

## Appendix

### Focus Group Guide

INTERVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEWEE: \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

THEME: Experiences with Evacuation

- What has your broad experience with evacuation been?
  - PROBE: fires, busted pipes, chemicals/hazardous materials exposure, disasters.
  - PROBE: How were you transported?
  - PROBE: What type of facility were you transported to?
  - PROBE: How long were you displaced?
- Have you had experiences with evacuation prior to or after incarceration?

THEME: Communication

- How did the institution or staff communicate with you about the evacuations
  - PROBE: Did you know why?
  - PROBE: Is this for disciplinary reasons?
  - PROBE: Did you know how long?
- Were you aware of evacuation procedures beforehand?
- Were you able to communicate with each other?
  - PROBE: How do people communicate across the unit in an emergency?
  - PROBE: Were you able to share information?
- Were you able to communicate with your families? With each other? friends?
- Was your family notified of your evacuation? How were they notified?
  - PROBE: social media, news media, email?
- Do you think you were given all of the relevant information?
  - PROBE: Do you think they communicated truthfully with you about the situation?

THEME: Punishment

- How did the rules change? Did things become more flexible or more strict?
  - PROBE: Allowed to talk to each other?
  - PROBE: Allowed to support each other?
- How did staff treatment change?
  - PROBE: Disciplinary cases written? Threatened?
- What happened to your possessions and keepsakes?

#### THEME: Healthcare Resources

- In times that you were not evacuated, did you have access to resources such as clean drinking water, food, medication, air conditioning, functioning toilets? Were you able to receive your medication?
- During the evacuation were you able to bring your keep on person (KOP) meds?
- How long was it before you received it if you couldn't bring it?
- Were you or others provided with medical care if requested or needed?

#### THEME: Disability and Chronic Illness

- Did you have preexisting chronic health conditions or disabilities prior to your evacuation experience?
- Were these conditions exacerbated during or after the evacuation?
- Who were the people most impacted by the evacuations?
- How were people with disabilities helped or not helped? Elderly? Pregnant women?
- Were provisions made for people not physically able to comply with directions?
- Were you able to assist each other or individuals with disabilities during the evacuation process?

#### THEME: Mental Health

- Did you experience mental health issues prior to the evacuation?
- Were your issues with mental health exacerbated by the evacuation?
- What kind of emotions did you experience during evacuations?
- How have your experiences affected you since the evacuation?
- What strategies did you use to cope with the stress of evacuations?
- Were there any efforts made to provide you with physical or emotional comfort?
  - PROBE: Did you find ways to comfort those in your community or to be comforted?
  - PROBE: What strategies did you use to cope?

#### THEME: Experiences and Race

- Did you witness anyone, including yourself, be treated differently during emergencies because of race? Age? Disabilities?

#### THEME: Experiences and Gender

- How did others' perceptions of your gender impact these experiences?
- Did your experiences with evacuation differ depending on the gender of the guards or staff?
- Do you think differences between women's units and prisons units lead to differences in evacuation?

THEME: What do you want or need in this space?

- Have there been times when you felt unsafe and felt that you or the unit should have been evacuated but you weren't?
  - PROBE: fires, busted pipes, chemicals/hazardous materials exposure
- How do you think the leadership of your unit or the system makes decisions about evacuation?
- What do you think they should consider when making decisions to evacuate or not evacuate?
- What changes would you like to see implemented in regard to evacuations?
  - PROBE: Changes to communication with you or family members or changes in procedures