

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 March, 2020

The meeting was brought to order at 10:02 AM by Gerald Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Barrett, Chip	Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry
Dominguez, Jason	Greenberg, Warren	Howell, Charlie
Jackson, Clayton	Judge, Jim	Korkus, Tarayn
Lewandowski, Frank	Troxler, David	White, Pat

- After general introductions of members present, Mr. Brandon asked Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management, to give an up-date on what has been happening at the county level.
 - Mr. Judge gave a review of the Corona virus in Volusia County:
 - The second positive case has been tested.
 - He had a conference call with all of the cities.
 - He met in a round-table discussion with county elected officials.
 - Because of such things as HIPPA concerns, we do not know where the known cases live.
 - At this time, the Health Department is the only group doing the testing.
 - There is now an established state-wide health emergency in place although at this time there is not an established local health emergency. The Emergency Operating Center (EOC) has not been activated.
- Next on the agenda, Mr. Brandon asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting of 11 February, 2020. A motion was made by Frank Lewandowski, seconded by Warren Greenberg. Motion passed.
- The agenda now called for discussions and up-dates from each member as to the activities of their organizations:
 - Tarayn Korkus with the Florida Health Department:
 - Gave a review of their procedures
 - At this time a physician's referral is needed.

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- Ms. Korkus handed out and discussed the flyers from the CDC which detailed how to keep safe. The flyers also provided for the copying of various documents which are necessary at this time.
- Pat White, COAD treasurer:
 - The Solicitation Application has been completed and mailed off.
 - Taxes are finished.
 - All corporate materials are done.
- Charlie Howell with Career Source:
 - They are in the midst of deciding how to do business in the middle of the Corona virus outbreak.
 - This also includes how to deal with the general public.
 - They may use a skype type of way for these interactions.
 - They are already using masks, hand sanitizers and frequently disinfecting touchable areas such as keyboards.
 - If a member of the general public comes in and is visibly ill, since the state mandates that they cannot be turned away, they are given a mask to wear.
- Clayton Jackson with Volusia County:
 - His office is also deciding on how to facilitate and provide services to the public during this outbreak.
- Jason Dominguez with The United Way:
 - Jean Rademacher has sent out the “Save the Date” emails regarding our Hurricane Expo.
 - They are still up-dating their 2-1-1 database and he asked that everyone remind their clients about the free income tax assistance program which is being offered. Information can be obtained by calling 386-275-1939 to schedule an appointment.
- Pastor David Troxler with VIND:
 - They have had 1 team with 6 volunteers doing 138 hours.
 - There are 9 stick-built projects waiting for volunteers to complete.
 - Over 170 mobile homes have registered. 6 applications have been denied by the County. VIND is working with Rebuild Florida which is also looking at existing mobile homes for sale due to the majority of mobile home parks being in flood zones.

- Volusia County – Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CBDG-DR) – VIND has completed 13 applications. There are 27 applications that are in the process to be completed.

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- VIND is in the process of applying for a Volunteer Florida Grant.
 - They have received an acknowledgement award for the Church of Scientology.
 - VIND is currently down to one case manager and 2 construction co-ordinator due to funding. The Program Co-ordinator is taking on the additional tasks.
 - Frank Lewandowski with the Church of Jesus Christ introduced Charles (Chip) Barratt who will now be the representative from LDS to our Steering Committee.
 - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARES:
 - He is waiting on the up-dated report in order to begin again on a methodical plan for Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) presentations.
- Mr. Brandon continued the meeting with discussions of several issues:
- Mr. Howell asked if there is a Corona virus plan for the homeless? Mr. Jackson answered that if there is a plan, it would probably be a quarantine area.
 - Mr. Howell went on to say that various things have changed and evolved with member organizations, and as a result, perhaps it is time for our COAD to re-evaluate our own role in Volusia County. Mr. Brandon replied that this had been brought up at the last Steering Committee meeting and this concept should be addressed as an agenda item in the near future.
 - Mrs. White brought up the subject of our next General Meeting. She said that this meeting was going to be a big one with speakers already lined up. Unfortunately, there has been no future advertising for it. As a result, it would be better to cancel the meeting rather than have a top echelon of speakers with a small audience. Mrs. White feels that there is a lack of support for our COAD, even questioning why we are doing what we are doing. To her, it seems like we are only important when something actually happens.
 - Mr. Brandon said that he and Mr. Bruno, Co-Chairman, are frustrated with the lack of help from many in the county, even though there are others who have been very supportive. He then asked, “What do we have to do in order to have more people come to these General Meetings?” One possibility that was discussed was to have some type of workshop held simultaneously. This next meeting was supposed to be that kind, but if people don’t know about it, they won’t be there.

- Much discussion ensued. Mrs. White made a motion to postpone this General Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jackson, the motion passed.
- Mr. Brandon next brought up a discussion of MYN. He gave Mr. Greenberg copies of a letter of introduction, an application for a presentation of MYN, and

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An After Action Report (AAR) so that we can get feedback from the MYN presentations. Mr. Greenberg, who is now in charge of our COAD's MYN program, would be responsible for sending these to various Homeowner Associations, (HOA) boards listed on has master list. Mr. Greenberg mentioned that he has manage to condense the original presentation down to one disc which uses, as examples, the types of disasters that are possible in our location.

- Next on the agenda was a discussion of our already scheduled Hurricane Expo.
 - Everything is moving forward.
 - Materials have been sent out to last year's sponsors and exhibitors including a "Save the Date" and information flyers.
 - Mr. Brandon will follow through with the county intern which Jill Hemmerlein, our member representative with Volusia County, has told us about.
 - Mr. Brandon and Mr. Bruno will contact "The Hometown News" and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- The next meetings:
 - General Meeting scheduled for 18 March, 2020 – cancelled.
 - Steering Committee meeting – 14 April, 2020
- Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.