

**Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)**  
**Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 14 November, 2022**

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

Members in attendance:

Anderson, Lawrence	Brandon, Jerry	Bruno, Frank
Buckles, Yolanda	Callahan, Norma	Epps, Nancy
Foley, Terry	Fredette, Michelle	Greenberg, Warren
Heck, Jessica	Lang, Alyssa	Lasecki, Amanda
Legare, Amy	Martin, Francine	Nixon, Aman
Ostlic, April	Troxler, David	Weakley, Cyndi
White, Pat		

After a roundtable introduction of members in attendance, Mr. Bruno thanked everyone for all their hard and capable work during the tropical storms, naming several people for being especially helpful.

Next on the agenda, each member explained and up-dated the COAD on what is going on in the organization:

Pastor Dave with VIND: Pastor Dave asked Mrs. Foley to discuss what had been going on with the hurricanes, and she talked in detail about the damages they had seen. She also mentioned how important it was that they separate damages done by Ian from Nicole which is difficult.

The next thing on the agenda was to pass the minutes from the last meeting, and then continue around the room with up-dates from members.

Michelle Fredette with the Salvation Army is the outreach case manager to the homeless and she had completed the training when Ian hit. Ms. Fredette discussed some details about how to deal with FEMA and a disaster, much of which dealt with what to do to differentiate between damage from 2 different storms.

Amanda Nixon with Foursquare Solutions: Her specialty is mass casualty and response for long-term and short-term solutions. They have been working on, among other things, mental health in the community after a disaster.

Lawrence Anderson with the United Way works as a shift manager making use of all the resources for individuals and communities including food and shelter and they will disseminate information. Francine Martin noted that they already have many of the avenues in existence.

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Warren Greenberg who is in charge of Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) said that it is moving along slowly. The group did not meet very often, but, unfortunately, he does not have numbers or other information.

Nancy Epps and Norma Callahan with the Lion's Club, talked at length about the activities in the area that have been accomplished and a large grant of perhaps \$550,000. Ms. Epps spoke about the use of grants. When it is designated specifically for a certain storm, it is important that it be used for that.

Mr. Bruno then led a discussion of the fact that our COAD is in the County's ESF 15. We are under Community Services of Volusia County, and the county gives us assistance. We need to increase our membership, invite old members to come back, and he extended open memberships to all who are attending this meeting.

Mr. Brandon went on to say that one of the purposes of COAD is to co-ordinate the organizations involved, tell what they do, and then how they go about doing it. That is what is done at each monthly meeting, and is a reason for each of the organizations represented to join COAD.

Next meeting will be January 10, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.