

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

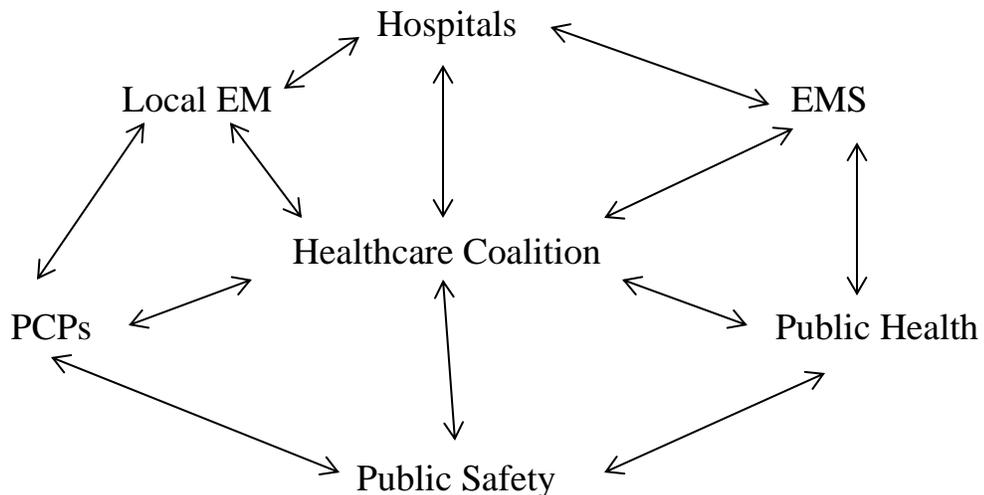
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 13 May, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Frank Bruno, co-chairman of COAD.

Steering Committee members present:

Bernstein, Logan	Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry
Bruno, Frank	Clark, Jesse	Clements, Jim
Forand, Patrick	Greenberg, Warren	Heald, David
Parkhurst, Ray	Troxler, David	Yochum, Mary

- Mr. Bruno introduced Tim Murphy representing The United Way, and Melanie Black, a preparedness planner with the Florida Department of Health.
- Ms. Black presented a detailed overview of the Healthcare Coalition as it exists both state-wide and in Volusia County.
 - They are reaching out to COAD and others.
 - Volusia County is in the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC)



- This Coalition represents a “Whole Community” approach to emergency management.
- Their purposes are:
 - o Plan training exercises together
 - o Partners know each other
 - o Partners know resources available in the community
 - o Not a response organization
- As a member of the Healthcare Coalition, COAD would have a seat at the table to help plan for Volusia County’s preparedness for emergencies.
- Ms. Black showed a state of Florida map and explained the 16 jurisdictions.
- CFDMC has several purposes:
 - o Facilitate information sharing
 - o Facilitate resource support
 - o Facilitate the interface between the Coalition and other jurisdictional authorities
 - o Decide who has authority within the county for a particular incident
 - o Building strength within our local health capacity and our capabilities
 - o Develop and refine out Healthcare Coalition governance structure
- CFDMC’s function is to develop, refine, and sustain a Healthcare Coalition governance infrastructure capable of receiving, prioritizing, and distribution.
- Ms. Black would like for COAD to become members of the Healthcare Coalition.
- One important thing which has been recently done is a gap analysis and determining what are our area’s biggest risks.
- Resource assessment has been a very big factor.

- Providing a forum for everyone in the Healthcare community to interact with each other.
- Ms. Black explained the structure of the Healthcare Coalition.
- She invited COAD members to attend the Coalition meetings which are held twice a year. Travel money is available.
- The Coalition has been looking to have representation specific from Volusia County.
- Ms. Black believes that the Coalition's Board of Directors should be equally divided between the 9 counties within this district.
- COAD was invited to submit an article for the Coalition's monthly newsletter.
- One of Ms. Black's biggest concerns was a partner engagement where groups "buy into" the entire plan and become part of the Coalition.
- It would be good for one or two COAD members to attend the Coalition meetings. This would be a good way to get some funding and to be able to participate in the planned exercises.
- Mr. Bruno had made a notation to speak to members about attending the Coalition meetings.
- Andrea Brandon will email a list of Steering Committee members with full information to Ms. Black.
- It was noted by Mr. Bruno, Ms., Black, and others, that having the co-operation and input of the school system is very important.
- Mr. Bruno mentioned that Candace Lankford is involved with a coalition of schools and would be a good person to involve in this Coalition.
- Ms. Black went on to discuss the Disaster Medical Assessment Team (DMAT) which does not come until 72 hours after the incident has occurred.
- She also explained about exercises in the near future in Orange County and DMAT's 3 mobile hospitals, alternate care sites, and communication trailers.

- The 3 biggest threats in our area are seen as being hurricanes, biological terrorism (possibly pandemic), and conventional terrorism.
- Much information on this Coalition is on their website:
www.centralfladisaster.org<<http://www.centralfladisaster.org>>
- Jerry Brandon updated the Steering Committee on the Preparedness Strike Team's plans and activities:
 - Mr. Brandon summarized the several presentations which have already been done.
 - The MYN presentation was originally approximately 1 ½ hours, but has now been shortened to 45 minutes to an hour which greatly helps keep the interest of attendees.
 - There was another practice session with the GROUPME texting program to clarify some issues.
 - The Prep Strike Team will set up and man a COAD table at a Hurricane Preparation Fair sponsored by local vendors to stimulate public awareness. There is a meeting set up for 3 June to discuss this event in detail.
 - COAD still needs to get the word out to the general public about what we do. This awareness is critical to the success of our goals, and is something which needs to be addressed by the Steering Committee.
 - The Prep Strike Team hopes that all Steering Committee members will also make presentations of MYN. Packets are available for this.
- David Heald gave a review of the Response and Recovery Strike Team:
 - They are developing lists of businesses to determine potential resources.
 - Also, they are building a database of resources.
 - In addition, an up-dating of resource categories is taking place to have a better idea of what to look for.
 - This strike team is making a comprehensive list of people with skill.

- There is a need for a volunteer reception center which should be manned after a disaster. They are trying to recruit someone to help with this.
- There is no physical place right now.
- Ray Parkhurst suggested that he and Mr. Heald get together with Jim Judge, Director of the Department of Public Protection, Emergency Management Division for Volusia County, to review the concept of a volunteer reception center.
- Mr. Parkhurst continued with:
 - We must get all parties at the table.
 - There is a gap when the county's non-activation is considered and the incident requires help.
 - We may need a mini-volunteer reception center.
 - It is important to address how we would handle the many volunteers who will show up – only some of whom will actually be used.
- Ms. Black said that she will put Mr. Parkhurst in contact with Orange and Osceola Counties so they can explain how they handle this type of situation.
- Mr. Heald is developing a MYN database spreadsheet so we can keep track of where presentations have been done as well as locations of knowledgeable trainers.
- Logan Bernstein suggested that each presenter record their own information after a MYN presentation has been completed.
- Mr. Parkhurst suggested that COAD should do a follow-up to groups where MYN has been done within at least 1 year.
- He also described a tabletop POD exercise in Pierson which was extremely successful.
- The agenda for the next General Membership Meeting of 28 May, 2014 was discussed.
 - Dr. Mateo will present his thoughts on responses to disasters based on personal experiences. He will speak for approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours.

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- There will be an article in the News Journal's "Community Voices" just before this meeting to inform and invite the public.
- We will try to have Public Service Announcements on the TV and radio.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.