

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 9 April, 2019

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Foley, Terry	Hemmerlein, Jill	Howell, Charlie
Lewandowski, Frank	Rademacher, Jeanne	Troxler, David
White, Pat		

- Mr. Brandon called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of 12 March, 2019. Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman moved for approval. Seconded by Frank Lewandowski, the motion passed.
- Mr. Brandon next called on committee members to give updates on the activities of their organizations:
 - Pastor David Troxler with VIND reported the following:
 - There were 47 volunteers who did 11,385 hours in March working in 7 teams on 8 projects. 7 were completed.
 - They are working with their financial institution on 7 projects which are all from hurricane Irma. 3 have been approved and 4 applications are awaiting approval.
 - Matthew cases are finished.
 - There are 32 stick built projects waiting for volunteers to complete and over 162 mobile homes are registered.
 - They are still receiving an average of 5 new clients per week.
 - For mobile homes, registration for Rebuild Florida has expired as of 29 March, 2019. VIND is still assisting clients who had registered.
 - They have provided referral documentation for more than 300 mobile home owners to the Florida District 14 Mobile Home Organization. There has been no response as of this time.

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- VIND is growing in capacity and stability. The grant has been approved for Teaming Up With American Baptist Church and Disaster Ministries to host the United Church of Christ (UCC) Summer Communities of Service where 2 interns will learn their long-term recovery organization and leadership skills. UCC and VIND have conducted 3 interviews with applicants and selected 2 interns to offer the summer internship to. Confirmation will be received by 17 April.
 - Terry Foley, Program Co-ordinator for VIND, gave a further up-date on their activities.
 - Mr. Brandon asked if they had been able to contact RK Roofing about their agreement to help out in emergencies. When told that this had not happened, Mr. Brandon said that he would call them.
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- Charlie Howell with CareerSource said that all money from Hurricane Irma has been used up. Also, he has ordered quite a bit of materials from FEMA which can be passed out at our Expo in June.
 - It was noted that we need to get the media involved to get the word out to the public about our Hurricane Expo. Mr. Brandon will call The Hometown News reporter and get an appointment for an interview.
 - Jeanne Rademacher with The United Way gave an up-date on the vendors for the Expo. Mr. Bruno will work with her to finalize a list. We want to include as wide a variety of people and types of businesses as possible to provide information for preparation for hurricane season as well as what to do during and after any disaster.
 - Jill Hemmerlein with Volusia County Emergency Management continued the updates:
 - The County Expo will be on 23 May, 2019.
 - They will be using different vendors than will be at our June 8th Expo.
 - Our COAD will have a table at the County Expo to give information about our June 8th Expo.
 - There will be an Emergency Partners Meeting on 25 June, 2019, which will include people such as representatives from Disney as well as the National Weather Service who will discuss the up-coming hurricane season.

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- The County Hurricane Exercise will be on 8 May, 2019. It will include all areas of the ESF.
 - There was much discussion regarding the County's ESF system. Our COAD was to receive a copy of the manual which includes our responsibilities during activation.

- Next on the agenda, Mr. Bruno discussed our Hurricane Expo which is scheduled for 8 June, 2019 at the Volusia County Fairgrounds:
 - He will be getting final approval by this Friday of many of the issues involved.
 - A sample of a possible flyer advertising the Expo was shown.
 - Mr. Bruno requested comments.
 - Mr. Brandon suggested that most or all of it be put in Spanish on the other side because we are partnering with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
 - There will be a meeting this Friday, 12 April, 2019, with members of our COAD and a representative of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to begin to finalize plans.
 - Mr. Bruno hopes that this will become an annual event.
 - Friday's meeting will be in the Media Room of the EOC at 11:30 AM.
 - The meeting will also include Joanne Magley, Volusia County Public Information Officer (PIO), and Inez Nazario-Vega, President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

- Mr. Brandon spoke about our need for a speaker for our next General Meeting.
 - Adam Leath, Volusia County Animal Control Officer will speak.
 - Mr. Bruno will call Claire Metz, a TV meteorologist to see if she will also speak.

- Future meeting schedule:
 - May 12 – 17 – Governor's Hurricane Conference in West Palm Beach
 - Next Steering Committee meeting – 14 May, 2019
 - Next General Membership meeting – 15 May, 2019

- Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.