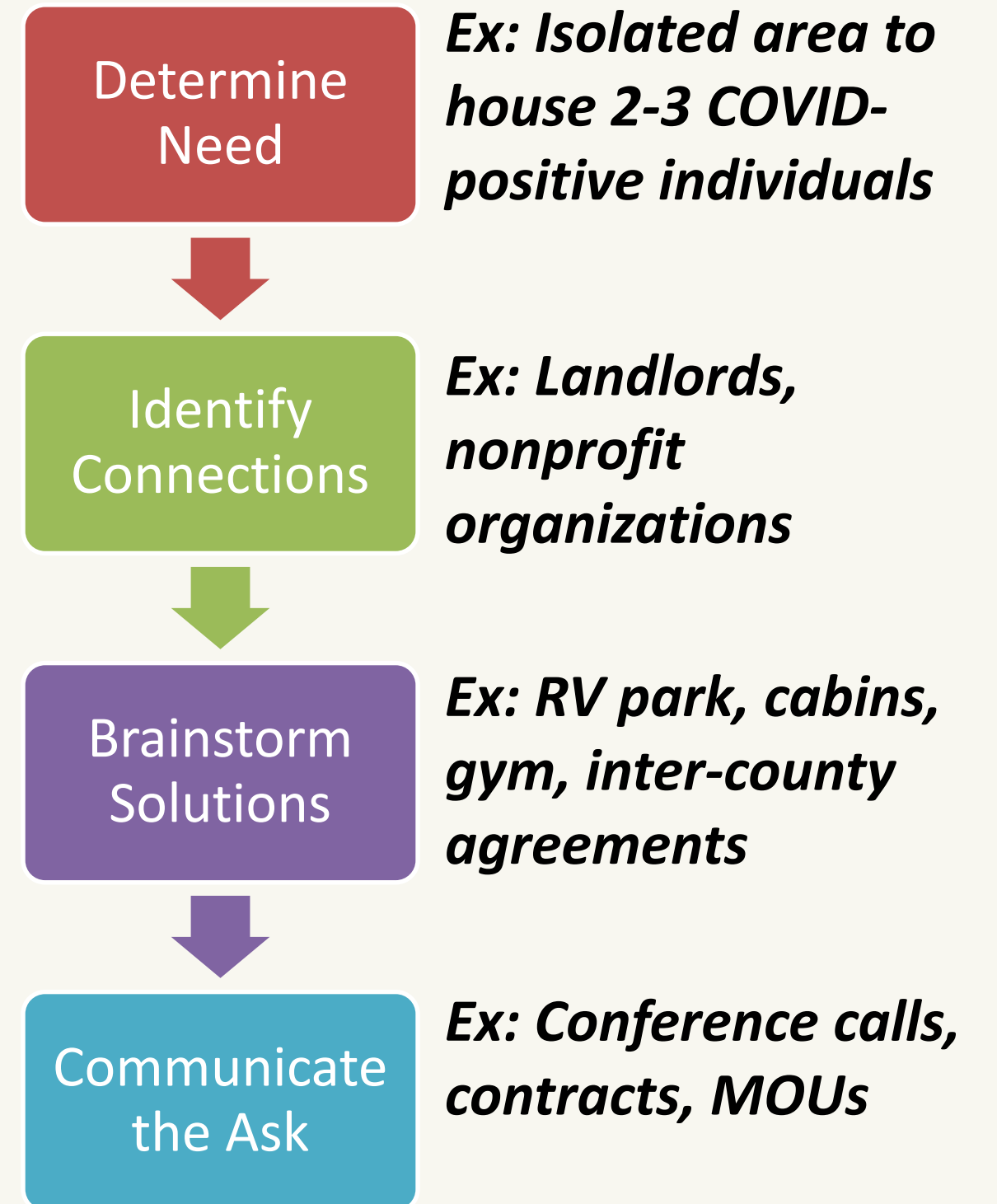
- Private Residence
- Local Unit of Government Owned Building
- Established Shelter
- College or School Spaces
- Houses of Worship
- Public Housing
- Rental Property
- Shopping Mall or Retail Center
- Sports Arena or Gym
- Theatre and Entertainment Venue
- Private Sector Office Building
- Hotel or Motel



Brainstorming Process



Clinton County



Alternate Housing in Champaign County

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Alternate Housing in Champaign County

- Hotel stays started in May and on -going
- Total: 19 (2 homeless, 1 healthcare worker, 16 -positive cases or cases in household)
- Average length of stay: 5.24 days
- Started with one hotel, gained another under same management (\$70 and \$30)
 - Contact over 20 hotels in area -most didn't want to be part of the program or didn't return calls
- Used contract agreement template from IEMA with hotels and health district
- Used housing plan guidance for implementation



Alternate Housing in Champaign County



➤ Top 3 reasons for stay in alt. housing:

- 1. Positive case that is unable to isolate from others in their home. (Large groups of people living in one home.)
- 2. Positive case that resides with an immunocompromised family member, and whose home does not facilitate separate living quarters or separate bathrooms.
- 3. Homeless/displaced from current living situation due to COVID -19. Shelters are not able to accommodate isolated conditions at this time.



Alternate Housing: Peoria

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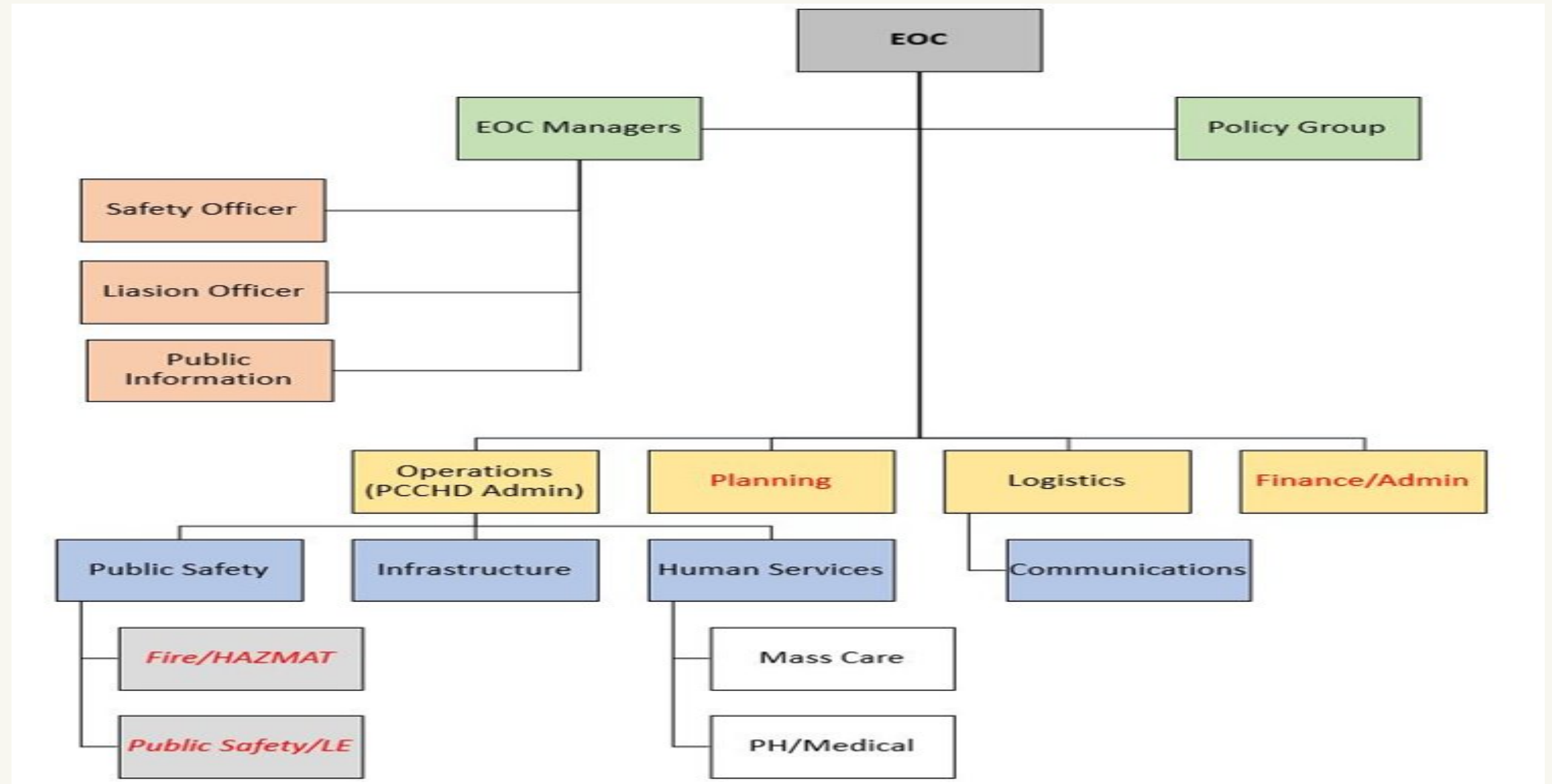
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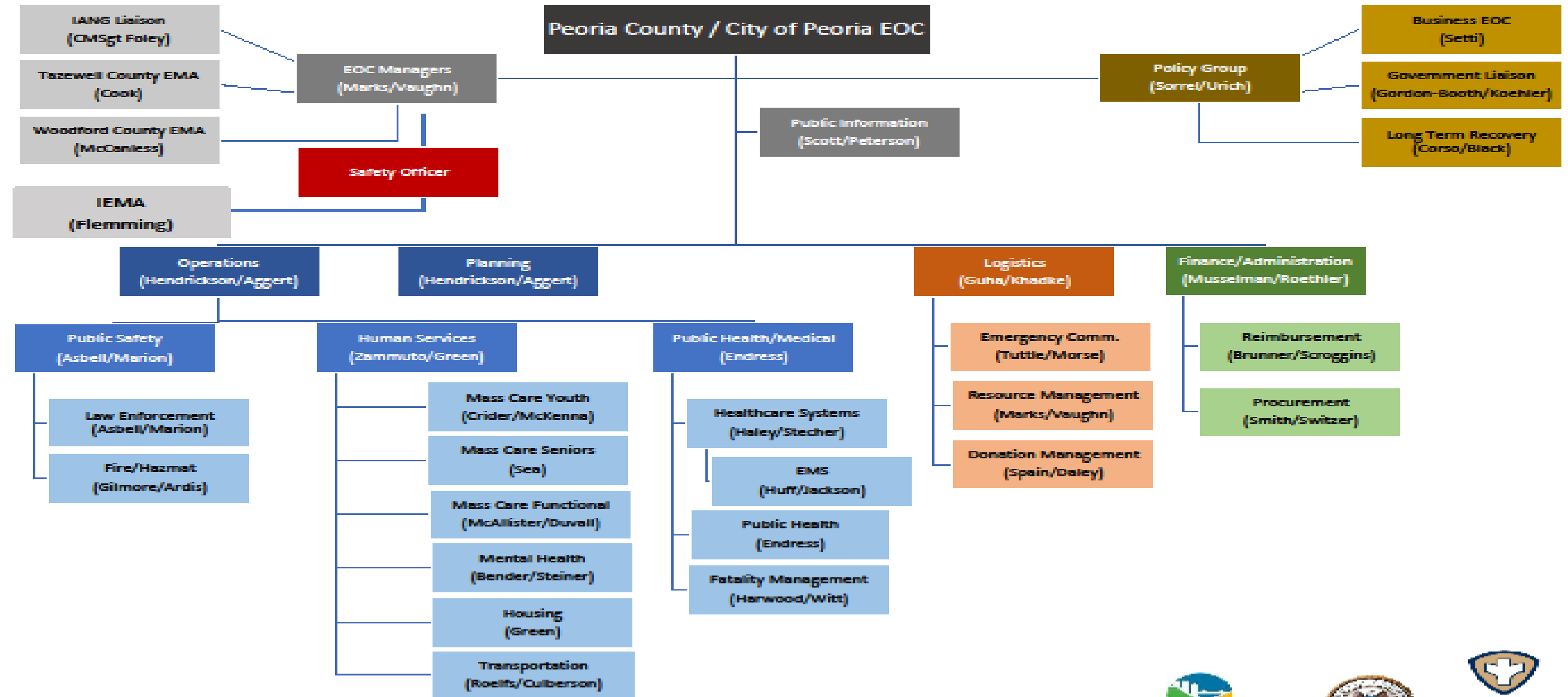
Emergency Operations Center Infrastructure

- EOC Activation – 03/09



Emergency Operations Center Infrastructure

- EOC Structure – 04/20
 - Peak activity
 - Daily calls to every other week



As of 4/20/2020



Scoping the Work

- The Housing Branch was charged with identifying alternate housing for the following:
 - Those who test positive for COVID -19 who do not require hospitalization but need isolation (including those discharging from hospitals);
 - Those who have been exposed to COVID -19 but do not require hospitalization; and
 - Asymptomatic individuals, including high -risk individuals needing social distancing as a precautionary measure, such as people over 65 or with certain underlying health conditions, first responders, or others as determined by the Peoria City/County Health Department.



Identifying Stakeholders

- Initial brainstorming session around potential options for facilities
- Housing Branch grew as needed to pull in additional partners
 - City of Peoria
 - Peoria County
 - Peoria City/County Health Department
 - Home for All Continuum of Care
 - Heartland Health Services (FQHC)
 - Peoria County Animal Protection Services
 - OSF St. Francis Health Care
 - UnityPoint Methodist
 - Four Points Sheraton
 - Peoria Civic Center
 - Emergency Management



Documenting the Process

- Partners drafted process documentation should we need to bring this program back online for COVID -19 or other similar crisis in the future
- Documentation also served as communication tool with internal and external partners
- Included:
 - Referral Criteria
 - Admissions Process
 - Communication
 - Medical Monitoring
 - Behavioral Health Needs
 - Pet Accommodations
 - Meals
 - Staffing
 - Sanitation
 - Discharge



Evolving as Needed

- As guidance has changed, so too has our model
- Example
 - Complete isolation was required at the beginning of the program
 - Found that the majority of clients served were highly vulnerable, non -positive patients
 - In order to promote their success in staying in the program, identified opportunities to get them fresh air
 - Continuum of Care then adopted an interim policy to prioritize those placed in hotel for permanent housing resources



Questions?



Upcoming Events

The Alternate Housing Team will be hosting the final workshop:

➤ July 1 Workshop #5: Wrap Around Services & Planning for All

All workshops and materials can be found at: althousing.iema.illinois.gov!



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