

Missouri Government, Faith-based and Community Partnership

Minutes

Date: September 10, 2009	Time: 10:00	Location: EOC
Called to order by: Karen Benson	Called to order time: 10:10	Recorder of Minutes: Diane Bosworth

Participants Present

Dante Gliniecki	SEMA	Jenny Wiley	Dept. of Mental Health
Karen Benson	MUMDRT	Jim Eckrich	MIDRO, LDR
Paul Parmenter	SEMA	Haley Schwarz	STL United Way 2-1-1
Melissa Friel	American Red Cross	Paula Woodsmall	Dept. of HSS
Eric Evans	University Extension	Mike Pickerel	Planner II-SEMA
Marcus Monroe	Dept. of Social Services	Corrine Beakley	Dept. of Social Services
Gary Gilmore	NG Chaplain	Glenda Verslues	Dept. Of Conservation
Robin Pokojski	St. Louis 2-1-1	Rick Seaton	MO Baptist Convention
Carol Harden	Dept of Insurance	Jeff Baker	MUMDRT
Matt Nutt	SEMA-Citizen Corps	Connie English	SEMA
Liz Roberts	Dept of Economic Dev.	Candy Barton	SEMA
Pat Chambers	MILRC	Steve Irwin	Convoy of Hope
Jono Anzalone	FEMA	Jessica Becklenberg	CMCC Coordinator

Administrative

- Introductions
Roll Call was taken at 10:15. Please see list above.
- Review of Agenda
Agenda was accepted.
- Approval of Minutes
The minutes were reviewed.
Melissa moved to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded.
All approved.
Diane was asked to post the minutes to the SEMA web site.

Executive Reports

- Private Organization Chair
Larry Weber is leaving the MO Catholic Conference. Therefore, we will have to have re-elections for the co-chair and the secretary, but probably not today.
Governor Nixon's administration has expressed their desire to create an executive order re-authorization the Partnership. It has been tossed back and forth between the agencies. There have been no real changes. I expect a signed EO within the next couple of months. The name will most likely be changed back to the old name. I believe that the Governor will have an invite list for the agencies listed in the EO.

Chair then requested nominations or volunteers to replace Larry Weber as Vice Chair. Eric volunteered. Eric was elected by acclamation. Karen requested nominations or volunteers to replace Mike Woolbright. Corrine Beakley will replace Mike.

- SEMA Director

Welcomed everybody. Stated that due to the budget cuts for training/exercises that the volunteer organizations, faith-based groups, and other state agencies are too be the net for the citizens of Missouri.

- SEMA Operations Report

Karen asked that all reports be submitted to Diane for posting in the minutes.

Dante: In terms of disaster operations, we have been blessed that we have not had a disaster since May. We are working some cases that have come to us from FEMA. We are working with the LTRC and the FEMA VALs. We have more LTR committees now than ever and we are able to refer people to them. Last year's storms are our major effort. Our major projects are numerous and are supporting 12 committees, and I will make a report for that for the Director. There are external committees that we support as well.

Action/recommendations: None suggested.	Assigned to:	Due Date:
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Committee Reports

- Executive Committee

There is no executive committee left

- Legislative Committee

There has not been a meeting, but I want to have a meeting in late October.

Dante: I would like to have Tim Diemler included in the legislative committee. MEPA. We should check with the EMDs whether there has been coordination for legislative action.

Karen: The legislative committee should do an awareness campaign with policy makers regarding the fact that we could get caught with the bill for buildings in the community that we will have to pay for ourselves and there will be no help with Public Assistance if there was a disaster.

- Citizen Corps

Matt: To follow up, the 17 subgrantees from 2008 have began spending down on the grant and are about 10% to 12% spent. They use so many volunteers, they have to get used to tracking the hours that the volunteers work. They can potentially get a higher score for the cost share on the federal grants.

While our committee chairs would be regular participants of the partnership, it is okay to have another person from your agency to be on the committee. It is mandated by the EO to have a person on the CCC.

- Committee for Emotional and Spiritual Care Coalition

We have not met either and we are also looking for a date to meet in October also.

Old Business

- Faith-Based Disaster Initiative Governor's Kick Off:

Dante: We had the Faith-Based Initiative Kick Off. We had a good turn out with about 280 participants. We have the roll outs scheduled for different locations in MO. You can register for them on the training website. We hope the Governor will speak at some of them.

Paul: If you have outreach in these areas, I would appreciate it if you get in contact with the people so we can get a good turnout. We have been told how important these meetings are by the Governor, so in order to keep the interest we have to get the word out.

Melissa: I think there has been too short of a time frame between the kick off and the roll outs. Next year, we have to get it on the schedule and more time in between. There was a subcommittee working on the dates before it was brought to the committee.

Karen: We should then look at how the committees and subcommittees function.

Dante: I think the leadership is more solidified now and understand the mission more. We were being pushed by different interests within the process.

Jono: Asked if it was sent out to the EMDs.

Paul: It has been sent out several times. We have been tracking them.

Candy: I get asked a lot if the meetings are going to be held in more outlying locations.

Dante: We have been already discussing this. If anyone is interested in being on the committee please let me know or Connie English.

- Social Services Block Grant:

Karen: There are 2 grant administrators working here at SEMA as the grant is out. I am being told everyday how the LTRC case work supervisors feel totally inadequate because there are no resources. When there are no resources, case work management is more important. In some areas, the needs are phenomenally complex. The overall goal for the grant is to keep people from slipping into greater needs (anti-poverty).

Robin: How are case managers being made aware of cases?

Karen: All counties were asked for the needs for all disasters and those are given to the case managers. Now the counties are sorted by disaster.

Candy: The press releases have generated interest and they are going to the website to get information.

Marcus: Could you do some PSA.

Karen: I think that would be possible, just need to arrange it with Susie.

Susie: I am getting calls about needs and I am referring them to the website to look for their long term recovery committee.

Eric: **The MU Extension can publicize information about the SSBG. I just need to receive the announcement.**

Robin: Do they have to be FEMA registrants in order to get the SSBG.

Karen: No.

Marcus: Is there a map that denotes the location of the LTRC?

Dante: **Diane will check with Debbie Briedwell to do a map of the LTRC.**

- Case Management Proposal:

Dante: We are working hard to get the case work supervisors to attack what can be easily accomplished.

Karen: We did implement a new process to give us a better picture and that is a PFR (project funding request). Now we are requesting a preliminary PFR to eliminate what is not acceptable, before the money can be spent or to get the bids.

Karen: Long-term Recovery Committees are really only to support recovery and expedite recovery with expertise. The culture has changed that we expect the LTRC to pay for the recovery. So now, when there is no funding, they do not know what to do.

Jim: I agree with that, but there is a cost with sustaining the case management and frankly the faith-based are not able to fund this anymore.

Marcus: I get the feeling that with 6 case managers, there is no way we can get done what needs to be done even with extension. At some point, we have to put feet on the ground because there is way more work.

Continued discussion regarding the situation of the money that needs to be dispersed into the community and the cost of administrative services for casework management. Should we expand case work training so that they can work with small-business owners? We have no way to pay case work supervisors with an undeclared disaster.

Jono reviewed the process of how the case work falls under the 5 portals during a disaster and whether it was requested by the Governor.

Paul asked where he could find the language of the pilots.

Karen asked Jono to post the Guidance documents for the FEMA case management project and the DHHS case management program to the web.

Dante would like to see a subcommittee on how this process will work.

Paul: If it is going to depend upon what the Governor says, we need to have this vetted way before a disaster.

- FEMA RVII RISC Meeting:

We are having our next meeting on December 1, 9:00 to 3:00, where we will address the housing taskforce and development of what housing looks like during a disaster. The next issue is supporting the special needs of children.

The administration brought on Marcy Brock, Disability who will be handling the special needs population during a disaster.

Dante: There is a meeting here on Sept. 29 for National Sheltering System and this would be a great time for some training.

2009 Disaster Operations:

Karen: There seems to be a large amount of constituent calls to SEMA.

Dante: Calls should be directed to 2-1-1, but we do get a lot of calls to different personnel at SEMA, but do get filtered to me.

Karen: My question is then what is going on in the community that they are not capturing the needs.

Melissa: I believe that we have not reached the right population yet. In every community, there is someone is at the heart of the coordination and we have not accessed them yet.

Eric: I think that it is a very difficult situation to get a community to change or develop a COAD when they have been doing on their own for a long time. We have made a lot of progress in the past few years. In some cases, the COADs have stayed together.

Pat: It takes a disaster to get people to realize what needs to be done.

Karen: The places that have the area coordinators are living in that area, is the most helpful to us.

Action/recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with Debbie Briedwell about the LTRC map. • Get SSBG information to Eric Evans • Jono is to send the Guidance Documents to the partnership 	Assigned to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane B • Karen B • Jono A 	Due Date: By next meeting
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Lunch

New Business

- Disaster Operations
- Training and Conference Report
- Other
- Nomination and election of New Secretary
 1. Corrine Beakley is nominated by Gliniecki and seconded.
 2. Corrine Beakley accepted
 3. Election was conducted and Beakley was elected.
- Nomination and election of Vice-Chair
 1. Eric Evans is nominated by Evans and seconded
 2. Beakley moved that nominations cease – it was seconded – voted and approved
 3. Vote was conducted and Evans was elected.
- Outreach and Wellness Project (Power Point presentation)

Eagles Wings Foundation developed Pathfinders. This group has a wellness and outreach program that can assess the needs of the community. This has been tested with a hurricane in the states of Florida, Texas, and Oklahoma.

After the 72 hour window after the disaster, the needs have to be assessed when there is no water, electric, food, etc.

One aspect is that they recruit volunteers while they are doing the wellness checks.

This process works in conjunction with CAN and the information is moved up the channel.

Members discussed the situation of getting background checks on the volunteers and who would fund the cost.

The information is placed into a hand held cell phone that does not use normal cell phone towers but uses wireless mesh network. The software uses drop down menus so time is not spent on typing in info. If the phone is outside of the mesh area, the information is stored until the phone is back in the coverage area. All submitted forms are given a GEO code.

We have enough funding to sponsor a 3-day train-the-trainer.

The cost for the software is \$200 per phone for one year.

Karen: We need to keep the NGOs involved with procuring funding for the program.

Glenda: I wonder about who is the responsible person that holds the information and is aware of the liability with that information after it is gathered.

Steve I: After the person leaves the residence, there may be an issue with the citizen expending some type of response and it may not come.

Karen: Yes, there should be a disclaimer said that the process does not necessarily guarantee a response.

- Proposed new committees:

1. The Outreach and Wellness committee. Motion was made and seconded to form this committee.

Eric: What will this committee do?

Karen: Move the Pathfinder program forward and get it designed

All approved of the committee.

Co-chairs are: Matt Nutt and Pat Chambers of the State Independent Living Council

2. Faith-Based Organization Disaster Initiative

Moved to incorporate the FBODI committee as a committee of the partnership; motion was seconded.

Co-Chairs: Mike Curry and Joye McElwee

Jim E: What is the long term plan for the Initiative? Is it long-going and does it have funding?

Dante: It does have funding support. Joye did agree to chair the committee for awhile longer. Mike is interested in continuing.

Melissa: I think it needs to be under some committee to monitor the oversight of the committee.

Jim: After the objectives are formed, there needs to be a review process because the congregations and needs change over time.

Discussion regarding the relationship of Phase I and II, the need for a survey to evaluate the impact of the meetings.

Karen: We are taking on this committee because it is already out of the box, although we are not able to contain phase II because it is already rolling. We can have an impact of the future meetings. I hope everyone does not expect us to change the rollouts, because they are already done.

The information needs to be complete enough that they can contact them after the meeting and the permission granted to do so.

Vote: All approved other than two abstains. (Karen & Eric)

Dante: It is in our by-laws that we work by a consensus. So if there is a concern, we need to discuss it.

Karen/Eric: I have abstained because I feel that I was too involved in the first one to be included in this vote.

Eric: I do not have enough information to feel comfortable with giving my vote. We cannot just have it by taking minimal information and then saying “oh well.”

Agency Reports

- Federal Agencies

We are almost out of Missouri. We still have 3000 applicants. The JFO will still be open for processing applicants.

- State Agencies

MUE: Still training vets. Still working on H1N1.

DHSS: Have added 3 more MRC units through MOUs. Have 431 new volunteers that costs \$49 each. There has been formed a Special need shelter taskforce team has been formed to assist with the special need shelters.

DHSS: MOALPHA is having a conference that will include a panel on shelters. H1N1-- the first shipment of vaccines will be available October 1. The LPHA will have ownership of the vaccine. Each LPHA has submitted a mass vaccination plan that has been submitted. Reviewed the eligible group (women, children, immunity compromised) that does not include law enforcement. The fee has to be \$5 or less and they are a 2-series shot. Information has changed quite frequently and if someone has been tested positive for the H1N1, they should get the shot anyway.

Hospitals have been reviewed of their PPEs.

Volunteer agencies—if we have to ask to isolate, mobile feeding may be required.

If the SNSP is utilized, will have to be monitored.

DOC: I am not sure what the DOC has to offer. We are more involved when the emergency happens.

DOI: Nothing to report.

DMH: We provided brief educational services. We had 1300 individual crisis counseling visits through 3 teams, 1250 referrals--all kinds, 154 group counseling sessions. We just need to finish our final report. With the LTR, we were able to bring in 8 people.

- Voluntary Agencies

Pat: I have asked Karen to do case-managers class so they can become aware of resources.

Steve I: We have been asked to identify faith-based groups for inclusion. We have made presentations on COH.

Jeff B: We are still sending VIM teams. Have chain saw training coming in October that is open to the public. I am doing an UMCOR Calls Connecting Neighbors that helps churches to have cohesiveness with the community.

Jim E: MIDROW has received funding requests regarding case management. We are providing as much as we can, but we do not have enough to fund all of the requests. We have seen a significant decrease in the funding.

Robin P: Debbie Phagin is stepping down as the Director and the position is open/online. We have had only 176 disaster related calls and we are referring them to the LTRC. If the county does not have one, we are sending them to the FEMA VALs.

We would like to inform the public of where they can get the vaccine.

Tell them to go to their public health department.

Total of \$71,000 for the year. With disasters, the total is 1,600 calls within Missouri.

Melissa F: We are working closely with DHSS on H1N1 and watching how it evolves.

- Other Agencies
None

Action/recommendations: Add Carol to the Partnership list	Assigned to: Diane B	Due Date: ASAP
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Public Comment

- None

Announcements

Catastrophic Mass Care Conference

Faith-Based Roll outs

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:19