

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 13 August, 2019**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:04 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Austin, Aubrie	Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry
Bruno, Frank	Dominguez, Jason	Kennedy, Lynn
Lewandowski, Frank	Sanders, Kelly	Troxler, David

- After introductions of members in attendance, a motion was made by Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, to accept the minutes of the meeting of 9 July, 2019. Seconded by Frank Lewandowski, the motion passed.
  
- ❖ The meeting continued with up-dates and discussions on various issues.
  - Mr. Bruno began a general discussion:
    - The thank you letters from our COAD to the sponsors of the Hurricane Expo have been signed by and hand delivered by Mr. Bruno and Mr. Brandon.
    - Mr. Bruno still needs to obtain the list of vendors who participated in the Expo from Jill Hemmerlein, our liaison with Volusia County.
    - A letter from COAD to all participating vendors will be signed by Mr. Bruno and Mr. Brandon and will:
      - Incorporate a thank you for their participation;
      - Allow for the opportunity to work with them again on the next Hurricane Expo;
      - Say when the next date is planned;
      - Explain that they will have some priority because of their initial involvement.
  
  - Aubrey Austin, our County representative with ESF 15:
    - Emergency Management just did a recovery training and they will be reaching out to everyone involved to up-date the recovery plan.
    - They are also going to be up-dating their 5 year Emergency Plan and the Mitigation Plan.

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- Mrs. Austin will send an email regarding up-coming classes with FEMA.
  - Mr. Brandon asked for more information, as well as confirmation on, where our COAD fits into ESF15. We need to know what we are to do, and what our responsibilities are when an event occurs.
  - Mr. Bruno suggested that we invite Carmen Hall, who is with Community Services, to a meeting and ask her exactly what our responsibilities would be.
  - After some discussion, it was decided that Mrs. Hall would be invited to the next Steering Committee meeting or Mrs. Austin will set up a meeting for Mrs. Hall to meet with Mr. Brandon and Mr. Bruno.
- Lynn Kennedy, with Volusia Department of Health:
- They are finishing a Community Needs Assessment which involves the hospitals and the County.
  - Their next step will involve a Community Health Improvement Plan which will include community partners dealing with improving all aspects of health to include physical, social, and economic health.
- Jason Dominguez with the United Way:
- Regarding their 2-1-1:
    - They had approximately 1600 calls during July.
    - They had approximately 3700 searches on the website.
    - They are continually up-dating the information to be sure it is accurate.
  - He will speak with Courtney Edgecombe, United Way Director, to confirm that she will be our speaker for our General Meeting on 18 September, 2019.
- Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:
- They are still working to help people with problems from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.
  - Volunteer hours for July for 3 teams was 1069.5 hours.
  - July was very successful with volunteer co-ordination and work completion. 2 interiors were completed, and 1 more is in the process of completion.
  - Completed 2 projects through financial institutions for 2 roofs.
  - United Way grant received HVAC client is now with A/C.

- 21 stick built projects are waiting for volunteers to complete.
  - Over 170 mobile homes are registered – 3 applications have been denied. VIND is working on a solution to assist these homeowners.
  - They are still receiving new clients. The average is 2 new ones per week (stick built). Estimates are beginning to be required.
  - Mobile homes: Registration for Rebuild Florida continues, however it is not publicized. VIND remains assisting those clients who registered with Rebuild Florida through their process.
  - Volusia County – Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CBDG-DR): VIND has completed 12 applications. There are 27 applications that are in the process to be completed.
  - The grant that had been approved for Teaming up with American Baptist Church and Disaster Ministries which hosted the UCC Summer Communities of Service has had 2 interns who completed their internship where they learned long-term recovery organization and leadership skills. Thank you cards and letters from the interns with warm messages have been received.
  - VIND is in the process of writing grants for funding from Volunteer Florida.
  - VIND completed 2 grant proposals from Home Depot and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
  - VIND is also receiving funding from the Presbyterian Volunteer Group and Week of Compassion – Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- Mr. Brandon continued a review of our COAD's activities:
- We need a list of HOAs, Condo Associations, and mobile home parks in order to gear-up and re-start the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) seminar series. We have been waiting for almost 2 years for an up-dated list.
  - The MYN seminar series needs to be a year-round effort.
  - We have already trained approximately 3500 people in the county.
  - We still need to do our Hot Wash about the Hurricane Expo. We need to review what went right and what went wrong as soon as possible.
  - We will write a letter of thanks to give to all contributors to the Expo which will be reviewed by Mr. Bruno.
  - Mr. Brandon discussed briefly the grant funds available for the CERT program. We are not involved and the County is not doing anything with CERT at this time. Mrs. Austin said that County personnel were instructed that the CERT program needs to go through the fire department, not Emergency Management.

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- The next Steering Committee is on 10 September, 2019.
  - The next General Meeting is 18 September, 2019.
  - The meeting at the United Way regarding disaster recovery is 14 August.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM.