

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 9 January 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Frank Bruno, Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Frank Bruno	Jim Judge
Jason Dominquez	Lynn Kennedy
Terry Foley	Frank Lewandowski
Warren Greenberg	Deanie Lowe
Carmen Hall	Ray Parkhurst
Charlie Howell	David Troxler
Clay Jackson	Pat White

Mr. Frank Bruno called for introductions around the table.

Mr. Jim Judge praised Clay and Community Services for their hard work on Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA). The TSA program ended yesterday and we have about 65 people who are being bumped out of the program. Community Services is working to help these people. Severe Weather Awareness Week is coming up.

We have been busy handling shelters for the homeless to get them out of the cold weather. We are providing cots.

We are starting WEBEOC training for those in the EOC. There is a huge tornado drill coming up. Hurricane season will be here before you know it, so we are getting ready like we always do.

Coming up in April we have a huge disaster drill that will span multiple counties.

Mr. Judge talked about the EOC facility and what needs to be done for future disasters. He also talked briefly about the County Liaison role.

We are considering a way of transitioning the EOC from response to recovery by making the facility available to some of the other agencies like Community Services, United Way and others.

Mr. Bruno asked where we were with FEMA funding. Ms. White suggested that we are still waiting on FEMA funding and people should be steered to Volusia County Human Services.

Mr. Judge commented that the State Emergency Management is an absolute wreck. They are bailing out of there left and right. There is not really any leadership or experience. There are lots of mistakes being made up there that has local impact.

Ms. Terry Foley spoke about the status at VIND. We currently have 58 cases from Matthew that are in the estimate, construction and rebuilt stages. There are 30 cases that we transferred to the United Methodist Church. We have geared up with case management for Irma. We estimate that there will be 800 to 1000 homes that we will be dealing with. They must be home owners to be qualified for VIND. We have volunteers coming in to finish up for Matthew. Terry explained the process of working through the unmet needs and matching up volunteers and funding. Mr. Troxler spoke about funding and indicated that some major denominations have stepped up with some funding.

Mr. Ray Parkhurst spoke about Red Cross and long-term recovery. There is a possibility of some funding from Red Cross. Flagler is in process of forming a COAD and long-term recovery group. They need funding for case workers. Ray suggested that they talk to CareerSource.

Ms. Pat White indicated that AmeriCorps will be coming back into town. There was a discussion about housing them.

Mr. Frank Bruno discussed the next General Membership Meeting scheduled for January 17 at the Health Department. Community Services will be there to talk about moving forward with ESF 15. We will have election of officers. We need to strengthen our board with some new members. We need people to be involved as Treasurer, Secretary, PIO, VP, etc.

Mr. Clay Jackson showed a sign in sheet to be used at the meeting. This sheet includes information about services available from the organization attending the meeting. There was a brief discussion about the use of laptops at the meeting.

We need to get the word out about the meeting. We should send an invite to our web list. The county will also send a notice. Also, a notice was sent out through the Community Connector.

Minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.