

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**

**Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 12 April, 2022**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:03 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Anderson, Hana	Brandon, Andrea	Brandon, Jerry
Bruno, Frank	Buckles, Yolanda	Cameron, Jim
Greenberg, Warren	Korkus-Nix, Tarayn	Martin, Fracine
Troxler, David	White, Pat	

- After the introductions of those in attendance, Mr. Brandon asked that everyone read the minutes of the meetings of February and March. Taryn Korkus-Nix said to change the date of Health and Human Services Summit from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman, made a motion to approve as changed, both sets of minutes. Seconded by Warren Greenberg, both sets of minutes were approved.
- The next item on the agenda was the organizational up-dates:
  - Hana Anderson with the United Way:
    - They are finishing up the Vista Program. So far, they have done over 2 million dollars in tax returns for their clients.
  - Tarayn Korkus with the Department of Health:
    - They are having a grand re-opening on 25 April, 2022 with giveaways and groceries.
    - They are giving out information on all servers.
    - They are still providing Covid vaccines and boosters. Anyone interested needs to call for an appointment.
  - Yolanda Buckles with the County Emergency Management:
    - Helene Wetherington is no longer with the County.
    - Jim Judge is now the interim director.
    - There was much discussion about the fairgrounds and places for the homeless including the different buildings within the fairgrounds that are controlled by the County.
  - Warren Greenberg with Volusia ARES:
    - Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) has been put off a little bit while he works on personal business.
    - ARES membership is increasing with future background checks.

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- Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:
  - VIND accomplished all its recovery effort for the last fiscal year.
  - There is no staffing in the office now until needed for the next disaster and/or until hurricane season.
- Francine Martin with the United Way:
  - Because of circumstances, the United Way cannot participate in the Hurricane Expo this year, but will donate \$500 to the cause.
  - Mr. Bruno remarked that although the money is important, the United Way's participation and involvement to "spread the word" is critically important.
- Pat White, COAD treasurer
  - The COAD bank balance is a little less than \$1200.
- Frank Bruno, Vice-Chairman, led a discussion about this year's Hurricane Expo.
  - A motion was made by Mr. Bruno, seconded by Jim Cameron that we buy 2,000 bags for attendees to collect the literature given out by exhibitors. This will probably cost around \$1450. Motion passed.
  - We will use our checking/bank account instead of "Go Fund Me" or anything like that because of the exorbitant amount of money they charge.
  - Everything about the physical location and details about the Expo have been taken care of with the County.
- Mr. Brandon noted that the election of officers for the COAD should be extended until after the Hurricane Expo. Without taking a formal vote, each member present agreed.
- The next Steering Committee meeting is 10 May, 2022.
- Mr. Brandon also noted that after the Expo, we as an organization need to make COAD a viable, workable organization that takes the leadership for the County for things such as disasters.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.