

Governor's Faith-based and Community Service Partnership for Disaster Recovery

Minutes

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| Date: January 20, 2012 | Time: 10:00 to 3:00 | Location: EOC |
| Called to order by: Karen Benson | Called to order time: 10:00 | Recorder of Minutes: Diane Horn |

Participants Present

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| Karen Benson | COH/MUMDRT | Dante Gliniecki | SEMA |
| Corrine Beakley | DSS | Chuck Healy | COJCLDS |
| Conne Burnham | MUFRTI | Jono Anzalone | FEMA |
| Steve Irwin | COH | Connie English | FEMA/Solid Rock |
| Kam Kennedy | ARC | Jeff Baker | MUMDRT |
| Rick Seaton | MBC | Jay Bosch | OHS |
| Sharlet Kern Howren | DHSS | Gary Thurman | United Way KC 2-1-1 |
| Deb Hendricks | DSS-CD | Janel Luck | Catholic Charities |
| John Heckemeyer | DMH | Jeannie Ruth | DHSS |
| Patti Stengal | CNCS | Rebecca Estes | SEMA |
| Debbie Ducommun | FEMA | Cory Fast | FEMA |
| Rita McElhany | DMH | Megan Hammann | DHSS |
| Abby Evers | DED | Jenn Whitocre | NG |
| Susamma Seeley | CC-MO | Mary Kempker | DIFP |
| John Gulick | USDA-RD | Jim Eckrich | LFCS/LDR |
| Melissa Friel | DHSS | Bryan Crousore | CWS |
| Maura Taylor | CC-Southern | Roy Weeden | Adventist |
| Cathy Vaisvil | UW 2-11 | Robin Pokojski | UW 2-11 |
| Jon Hanson | MO Rotary | Aren Koenig | SEMA |
| Debi Meeds | ARC | Brittany Perrin | SEMA |
| Gary Gilmore | NG-Chaplain | Charity Hunter | DHSS-SDS |
| Liz Roberts | DED | | |

Administrative

- Introductions were made; Agenda was reviewed; Minutes were reviewed and approved via a carried motion.

Executive Reports

- Private Organization Chair: Chair Karen Benson stated that the agenda has become lengthy due to numerous committee reports. The Executive committee will discuss how to streamline the agenda. After discussion, it was agreed that members would submit organization and committee reports in advance thus allowing more fruitful discussion regarding future projects, upcoming meetings, decision items, planning, and other issues.
- SEMA Operations Report: Dante Gliniecki reported that Severe Weather Week is March 12-16, 2012. March 13, 2012 will be the Statewide Tornado Drill. The SEMA Annual Conference is April 3-6, 2012.

Paul Fennewald has retired and Chris Pickering is his replacement.

Dante stated that there will be changes with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). [See Attachment A](#). Dante also introduced the new interns for the Emergency Human Services (EHS) section at SEMA: Brittany Perrin and Aren Koenig.

Rebecca Estes stated that there are 367,273 registrants, which falls just under Illinois' number of registrants. The website is www.shakeout.org/centralus if you want to register. Jim Charrier continues to seek trainers for the various classes.

Committee Reports

- Access and Functional Needs Committee: Deb Hendricks reported that the Access and Functional Needs Committee has been meeting with three subcommittees addressing the group's immediate goals:
 1. Training – SEMA is adding general information courses on AFN and Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) to their training schedule. Also, work is being done to revise California's training for Functional Assessment Service Teams (FAST) members so teams can be named and trained in Missouri.
 2. Integration of AFN into the SEOP – A subcommittee is working on a roadmap that will serve as an immediate statement of the group's intent, as full integration will touch virtually all areas of the plan and will take time.
 3. FAST – The State Independent Living Council is actively educating Centers for Independent Living around the state about the FAST concept and the role of the centers in meeting the needs of those with AFN in sheltering situations. They are eagerly awaiting the FAST training so they can continue their efforts in recruiting and training FAST members.

- Citizen Corps: Jay Bosch thanked everyone who worked with the PEER review. [See attachment B](#).

- Disaster Case Management Committee: Karen Benson reported that she did not have any details of the changes that were made to the grant; however, the money for the Train-the-Trainer is still available. Plans are for classes to start in February. The Train-the-Trainer classes are now two and a half days in duration and include the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) portion given by Jono Anzalone. Abby Evers stated that the grant is in final stages and soon will be signed. Jono stated that FEMA has a deadline for the grant to be repackaged. FEMA has parameters with the ability to award the grant to non-governmental organizations (NGOs); must be routed through a state agency.

- Committee for Emotional and Spiritual Care Coalition (S&ECC): Dante Gliniecki reported that the events in Joplin revealed the need for a coordinated effort for S&ECC. Mary Gaudreau, UMCOR consultant from Oklahoma is leading the National Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (NVOAD) committee. Chaplain Gilmore has coordinated S&ECC efforts in the field. The next meeting is planned for February 17 in Joplin. Location will be provided as soon as possible. S&ECC will only provide coordination and will not override the effort of any Faith Based entity.

- Emergency Support Function (ESF) #14 Community Long-Term Recovery: Liz Roberts reported that they are active with Long Term Recovery efforts. The Joplin forum was held on January 19, 2012. Department of Economic Development (DED) is working with the Corps of Engineers and reviewing buyouts. DED is also managing the case management grant.

- Executive Committee: Karen Benson stated that this committee did not meet.

- Faith Based Organization Disaster Initiative Committee (FABODIC): Jeannie Ruth stated that St. Louis will be hosting a Faith Based Preparedness Conference on February 2, 2012. The breakout sessions include: shelter activities, food preparation and distribution, addressing mental health concerns, church leadership

responsibilities for business continuity plans, and long term recovery. You can contact Barb Schaffer at 314-977-8162, Heartland Center for Preparedness. Melissa Friel stated that Mike Thomas is working on a continuity of operations template for faith based groups.

- Legal Help in Disasters Committee: Dante Gliniecki reported that the attorneys that comprise this committee have provided services for Joplin. The committee had a conference call on January 10, 2012. Lou DeFeo is coordinating efforts for a manual to assist all the attorneys within the group in order to advise the disaster clients.
- Legislative Committee: Debi Meeds reported the finalized goals will be emailed and or posted on yahoo groups and if anyone is able to write statutes please inform Dante. Also, the committee is looking for anyone who will volunteer for a mini task group to work on Advocacy Day, including the agenda and some information pieces about the MOVOAD and Partnership. Karen Benson, Janel Luck, Susamma Seeley, Maura Taylor, and Robin Pokojski volunteered. [See attachment C.](#)
- Outreach and Wellness Committee: (Pathfinders effort) Dante Gliniecki reported that he did not have any new information. This group needs to be fit into our disaster operations. Karen Benson requested that SEMA follow up with her on the committee's status.

External Committee Reports

- Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (MoVOAD): Roy Weeden stated that the VOAD meetings have had an increased attendance. Chuck Healy and Roy are trying to get a true count of who actually belongs to MoVOAD. Chuck Healy will send out a survey in the near future to obtain information from the various organizations. MoVOAD has a new website that will be available in March. This will provide a great deal of crosstalk and provide a large volume of information. This date will also be the launch date of the public MoVOAD website. Lou DeFeo is assisting MoVOAD with the by-laws. Over 17 million dollars in soft match funds has been attributed to the volunteers who responded to Joplin and to donations and other organizations such as the USDA.
- Animals in Disaster Planning Action Committee (ADPAC): Dante Gliniecki reported that ADPAC is strongly involved with the MO Voluntary Veterinary Corps (MVVC). Pet sheltering organizations have performed well in Southeast and Southwest MO with numerous pet shelters housing thousands of pets.
- COAD Committee: Conne Burnham reported that the Missouri University Extension is working with SEMA to complete Emergency Human Services (EHS) and COAD doctrine with lessons learned from Joplin. Donation and volunteer coordination went well in Joplin. Some work is needed with coordination of bulk distribution. A COAD long term recovery committee conference is planned; however, budget considerations may cause a delay.
- Donations/Volunteer Coordination Team: Mike Pickerel is updating Annex U (donations/volunteers).
- State Mass Care Committee (STAMACC)/Mass Care: Corrine Beakley reported that Melissa Friel provided information for an upcoming exercise titled Amber Waves. It is scheduled for the fall of 2012. ESF 6 will participate. ADPAC will also be a participant. [See attachment D.](#)
- Missouri Emergency Radio Communications Committee (MERCC): Dante Gliniecki reported that there is an increased demand for amateur radio operators during disasters spurring formation of MERCC whose efforts are to coordinate the various radio entities.

- Public Information (PI): Roy Weeden stated that the MoVOAD website will be a PI platform for member organization and COADs. It will be linked to the top news media sites. Future hopes are for it to become an “App.” Readytohelp.org is coordinating the updates of the website.

Old Business

- Exercise Reports: Rebecca Estes reported that at the last Partnership meeting, the partnership requested an after action review, which is planned for February or March, and it will be held at the EOC at SEMA.

New Business

Disaster Operations

Northwest MO:

Rick Seaton reported that in Watson, MO, the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC) provided mucking-out training and volunteer teams.

Jono Anzalone stated that FEMA continues to work with impacted communities in NW Missouri. Although, the Individual Assistance (IA) application period has ended, Public Assistance (PA) continues. Many facilities remain unrepaired, and there are concerns for spring flooding and the risk it may pose to the communities in NW Missouri. Bryan Crousore stated that there will be Church World Service (CWS) Long Term Recovery (LTR) training in Holt and Atchison counties.

Janel Luck stated that will be case management training.

Dante Gliniecki stated that Bruce Bailey recommended some coordination of rebuilding/home repair and volunteers. Missouri Housing Development should be contacted. Jeff Baker will take the lead on the discussion with Bruce Bailey.

Discussion ensued and Gliniecki arranged a conference call for January 27, 2012 to further discuss this issue.

St. Louis MO:

Jim Eckrich stated that the LTRC is still working on recovery efforts after the April 22 tornado.

Robin Pokojski stated that 2-1-1 still gets calls from this and other disasters. Rebecca asked to be notified if any calls originate from an area with no LTRCs.

Southeast MO:

Maura Taylor stated that they now have a case manager working in Cape Girardeau and are in the process of establishing a case manager position for Sikeston.

John Heckemeyer reported that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) has a FEMA grant for crisis counseling. The Immediate Services Program (ISP) ended on September 25 at which time they started regular services. Two teams are responsible for two counties: New Madrid and Mississippi. They provided several counseling sessions. The goal for the program is to not create a dependency on the counselors. They have to withdraw the counselors towards the end of the grant.

Bryan Crousore stated that three LTRCs should be receiving funding from Church World Service. The three committees have done great work. The residents (19 families) of Pinhook are committed to be relocated as a community. Bryan Crousore talked with the three committees about providing some spirit and emotional care for the relocation.

Dante Gliniecki reported that there will be a formation of a Council of COADs for Region E and SEMA Area C coordinator, Mark Winkler will help with the coordination.

South Central MO:

There is a need for a statewide volunteer coordination process. There is a need to have local COADs and LTRCs to identify volunteer coordinators. Need training plan for volunteer coordinators. A coordination call is planned for January 27, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. cst. Dial in number and pin: 1-800-320-4330; 746583#.

Sedalia:

John Heckemeyer reported that the crisis counselors have provided services for citizens of Joplin.

Maura Taylor stated that they are receiving assistance from the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and AmeriCorps for the large volume of data entry. There are 7 case managers with Catholic Charities.

Southwest MO:

Jeff Baker stated that Missouri United Methodist Disaster Response Team (MUMDRT) is working with the Lutherans and a warehouse was purchased to be used as storage, office space, etc. There are about three weeks of spring break and the quantity of volunteers triples. There is a problem with providing showers, feeding, etc. Faith groups are now addressing the needs.

Roy Weeden stated the Adventists are managing the warehouse in Joplin and there are rumors that it will be shut down rapidly, which is not the case. He is traveling to Joplin to assist with the transition of the warehouse closing. Karen Benson stated that Convoy of Hope (COH) is still doing demolition work. By the end of December 2011, 17 referrals transferred to case management. COH is providing the gap funding for rebuilding homes in Joplin. There are 512 individuals still housed in FEMA Units and over 400 individuals are in rentals.

Jono Anzalone stated that HUD has stringent guidelines for housing. There are cases where disaster survivors who lived in an apartment complex prior to the disaster are being denied to return to the apartments once they are rebuilt/renovated due to background or credit checks. These survivors need to contact Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys for review to see if there are any renters based on past payment history or background/credit checks. Each case will have to be looked at independently to see if there is any recourse for the renters.

Charity Hunter stated that Joplin has had 13 confirmed suicides since the tornado. The amount of suicides is about double of what the normal range of suicides for Joplin.

Patti Stengel stated that there will be Vista projects for Joplin so if anyone is interested please let her know. Also, see [attachment G](#).

Charity stated that the Senior Center in Joplin is fully operational as of now, which includes a cybercafé. Detoxification and residential facilities for substance abuse and psychiatric care are at maximum capacity as reported on an HHS Behavioral Health for seniors in Joplin Task Force conference call. This was reported by Mercy and Freeman hospital officials.

Agency Reports

- State Agencies:

Department of Insurance: Mary Kempker reported that the DOI was able to recover 19.2 million for Missouri consumers. Citizens are facing extreme insurance rate increases. March was insurance education month and that we hope to organize such educational outreaches throughout the state.

Department of Social Services: Corrine Beakley gave her report. [See attachment E](#).

Department of Mental Health: [See attachment F](#).

SEMA: Rebecca stated that the State Citizen Corps Council was awarded a grant to purchase a deployable badging system in the form of a wrist band from Elliott Data System, for which there is a 10% match.

- Voluntary Agencies:

Catholic Charities: Janel Luck introduced Susamma Seeley who will be working as a disaster coordinator with Catholic Charities.

Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Organization (MIDRO): Jim Eckrich reported that MIDRO was awarded a cash donation from Shell Oil. In addition to the donation, there is still \$5000 in Shell gas cards to be utilized; however, there are no Shell Oil stations in Joplin.

Corporation for National & Community Service: Please [see attachment G](#).

Public Comment

- No public comment.

Announcements

Dante stated that the MoVOAD/Partnership conference calls are held the first and third Thursdays of the month. Time is 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Annual SEMA Spring Conference is scheduled for April 3-6, 2012 in Branson, MO.

Next Partnership meeting is April 20, 2012

Adjournment

Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.