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What has PAC been up to?

- Reporting Progress:** When a new construction project is in the planning phase teams must take into consideration the ABRP's. Each Affiliate has an ADA Coordinator who can provide the up to date ABPR. Often, a new construction project will directly or indirectly remove barriers. The Affiliate is required to keep track of barriers removed and when Progress Reporting begins, we will have to identify each barrier by ID number and will have to report that they are not going to be removed per the solution provided but rather per a new construction project. The project name and number must be indicated as well as the date when barrier is to be removed. We do not have to explain how the barrier will be removed, but must report that new area when complete will be in full compliance with the applicable version of the California Building Code and 2010 ADA Standards. When your Plan Review Application is submitted, Mary Ellen will be contacting you requesting a list of barriers removed as part of the new project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mary Ellen Medinilla at 916-566-4832 or MedinM@sutterhealth.org.



MAY YOU PLEASE REVIEW THIS?

New construction projects regardless of size and budget amount in an area serving patients or visitors must be submitted for Plan Review as part of the Consent Decree. There are two options for participating in the review process. The first one is the 3rd Party Architectural Plan Review or **APR**. Under this process, a 90% completed set of documents is submitted for review. An assigned Access Specialist reviews the submitted, issues comments and back-checks revised documents until approval is achieved. This is recommended for projects up to \$10M. The second option is the Alternate Compliance Method or **ACM** where the Access Specialist is an integral part of the design team and offers accessibility review throughout the duration of the project starting at the Design Development Phase. The Access Specialist is also involved during construction therefore eliminating the need to provide

monitoring upon project completion. This process is recommended for large projects where it is important to identify potential issues early on, rather than right before submitting for building permit.

FPD PAC has created a process to assist you in submitting projects for review. We have created a process where the team fills out an application (Located in the following directories: <H:\ACCESSIBILITY FPD - PAC PORTAL\Plan Review Intake\1-Forms & Instructions>. and <http://mysutter/sites/shss/business/ogc/ecs/disability/WebpartPages/ABtools.aspx>.) The application must be filled out electronically and emailed to Terry Salo at:

SaloTL@sutterhealth.org to start the intake process.

The team must clearly indicate whether the project under review is a Barrier Removal project or a New Construction/Alteration project, as this will

determine how the 3rd Party Reviewer will perform the review.

If the project is an OSHPD project that contains multiple increments, all increments must be listed on the application even if they are not all being submitted at the same time. The review will not be considered complete until all increments have been submitted and reviewed.

Terry Salo will then intake the documents, perform a brief review for completeness, and assign a PAC project number. This number is to be referenced in all future correspondence. Upon intake, documents will be sent to an Access Specialist for review. Please note that projects that fail to participate in the review process risk losing the protection of the Consent Decree and will be additionally penalized by being monitored at 25% upon completion.

ABRP'S CORNER

ABRP Update: How are you tracking your barrier removal work? Most, but not all ABRP's were provided 3 dark blue columns to the right of the spreadsheet labeled: Barrier Removal Notes, Barrier Removal Date and Barrier Removal Photo Number. Please indicate in the Barrier Date column the year when the barrier was removed. The Barrier Removal Notes Col-

umn is designed for your benefit during the reporting phase. For example, if a barrier was removed per a different solution than what was offered in the ABRP, this would be the area where the explanation for alternate solution would be provided. Also note that you are not required to take photos of the barrier removal; monitoring is in lieu of photos per the Consent

Decree. If your ABRP does NOT have these columns, the PAC team will be adding them during their review. If you are currently removing barriers and would like to have this tracking mechanism added to your ABRP now, please contact Michelle Austin for assistance at 916-614-2453 or AustinM@sutterhealth.org.