

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 13 July, 2021

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

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Buckles, Yolanda	Dominguez, Jason	Greenberg, Warren
Howell, Charlie	Korkus, Tarayn	Martin, Francine
Troxler, David	Wetherington, Helene	White, Pat

- Mr. Brandon asked that the minutes from 2020 be approved. After some minutes elapsed, a motion to approve was made by Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman. After a second by Francine Martin, the minutes were approved.
- Mr. Brandon next asked that each member up-date the COAD on their group's activities:
 - Charlie Howell with CareerSource: Flagler/Volusia:
 - They are in full operation.
 - Appointments in house are being made so that there is no crowding. Everything is being handled.
 - Pastor Dave with VIND:
 - Please see attached notes.
 - Helene Wetherington, Volusia County Emergency Management Director:
 - New Director of Emergency Services for Volusia County.
 - Recently worked in Monroe County for 3 years.
 - Worked a lot with long-term recovery groups.
 - Mrs. Pat White asked where we as COAD are with ESF 15?
 - Mr. Bruno replied that there is a meeting here at the EOC on Friday. We are going to meet with Donna Butler's staff to get a new update on what our role might be.
 - Jason Dominguez with the United Way:
 - They are continuing to up-date the 201 file basis to make sure everything is accurate.
 - They are adding new agencies to the database with more resources for the people that are needing it.
 - They are averaging about 1,800 calls per month through their 201 file.

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- Pat White, COAD treasurer:
 - Has done all of the corporate paper work, keeping us as a non-profit.
 - Everything is up-to-to date.
 - Nothing has changed with our bank account.
 - Tarayn Korkus with the Health Department:
 - Vaccines are still available
 - Phone number for making an appointment at any one of the Health Department locations is (386)-274-0500. She handed out lists of special needs shelters and talked about the changes.
 - The health department personnel are providing COVID vaccinations at quite a few destinations. Specific locations were mentioned.
 - Pastor Dave with VIND said that they would like to schedule another vaccine event. Mrs. Korkus will take care of this.
 - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARES:
 - ARES has been doing a lot of small scale drills and exercises to keep people “up to speed”.
 - Francine Martin with United Way:
 - They are working on internal re-structuring in the United Way.
 - They have a new position called the Director of Operations. Her name is Amanda Lusecki.
 - The doors are still locked so that they keep control of who is entering. Mrs. Martin’s new position is Community Impact Manager. With this, she needs to know where there are food trucks, food pick-ups, and food deliveries in a certain area code of 32114 in Daytona Beach. Please send her this information so that they can move forward with a planned initiative. Mrs. Korkas said she will send her information on food trucks in the county.
- Mr. Brandon commented to Mrs. Wetherington that this type of information from various organizations is what makes COAD so valuable. This is the one spot that we can put everything and everyone in one area and from there, in any type of emergency, we can reach out. That’s why we feel COAD is so important.
- He went on to explain about Group Me, which is a video chat on the first Monday of every month. It is another way that we in the COAD stay in touch with each other. Mr. Greenberg brought up the fact that the Group Me was used a year ago when help was needed after the tornado in DeLand.

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- Yolanda Buckles, with the Volusia County Emergency Services reviewed the impact of tropical storm Elsa. The system is working, and some things were identified as needing improvement.
- Mr. Bruno, Co-Chairmen, discussed the Hurricane Expo for 2022:
 - He thanked everyone for all their co-operation.
 - He explained to Mrs. Wetherington what our Expo was like and how successful it was, giving several examples including the partnership with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
 - Mr. Bruno has the whole packet of materials from 2019. He will give copies to the people who are involved. This includes all the sponsors and people who were working with us. All of them seem to want to be involved with the new one.
 - George Recktenwald, Volusia County Manager, is willing to sit down with us to explain what the County is willing to do.
 - We want to do this Hurricane Expo the last week in May because it is just before hurricane season when everyone is aware.
 - Mr. Bruno will work with Kevin Captain in September to get more information out to the COAD board.
 - He wants sponsorships in by the end of December.
 - Since the last weekend in May is Memorial Day weekend, we might be better off having the Hurricane Expo the weekend before or after.
 - Mr. Brandon went on to explain the Expos that have been presented at Lowe's and Home Depot, mentioning the pros and cons of these presentations.
- Mr. Bruno mentioned that we had organizations like Red Cross and the Salvation Army that used to be involved with COAD. We are an organization that needs to be in place if something happens, but if nothing is happening, people and organizations lose interest.
- Mr. Brandon said that we need to reach out to these organizations to bring them back into our COAD.
- Mrs. Wetherington talked about a new site for evacuation zones called, "Knowyourzone". This is about evacuations throughout the County and not just the Barrier Islands. People will be able to know their evacuation zone by putting in their address on the site.
- Mr. Brandon went on to explain to Mrs. Wetherington about what Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is all about. He detailed the re-designing for us from the original in the state of Washington.
- Next meeting will be 10 August, 2021
- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

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Notes to COAD from Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:

- VIND has completed its obligation for the Volunteer Florida Grant which end 6/14/2021. 11 mobile homes were purchased, and 6 roofs were replaced. VIND also was provided \$82,000.00 from Volunteer Florida for Hurricane Matthew which VIND immediately purchased a mobile home for a client in need. VIND completed a roof replacement for another client that was a Hurricane Matthew client.
- Currently VIND has one project that is not completed at no fault of VIND. The County is requiring that the lots be combined, and a variance be obtained. Initially VIND was not informed of the situation and the hearing to approve the variance is not until July 2021 leaving this client without a home until the hearing occurs.
- Local Volunteers remain accessible to move and assist with projects.
- Volusia County – no update.
- Growing in capacity and stability.
- Undergoing a requested audit. Preparing for Hurricane Season. VIND intends on traveling to mobile home parks and presenting what to do after a storm.
- FLVOAD (Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) remains moving forward with the collaborating with local COADs and ESF15 in individual counties.
- Board of Directors meeting scheduled for October 21, 2021 via Zoom.