

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 November, 2020**

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Dominguez, Jason
Greenberg, Warren	Howell, Charlie	Judge, Jim
Korkus, Taryn	Martin, Francine	Troxler, David

- Mr. Brandon asked all in attendance to up-date the activities of the organizations which they represent:
  - Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergence Management:
    - They are continuing to monitor the tropics:
      - Eta is out in the Gulf of Mexico - may head north.
      - Theta is out in the Atlantic moving away from the US.
      - Theta is the 29<sup>th</sup> named storm and presents a record since 2005.
      - Disturbance number 63 is moving toward Central America.
  - Pastor David Troxler with VIND:
    - Two homes remaining for completion – one will be finished next week with a team of volunteers.
    - Four mobile homes have been purchased; two are occupied by clients of VIND and one is being renovated for special needs.
    - Two more homes will be purchased in the future.
    - Clients continue to show true appreciation for the help.
    - Registration for Rebuild Florida is continuing without advertising.
    - VIND is continuing to help clients who have registered with Rebuild Florida.
    - Finding volunteers to work is a real challenge and has become an issue due to COVID19.
  - Taryn Korkus with the Department of Health:
    - The New Smyrna Beach gym is doing testing 7 days a week from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. It is located at 1000 Live Oak Street and will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after.
    - The up-date on the vaccine is that there is one which appears to be 90% effective. Limited doses in 2021 will be given to healthcare workers after FDA approval.

- Jason Dominguez with the United Way:
  - The final round of relief care for COVID19 is now open.
  - If a link to the grant is needed, his office number is 386-275-1947. He will send the information for the application.
  - The focus is on food assistance, rent and mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and mental health and case management needs.
  - It closes on 4 December, 2020.
- Charlie Howell with CareerSource:
  - They have received a grant from Truist Corporation. Suntrust and BB&T have merged and the new bank is called Truist. The grant is for \$20,000 and allows them to cover ancillary items that help people get back to work. There are some things that CareerSource is not allowed to pay for from the government grants so this helps to fill that need with such things as tools to be gotten, back-ground checks, and nursing testing.
  - This is for people who have lost a job, found another job, and need help to get that job.
- Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman:
  - Even though it is soon to be thinking about next year's hurricane season, we need to find out if the facilities are available.
  - Mr. Judge said to let him know what dates we want and he'll check with Ronnie at the fairgrounds and put the date on the county calendar.
  - It was decided to do it on 29 May, 2021 and put that date on the county's calendar.
  - Francine Martin suggested that we come up with a list of tasks for each person on the Steering Committee.
  - Mr. Bruno said that he thinks we will have to work with the Health Department to see what we can actually do.
  - Mr. Brandon suggested that we set a date and then go through January or so to see how things go.
  - Mrs. Martin suggested that perhaps we could make it a virtual expo, and gave several good reasons to do so.
  - Mr. Bruno responded that it may be the only option but in person is the best way.
  - Mr. Brandon suggested that we also put on the calendar a date for planning purposes one week earlier.

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- Mr. Brandon asked Mrs. Martin if she knows any more about the people from Stetson University who wanted to start a disaster group. She has reached out to them, but hasn't heard back. She will try again.
  
- The next Steering Committee meeting will be on 8 December, 2020. After some discussion, it was decided to do it in person at the EOC with a phone available.
  
- Meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.