

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 9 July, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 10:00 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Cisco, Tom	Dominguez, Jason	Foley, Terry
Greenberg, Warren	Hemmerlein, Jill	Howell, Charlie
Lewandowski, Frank	Rademacher, Jeanne	White, Pat

- After introductions of members in attendance, a motion was made by Frank Lewandowski to accept the minutes of the meeting of 11 June, 2019. Seconded by Charlie Howell, the motion passed.

- Terry Foley with VIND then gave a report of activities within her organization:
 - Volunteer hours for the month of June were for 3 teams with 940.5 hours.
 - June was very successful with volunteer co-ordination and work completion. The first team completed muck and gut and the second and third teams completed the home.
 - July is extremely busy. There are 3 teams back-to-back with the group in the middle consisting of 21 volunteers.
 - They have completed 1 project through a financial institution with 1 roof remaining having 1 HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) needing financial assistance. The financial institution denied the client funding for the bank because it does not have resources to verify the need for the HVAC system. 3 roofs are waiting for approval.
 - There are 23 stick built projects waiting for volunteers to complete.
 - Over 166 mobile homes are registered.
 - They are still receiving an average of 5 new clients per week on stick built homes. Estimates are beginning to be required. For mobile homes, registration for Rebuild Florida continues but it is not publicized. VIND continues assisting those clients who registered with Rebuild Florida through their process.
 - Volusia County released their application for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). VIND met with the County’s program representatives and VIND’s case management is working towards completing applications for victims of Hurricane Matthew.

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- 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 two interns will learn our long-term recovery organization and leadership skills. The two interns continue to work either in the office or with volunteer teams on projects.
 - VIND remains following up with Volunteer Florida and possible funding.
 - Notice of additional funding direct from the Presbyterian Volunteer Group is coming in July.
 - VIND received an award letter from Week of Compassion – Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- Charlie Howell with CareerSource:
- Regarding emergency funding, Irma funding has been extended through October, 2019.
 - Entrepreneurial training now has a completely different mind-set:
 - The new model teaches how to market ideas without creating an actual business plan.
 - Gig economy, (a labor market consisting of short-term labor contracts) is now 40% of the workforce.
 - CareerSource is not funded to work with a gig economy but they are working on the fringes.
 - By the end of the year 2020, it is estimated that 60% of the total workforce will be working in the gig economy.
- Mr. Brandon thanked Mr. Howell for his up-date commenting, that this kind of information is why our meetings are so important because it is where everyone is brought up-to-date on community happenings as well as general information.
- Pat White, COAD treasurer:
- Everything is paid for from the 2019 Hurricane Expo.
 - Our bank balance is, \$ 1,798.51.
 - She will further research our account with PayPal.

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- Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, commented that:
 - We were extremely successful with our Hurricane Expo by actually adding to our bank account. Many times, events such as these do not do as well for the first year.
 - We were able to obtain the sales tax certificate for our participating vendors.
 - We have already set the date for our next Expo. It will be 30 May, 2020.
 - We will set the details for the 2020 Expo by the end of December, 2019.

- Jeanne Rademacher with the United Way, brought up the need for our obtaining a Solicitation License through the Florida Department of Agriculture. This is required for any 501(c)(3) group which accepts any donations. This must be renewed every year. Mr. Bruno said that he would take care of this.

- Tom Cisco, with Volusia County Emergency Management said that the County is working on training personnel in various disaster situations now. This includes training in an active shooter situation which many counties have decided not to do because it is very disruptive. Regular emergency training is being done now before any storms actually hit Volusia County.

- Jason Dominguez with United Way spoke next:
 - They are working on up-dating 2-1-1, keeping the information on it as accurate as possible.
 - Mrs. Rademacher commented that the new United Way Director would be glad to attend one of our COAD meetings.

- Warren Greenberg with ARES stated that he is ready to re-start our MYN project as soon as he receives the lists of HOAs, Condo Associations, and Manufactured Home Park Associations.

- Frank Lewandowski with the Church of Jesus Christ said that his group is currently gathering personal data from their total membership in order to be able to reach out to them after a disaster has occurred.

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- Jill Hemmerlein, our COAD's liaison with Volusia County spoke next:
 - Next Tuesday, 16 July, the G288 course of instruction from FEMA will be taught at the EOC. This deals with volunteers and donations management.
 - Next Wednesday and Thursday, 17 and 18 July, the G489 FEMA class dealing with management of spontaneous volunteers in disasters will be taught. This will also be at the EOC.
 - G557, Rapid Needs Assessment, will be given on 30 October, 2019.
 - Mrs. Hemmerlein will begin sending out letters regarding our 2020 Hurricane Expo right after Thanksgiving.

- We will have to be sure that the vendors are more responsible about being completely set up before people come in.
- Mr. Bruno requested a complete list of vendors who participated in 2019. Mrs. Hemmerlein will send it to him.

- There was much further discussion regarding the 2020 Expo.

- Mr. Bruno asked for clarification on our status with the County as an ESF15 which is where we were situated in the past. We have not heard recently from Family Services. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Bruno would contact Donna Butler at the County level.

- The next General Meeting will be 18 September, 2019. Mrs. Rademacher will ask Courtney Edgecomb, Director of United Way, to be the speaker.

- Mrs. Hemmerlein said that our COAD is considered a lead support agency. She continued by reading our responsibilities in that situation.

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.