

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

### **Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 12 July, 2022**

The meeting was brought to order at 10:04 AM by Jerry Brandon, Co-Chairman.

Members in attendance:

Brandon, Andrea

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Bruno, Frank

Buckles, Yolanda

Greenberg, Warren

Korkus-Nix, Tarayn

Martin, Francine

Parkhurst, Ray

Troxler, David

Winters, Robert

- After the introduction of those in attendance, the first thing on the agenda was the review of 3 sets of minutes from previous meetings.
  - Minutes of 12 April, 2022:
    - Ms. Korkus-Nix with the Department of Health, said that Hana Anderson is with the VITA program, not as noted in the minutes.
    - Move to accept the minutes as changed by Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman. Seconded by Francine Martin, the minutes were approved.
  - Minutes of 10 May, 2022:
    - Move to accept by David Troxler with VIND.
    - Seconded by Mr. Bruno, the minutes were approved.
  - Minutes of 14 June, 2022:
    - Move to accept by Mr. Bruno.
    - Seconded by Warren Greenberg with ARES, the minutes were approved.
- Next on the agenda was an organizational up-date from each member present:
  - Francine Martin, Community Impact Senior Manager with United Way:
    - Regarding the County’s review of the ESF15, the United Way will finalize their part on or before 22 August, 2022.
  - Ms. Korkus-Nix:
    - The Health Department continues to provide vaccines for the public.
    - There will be several occasions for help to the public especially for students to help with school:
      - Backpacks will be given out in DeLand with vaccines available on 6 August, 2022.

- Deltona has started a community resource group. On 6 August, they will have an event to give information on what is available in the community. On 7 August, they will have an event to give out backpacks and help to students.
- Robert Winters with the Salvation Army:
  - Now have a rapid response unit with a new vehicle that will add to their ability to aid in an emergency situation.
  - They have also hired a new disaster co-ordinator.
- Warren Greenberg with ARES and VCOAD's Map Your Neighborhood (MYN):
  - The ARES group is still trying to get co-ordinated and straighten out the method of identification, etc. for background checks because of shelters.
  - MYN slowed down a little because he was unavailable, but will now pick up. He is verifying all the contact information.
  - Mr. Brandon said that he and Mrs. Buckles will up-date the information on churches. He suggested that Mr. Greenberg and Mrs. Buckles co-ordinate their lists of churches.
- Pastor Dave Troxler with VIND:
  - VIND is in a “down-mode” at this time until they are needed.
  - Re-build Florida still has not helped many of the people on their list.
- Yolanda Buckles with Volusia County Emergency Management:
  - Creating the staff and parameters for the County's call center staff.
  - Working on community out-reach and mobile home communities which is running smoothly.
- Francine Martin with the United Way:
  - Questioned the method of opening the Crisis Clean-up hot-line.
  - Mrs. Buckles said the new hot-line was established and would help Mrs. Martin if needed.
  - The United Way will be moving their headquarters to Cornerstone in August.
- Frank Bruno, Co-Chairman:
  - Treasurer report: \$1200 in the account which is seed money for the next Expo.
  - We need a representative from the School Board at our meetings.

- Mr. Brandon said also we need a representative from the various colleges in the area.
- Next on the agenda, Mr. Brandon discussed the next Expo:
  - Mrs. Buckles talked about deadline dates when we should have the information to our sponsors. She suggested 1 October with all information to the Steering Committee by the September meeting. Since the fiscal year starts before October 1, perhaps we should try for getting the information to our supporters even before October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Mr. Bruno said that we have everything ready to go. All we have to do is change dates on the printed materials.
- Mr. Brandon next addressed the re-evaluation of the COAD by-laws. The last time they were looked at was when they were up-dated in 2014. He asked everyone to look at, evaluate, and be able to discuss each by-law as stated, and be ready with possible changes.
- Mr. Brandon next suggested that each person read and evaluate the ESF15 report as written.
- Mr. Brandon next brought up the subject of the election of COAD officers.
  - Our rules say that the elections are to be held in November or the closest meeting thereafter.
  - Because of Covid-19 the election has been delayed.
  - We need to have a committee to set up a slate which will include members for:
    - Chairman and/or Co-Chairman
    - Vice Chairman
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
  - Volunteers for the committee were:
    - Francine Martin
    - Ray Parkhurst
    - Frank Bruno
  - Mr. Brandon said that after a slate is drawn up, we will have an election.
- Mr. Brandon talked about the next “Group Me” call and said that it would be on 1 August. Since there were several Steering Committee members who were unfamiliar with the concept, he discussed it and strongly suggested that everyone have the APP and be available for a virtual meeting on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.