



BOARD/COMMISSION/ADVISORY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities

Recommendation Number: 20140811-03A – State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)

Whereas, there are approximately 126,000 persons with disabilities living in Austin Travis County;

Whereas, the Texas Division of Emergency Management created the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), a free program that assists local emergency planners to capture vital information for use by first responders in case of an emergency event in our community;

Whereas STEAR is a voluntary registry for people

- with limited mobility
- with communications barriers
- who require additional medical assistance during an emergency event
- who require transportation assistance
- who require personal care assistance
- who depend upon life sustaining medical devices that require continuous power

Whereas, first responders, Austin Energy and other emergency management partners could utilize the data in STEAR to better assist people with functional and access needs during an emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities recommends to the City Council approval of a directive to the City Manager to assign staff to oversee adoption and support of STEAR, through City of Austin programs and services and further resolves that implementation plans be developed and implemented by Austin Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff to make STEAR data available to all Austin-Travis County first responders and emergency management partners.

Date of Approval: August 11, 2014

Record of the vote: 6-0 with one absence.

Attest: _____

Dolores González