

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 15 December, 2020

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Gerald	Bruno, Frank
Buckles, Yolanda	Gillis, Kristy	Howell, Charlie
Martin, Francine		

- It was acknowledged that Jim Judge, Director of Volusia County Emergency Management will be leaving in the near future, and that he will be missed by our COAD.

- Mr. Brandon, Co-Chairman, asked Mr. Bruno to talk about plans for the next Hurricane Expo.
 - At present, we don't know what the obligations of the County Fairgrounds might be.
 - We can get together to talk about it before the next Steering Committee meeting.

- Francine Martin with United Way:
 - Two shelters in the neighborhood center are trying to get people interested in volunteering.
 - There is a need to have people register so they know who and what number are coming.
 - When they know by noontime that the threshold of temperature has been met, they reach out to those volunteers. This way the shelter knows who is coming.
 - They are working with multiple organizations, including non-profits,
 - For people who have been furloughed, guardian ad litem, etc., please let her know about these situations so that the United Way can help.
 - She and Jeanne Rademacher are working on this together.

- Kristy Gillis with the department of Children and Families:
 - They are working with families toward intervention and also working to get them registered for help with the county.

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- Charlie Howell with CareerSource:
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Mr. Brandon thanked him for sending out the message about the telecom meeting.

- Yolanda Buckles with the Volusia County Emergency Management:
 - The following is the information we have at this time about the next Hurricane Expo:
 - The Expo will be Saturday, 22 May, 2021.
 - Set-up will be 20 and 21 May, 2021.
 - We will have the same area as last year.
 - Although things are questionable due to the pandemic, we have to move forward because we can't leave this until the last moment.
 - Mrs. Buckles will work to get materials and information from the last Expo.
 - Vaccine due dates: they have been shipped out at the federal level yesterday. They will be given to health care workers, first responders, and nursing homes first.
 - She will also work with Mr. Brandon to set up another way of doing a virtual steering committee meeting, which will be more stable than the present telecom.

- Mr. Brandon will get with Mr. Bruno and Mrs. Buckles to discuss the Expo.

- Mr. Bruno will get with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to let them know that we want to partner with them again for the Hurricane Expo in 2021. This is especially important for the West Volusia area.

- Meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM.