

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 12 March 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 10:06 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank	Dominguez, Jason
Greenberg, Warren	Howell, Charlie	Kennedy, Lynn
Lewandowski, Frank	Troxler, David	

Mr. Brandon called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bruno so moved, and Mr. Howell seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Mr. Brandon called for each member to speak to what is happening in their organization.

- Mr. Dave Troxler gave a report on VIND activity for February. In February 1084 hours were expended on rebuilding damaged residences with 34 volunteers. Seven (7) projects were worked on with 5 completed and 2 continued. Currently working on 3 roofs with 2 teams total of 26 volunteers this week. Forty-eight (48) stick projects are waiting for volunteers to complete. There are over 162 mobile homes registered. Still receiving new clients and being vetted. Mobile homes conference all is scheduled for later today.

We provided the President of Florida District 14 Mobile Home Organization with referral documentation for their 300+ mobile home owners. VIND is prepared for the influx of referrals to be able to register for Rebuild Florida by 3/29/2019 – the deadline for the registration.

The grant has been approved for teaming up with American Baptist Church and Disaster Ministries to host the UCC Summer Communities of Service where 2 interns will learn our long-term recovery organization and leadership skills.

- Mr. Charlie Howell spoke about CareerSource creating initiatives to address the employment and training needs of graduating high school seniors and college graduates. It is a good job market right now. The challenge that we have is that the job seekers we have do not have the skills that the employers are currently looking for. We have partnered with education, economic development and businesses to determine what is lacking and to drive the conversation towards developing programs that teach the skills that are needed.
- Mr. Jason Dominguez indicated that United Way is continuing to update their disaster recovery database. We have an interim CEO who is working on a 90-day agreement. We

have a selection committee that is reviewing resumes for the CEO position.

- Ms. Lynn Kennedy representing both Department of Health and One Voice for Volusia indicating that our general meeting is scheduled for March 20. We have used Melanie Black in the past to book at the Health Department, but we should be using Susan Stewart (Susan.Stewart@flhealth.gov). That would ensure that we will have proper IT support, housekeeping support and so on.

We are on the May agenda of One Voice for Volusia. The meeting is May 8, 9am – 10am and is attended by about 100 people.

- Mr. Warren Greenberg talked about the new structure for Red Cross. They are splitting the state up into 3 groups. Each group will have 10 strike teams with equipment that can be deployed anywhere in the state.
- Mr. Frank Lewandowski indicated that the LDS church is completing their disaster recovery list so that the Bishops and the State President can blast out emails of what is needed and where.
- Mr. Frank Bruno talked about the expo with the Hispanic Chamber. The new County Manager, George Recktenwald is on board with us for the expo. That brings Emergency Management on, the Public Information Officer (PIO) on and the fairgrounds on. We will still have some expenses with security staff, but Frank will be working on getting sponsors to help with the cost. Frank will be meeting with the Hispanic Chamber tomorrow. The event is June 8th with the Hispanic Chamber, 10am – 2PM at the county fairgrounds. We need to name it.
- Mr. Jerry Brandon asked that we begin ordering FEMA documents. We have some in Spanish.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.