

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

Minutes

Date: July 15, 2011	Time: 10:00 to 3:00	Location: Truman Bldg Rm. 490
Called to order by: Karen Benson	Called to order time:	Recorder of Minutes: Diane Horn

*via phone

Participants Present

Dante Gliniecki	SEMA	Karen Benson	Convoy of Hope
Corrine Beakley	DSS	Chuck Healy	CJCLDS
Jono Anzalone	FEMA	Matt Nutt	OHS
Melissa Friel	DHSS	Lou DeFeo	Citizen
Cathy Vaisvil	UW 211	Conne Burnham	MU Extension
Rebecca Estes	SEMA	Kam Kennedy	ARC
Joan Keenan	DMH	Charity Hunter	DHSS/SDS
Debi Meeds	ARC	Malcolm Hardy	FEMA
Janel Luck	Catholic Charities	Mary Kempker	DIFP
Maura Taylor	Catholic Charities	Deb Hendricks	DSS/CD
Jason Scott	CNCS	Patti Stengel	CNCS
Michael Laverty	CNCS	Andre Grinston	MO Community Service Co.
Dee Smith*	TSA	John Gulick*	USDA RD

Administrative

- Review of Agenda: Chair Karen Benson presented the agenda to the Partnership and asked for a motion to accept the agenda as read. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes: Secretary Corrine Beakley stated that the Partnership will have to review the minutes from the previous meeting and asked for any comments for changes/additions. Corrine entertained a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Executive Reports

- Private Organization Chair: Chair Karen Benson stated that Partnership members show renewed the energy for Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC). Conne Burnham asked if the LTRCs are part of the COAD. Karen replied that they are. Conne replied that this causes confusion and the COADs have lost momentum and during a disaster is not the time to try to revamp. Debi Meeds asked if they could send the COAD meeting schedule to Rebecca. Dante replied that for now we will coordinate with FEMA VALs, but yes the information needs to be sent to Rebecca. Charity Hunter stated that the staff in Joplin has been getting involved with the LTRCs. Karen stated that it is very important that client information cannot be discussed at the meetings.

Karen Benson continued with her report that the Partnership had to elect a Vice Chair because the Governor has not appointed this position yet. Karen decided to table the elections until the next meeting.

- SEMA Operations Report: Dante Gliniecki reported SEMA Emergency Human Services has been involved in disaster operations since Good Friday April 18, 2011. The types or phases of these operations can be categorized as the following:
 1. Tornadoes strike the St. Louis area (the Lambert Airport event)
 2. Flooding occurs along the Mississippi and rivers in southeast MO (large shelter in Poplar Bluff)
 3. Pockets of flooding in southwest and south central Missouri (Tablerock Lake Dam nearly overtopped)
 4. Joplin Tornado (F5 tornado)
 5. Sedalia tornado and smaller tornado/storms in southern Missouri (200 homes damaged or destroyed)
 6. Flooding along the Missouri in northwest Missouri (800 people evacuated) and minor flooding northeast Missouri
 7. Heat wave
 8. Flash flooding in St. Charles

Major EHS functions involved in response operations:

- Mass care
 - Sheltering
 - Feeding
 - Bulk distribution (relief supplies including food, water, clean up supplies, etc)
- Emergency assistance
- Clean up, mucking out
- Health services (DMAT, FNSS)
- Food stamps
- Tracking missing persons
- Volunteer coordination
- Donations coordination
- Mental Health
- Case management (triage and disaster case management)
- COAD and LTRCs
- Housing
- Homeowner services
- Volag coordination
- Emotional and spiritual care

Partnership and Missouri VOAD Organizations are very active at this time. Overall the operation has been successful thus far. EHS organizations have performed very well. Notable successes such as in mass care, Volag coordination, volunteer coordination, medical care, legal help, MARC, COADs, clean up, national service teams, bulk distribution, housing coordination, donations management, 211 information and referral and other functions have been notable.

Current priorities include:

- Long-term recovery committees
- Case management
- Donations management
- Mental health
- Volunteer coordination
- Non-declared disaster assistance
- Information and referral

Below is the situation report as of today: JFHQ-MO SITREP (INTERAGENCY UPDATE), as of 1800, 14 July 2011

WEATHER: Upper Missouri River Basin (Missouri River and tributaries upstream of Atchison County, MO) –Isolated thunderstorms, some severe with potential downpour of up to 1”, and hot conditions in the low 90’s.

Upper Mississippi River Basin (Mississippi River Basin North of Hannibal, MO) - Isolated thunderstorms, with up to 1/2" accumulation, and hot conditions in the low 90’s. If the Mississippi River increases much, in turn, it could slow down the rate of flow for the Missouri River.

NW MO – Partly to mostly sunny with daytime highs in the low to mid 90's. Chance of precipitation approximately 10-20% over the next 48 hours.

Missouri River Valley between Kansas City and Jefferson City - Partly to mostly sunny with daytime highs in the mid 90's. Chance of precipitation approximately 10% over the next 48 hours.

Missouri River Valley between Jefferson City and St. Louis - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80's to low 90's. Chance of precipitation approximately 10% over the next 48 hours.

Joplin –Forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with hot conditions in the high 90’s and low 100’s.

SITUATION:

- Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms ravaged the Joplin metro area 22 MAY, causing significant damage to many homes, businesses and infrastructure. The current death toll is 159.
- Much of the state continues to conduct operations due to flooding conditions along the Missouri River basin. Flooding is being caused by record snowmelts/rainfall resulting in record water releases from the upper Missouri River Dams. Prolonged elevated flood stages could adversely affect all counties along the entire length of the river.

- USACE is releasing 160,000cfs from the Gavins Point Dam. On 30 July USACE will reduce release to 155,000 cfs, followed by a reduction to 150, 000 cfs beginning August 1st.
- Upper Missouri River (Brownville to Kansas City):
- Rulo and Brownville: Moderate flood stage, projected to remain in Moderate flood stage with steady levels to a minor downward trend over the next 4 days.
- **St. Joseph: Currently at Major flood stage and is projected to remain steady over the next 4 days.**
- **Atchison and Leavenworth: Currently at Moderate Flood Stage and projected to see a slight downward trend over the next 4 days.**
- Kansas City: Currently in the Action Stage and showing a downward trend over the next 4 days. Lower Missouri River: (Sibley to St. Charles):
- All gauges at Moderate Flood Stage or below and projected to decrease for the next 4 days.
- Atchison County: Nothing significant to report (NSTR)
- Holt County: NSTR
- Andrew County: NSTR
- Buchanan County: NSTR
- Platte County: NSTR
- Clay County:
 - On 11 July, a railroad levee breach occurred in the vicinity of Old Hwy 210 and Rush Creek between the Missouri Organic facilities and the Independence Cooling Station. The railroad is currently engaged in repairs and estimates resumption of operations once complete.
- Ray County: NSTR
- Carroll County:
 - On 12 July, local authorities reported that Highway 41 should remain unflooded for the next few days despite the breaches in the Root Levee District. Highway 41 is the next Missouri River Bridge downstream from Highway 65; if closed this would force traffic to cross the river at Highway 13 at Lexington or Highway 240 at Glasgow.
 - On 12 July, a breach approximately 100 feet in length was reported in the Root Levee District near Mile Marker 271 to the Southeast of Wakenda. Approximately 12 square miles (previously 9 sq mi) of agricultural land is under water. MODOT has closed Rte. B from Carroll County Rte. 318 to Rte. 326 in the vicinity of the breach. County EMD/Sheriff states that the levee manager and USACE officials are meeting to discuss if there is a way to relieve the flood water back to the river.
- Saline County: NSTR
- Howard County:
 - Two non-federal (USACE program) levees are within 2' of overtopping. Determining infrastructure behind these levees for flood fight coordination with local authorities.

- Cole County:
 - One non-federal (USACE program) levee – Prison Farm Levee – is within 2’ of overtopping. Determining infrastructure behind these levees for flood fight coordination with local authorities.

Evacuations (completed):

Atchison County-Watson; Phelps City; Langdon
 Holt County-Craig; Big Lake; Corning; Fortescue; Little Tarkio Creek; Bigelow
 Andrew County – Nodaway
 Buchanan County- Lewis and Clark Village; Winthrop
 Platte County- Bean Lake
 Saline County – Malta Bend Levee area

- Situational Template Map Attached. Reflects current operation picture (COP).
- River gauge summary charts attached. Show river gauge levels and 4 day projections from Atchison County to St. Louis.

Tornado Response:

Task Force Phoenix – Debris Removal and Workforce Development Coordination
 - 51 personnel
 -Conducting 2 roving patrols throughout 5 Sectors in Joplin ISO Local Law Enforcement
 -175 contracted haul units engaged in debris removal; Total Debris Hauled: **1,138,300** Cubic Yards); overall debris removal ~60% complete of an estimated 1.87 million cubic yards.
 -1695 parcels have been cleared in the Expedited Debris Removal area. This is 49.6% of the 3419 total parcels in the EDR area.
 - EPA has collected **88,740** hazardous material items.
 -Distributing Right of Entry forms; 1,066 received by USACE with **1015** cleared for tasking.
 - **864** properties have been cleared in the Private property debris removal process.
 -**Nuisance properties have completed due process today and have been turned over to USACE, approximately 350 require debris removal. (14 July)**
 - 5 USACE follow-on contracts awarded.
 -**176** participants currently working through NEG.
 -A team of Crewleaders and logistical staff are on site to support the Disaster Recovery Jobs Program.

Flood Response:

Task Force 110- (North West and West-Central Missouri; MO River Flooding)
 -361 personnel
 -Continuing liaison officer (LNO) engagement in 13 counties and USACE Kansas City District Office
 -Atchison County: security patrols continuing; assisting in monitoring levees.
 -Holt County: security patrols continuing; assisting in monitoring levees
 -Andrew County: continue to man traffic control points.

Task Force 139 - Buchanan County and Rosecrans Air NG Base

-44 personnel

-LNO working with civilian authorities in Buchanan County

-Continue to conduct levee monitoring patrols along Levee 471-460-R in conjunction with the Kansas National Guard and local civil authorities.

- Monitoring Levee 455L (St. Joseph side) and continued security patrols in the vicinity of Sugar Lake.

-HESCO barriers are being built in order to protect the key buildings around base. 11 July

INTERAGENCY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) HIGHLIGHTS

ESF #1 – Transportation: **54** road closures state-wide due to flooding. US Hwy 65 has one lane closed for a 1.5 miles in Carroll County.

ESF #2 – Communications: Nothing significant to report (NSTR.)

ESF #3 – Public Works and Engineering: NSTR

ESF #4 & 9 – Firefighting: NSTR.

ESF #5 – Emergency Management: NSTR

ESF #6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services: The shelter in St. Charles County had no remaining residents and closed the evening of 13 July. 6 shelters (5 in NW Missouri; 1 in central Missouri) remain on stand-by status for flooding concerns.

ESF #7 – Logistics: NSTR

ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services: NSTR

ESF #10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response: NSTR.

ESF #11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources: NSTR

ESF #12 – Energy: ESF # 12 – Iatan Power Plant (KCP&L; Platte County) has a 45+ day supply of coal on hand.

ESF #13 – Public Safety and Security: NSTR

ESF #14 – Long-Term Community Recovery: NSTR

ESF #15 – External Affairs: NSTR

FEMA – Photos from FEMA funded Civil Air Patrol reconnaissance missions located at <http://argus.ncr.cap.gov>. Login and password are both “view only.”

USACE – NSTR

The identification of missing persons was a challenge as it was not a part of our ongoing efforts.

Melissa Friel asked what it would take to get a declaration approved for Individual Assistance/Public Assistance (IA/PA) Dante replied that there has to be a request for damage assessments, however, the homes are still under water.

Jono Anzalone stated that fly-overs can be done to assess damages; however, the number threshold is just not being met. The data received usually justifies the cost of the air flight unless the Civil Air Patrol would donate their resources.

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: No report.
- Legislative Committee: Nothing to report.
- Citizen Corps: (FY09) Karen Benson reported (for Matt Nutt) that Citizen Corps has bounced back and forth between Office of Homeland Security (OHS) and SEMA, and now resides with Office of Homeland Security. The 17 county awardees include: Adair, Bollinger, Callaway, Camdenton, Cape Girardeau, Christian, Cole, Douglas, Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Schuyler, Scotland, Scott, Stoddard, Vernon, and Webster.
A total of \$200,000 was awarded from the FY2010 grant and \$67,000 was awarded from the FY2009 grant. FY 2009 grant cycle has four grants currently on extensions, eight in process of close out and four already closed out. FY2008 grant cycle still has one remaining open grant and the other 17 grants closed out.
- Committee for Emotional and Spiritual Care Coalition: Dante Gliniecki reported for Jenny Wiley that the meeting had to be rescheduled. The plan is still in draft format undergoing a group edit process.
- FABODIC: The status of the committee has not changed since the last meeting. The committee needs a leader and also needs coordinators at the regional and local levels. There are numerous county efforts in addition to the work that is being doing in Kansas City and St. Louis.
- Access and Functional Needs Committee (AFNC): Deb Hendricks stated that the committee has not met as a full committee, but the education subcommittee has met and have taken on the process of updating training offered by SEMA and now have a 2-hour package that can be included in other education training regarding Access and Functional Needs (AFN). The committee is looking at an AFN model for the state of Missouri. Deb stated that she has a proposal for the group: She would like to propose that another subcommittee be added to the AFNC, which is the Children's and Youth Disaster Committee to survey the needs, gap analysis, and assure that the gaps can be filled.
- ESF #14 Community Long-Term Recovery: The committee is currently meeting every 2-3 weeks to discuss current and potential long-term recovery issues around the state. The committee is working closely with FEMA ESF 14 to provide a written summary of potential resources for the city of Joplin. They will also be assisting FEMA ESF 14 with a workshop for the community of Pinhook in Mississippi County to help with design and resources for a possible relocation of the community. The committee is focusing on decisions that are being made currently that may direct or impact recovery later (i.e. debris removal pertaining to cultural issues).

Previously formed relationships within the committee have proved to be invaluable in the wake of the storms. Many states do not form a statewide long-term recovery group until after a disaster hits. Missouri's group had been meeting for nearly two years before these disaster events struck, so we have been able to hit the ground running.

- Disaster Case Management Committee: Members of the committee that have case management ability included Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Methodist, met and decided to skip to Phase II. The Department of Economic Development will serve as the Fiscal agent. The consensus was that a centralized model would be used so that every file or case would be processed the same and everyone would be trained the same. Karen wants to have a train-the-trainer class in August and wants to have the list of attendees in advance.

Jono stated that he had no decision making ability for the case management funding approval by FEMA.

- Missouri Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster (MOVOAD): Have three potential names for the position of Public Information Officer (PIO). The committee wants the PIO to have a public presence. There is a website still in draft form that will help with public information.

Dante stated there is a lot of training to keep track of and MoVOAD could use a person to keep track of that. The Legislative Committee is a joint committee of the MoVOAD and the Partnership. The Animal in Disaster Planning Action Committee (ADPAC) efforts have paid off with the pet shelters with the Humane Society as the lead agency. Malcolm has worked to develop the by-laws of MoVOAD.

- State Mass Care Committee (STAMACC): Corrine Beakley reported that during the NLE 11, the evacuation plan was exercised. The key players included FEMA, SEMA, MoDOT, and the National Guard. A goal of STAMACC is to review and make decisions on predetermined points of the plan.

Old Business

With regard to the NLE 2011, the evacuation plan needs to be developed. The difficult part is paying the bills once the disaster moves into recovery phase.

New Business

- Disaster Operations:
NW Missouri: Citizens not seeking shelter.
Central Missouri: Dante reported that the FEMA VALs are working that area and they have a LTRC. Jono Anzalone plans to attend a meeting regarding the grant application that would be state wide under DR-1980.

Charity Hunter stated that the Department of Senior Services encourages everyone to register with FEMA even if there is no immediate need, because once the deadline comes, they are unable to help then. The department wants to place the Extended Deadline posters in banks, churches, or wherever the elderly might frequent.

Southeast Missouri: Joan Keenan stated the Crisis Counseling is ongoing. There is a LTRC operating and Catholic Charities has one staff member there. The Red Cross is looking for the already trained case managers and their expenses will be paid.

South Central Missouri: Maura Taylor stated that their case managers are working in the Willow Springs area.

Southwest Missouri: Joan Keenan reported that Department of Mental Health (DMH) was really involved in NLE11.

In response to the Joplin tornado during the first six weeks of the event, DMH had a licensed clinical psychologist on site. There were teams operating throughout the day and evening. Dante asked if the teams were connecting with the LTRC. Joan stated that the team leader is attending the LTRC meetings. There are now over 400 volunteers waiting in the Show-Me Response system for the mental health unit.

Jono Anzalone stated that there is a FAQ sheet attached to the minutes regarding case management.

Maura Taylor reported that Catholic Charities has hired three social workers and a social worker supervisor. They have relocated to 826 South Main St. to provide case management services. The warehouse is located at 913 9th St. between Main and Virginia Street. The warehouse really needs volunteers.

Karen Benson reported that the Department of Economic Development established an MOU with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to receive electronic information on businesses that have been denied loans. They are working to reach out to the businesses to see if they can match them up with one of the loan programs.

We have awarded \$7M in NAP (Neighborhood Assistance Program) credits to the Joplin Chamber of Commerce for their economic development long term recovery fund.

We have awarded \$50M in tax exempt financing authority to the Joplin Area IDA to provide low interest financing to manufacturers affected by the storm.

We are participating on the interim housing committee which meets to discuss temporary housing opportunities including FEMA temporary housing units. The state's goal is to make sure that all families with school aged children are housed in FEMA THU's before August 17th, the first day of school. Our priority list which we track every week is shelter occupants (all housed); seniors, disabled and families with school aged children. Based on the USACE timeline, we will make our goal. The current population in line for a FEMA THU is 655 families.

DED is located at the State Resource, Recovery, and Rebuilding Center where we work primarily to find suitable temporary housing for displaced residents; refer unemployed workers to the DWD (Division of Workforce Development) National Emergency Grant work opportunities; and refer businesses to the resources with SBA and DED.

Karen Benson reported that Convoy of Hope (COH) had provided 13,000 volunteer hours. The red zone (major affected/damaged) is now off limits to volunteers. The Methodists have provided an extreme amount of flood buckets. Malcolm Hardy stated that there have been multiple requests for cleaning supplies for organizations. Jeff Baker reported that the United Methodist Church (UMC) Convoy of Hope has hired a volunteer coordinator (Jamie Piper: 417-850-5378) to corral the multitude of volunteers. They have about 2 to 7 teams a day working. Stump removal is a challenge because it requires heavy equipment. Cathy Vaisvil asked if United Way 2-1-1 could refer volunteers to Jamie, but Steve replied that it was better to keep sending them to AmeriCorps.

The deadline for the debris removal is August 8, 2011.

Agency Reports

- Federal Agencies

Michael Laverty reported that AmeriCorps Vista focuses on reducing poverty. They can get partnerships up and going fairly quickly if they meet the qualifications. Jason Scott asked Michael to discuss the funding cycle. Michael stated that their funds are open year round so there is no cut off. Before a project can be approved, supervisors have to attend assigned training. Volunteers can be recruited by using your own resources or through the use of our database. They provide the living allowance for the volunteer including health insurance and childcare.

Jason Scott stated that the VISTA program has had success with volunteers dispatched to Iowa.

Andre Grinston stated that AmeriCorps has 400 members and they are all CPR certified. Jono Anzalone: Stated that there are 109 families that have been placed in temporary housing units in Joplin. This resource will continue through September 25. FEMA will continue to support recovery efforts.

American Red Cross: The ARC has been undergoing restructuring of the organization.

CNCS: Jason reported the various response teams that are deployed across the state. The mission assignment ends July 31st. Jason handed out a Vista Sponsor pamphlet.

- State Agencies

Department of Insurance (DOI): Mary Kempker reported that the department has been dealing with the citizens of Joplin and the misconceptions that they are having. DOI cannot stress enough the importance of having Renters Insurance even while the citizens are in the FEMA trailers.

Department of Health and Senior Services/Division of Senior & Disability Services: Charity Hunter reported that the Area on Aging committing is holding meetings daily in Joplin. Discussed areas that resources centers can be improved. Dante stated that he will organize an EHS after action meeting.

Joplin Tornado Response

- Working with the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and their Home and Community Based Field Staff
- No major increase in elder abuse/neglect/exploitation hotline calls
- Charity and central office staff assisted in staffing resource centers
- Participating in Senior and Disability Group meetings with Center for Independent Living (CIL), AAA, Providers, FEMA, etc.

Missouri Disasters (Flooding, tornadoes, storms)

- Collaborating with AAA and field staff as normal response and recovery operations
- Collaborating with FEMA on a communication campaign to encourage seniors to register with FEMA even if they don't think they need assistance right now. Our seniors are the "make do" generation; they don't reach out for help. They are seeing a lot of this. They would rather leave the assistance to help someone else.
 - "Caring for Missouri's Legacy—Encouraging Senior to Register for Federal Disaster Aid"
 - News release goal is next week
 - Poster development to be distributed at frequented locations such as churches, banks, SS offices, senior centers, AAAs, health departments, grocery stores, etc.
 - Need assistance with distribution throughout the 25 declared counties under DR-1980. **Please let Charity know if you can assist with distribution**

New Madrid Seismic Zone Tabletop Exercises

- Charity has been facilitating tabletop exercises for regional adult protective and home and community based services staff across the state
- Completed all regions of the state—went very well

Show-Me Summit on Aging 2011: Living Longer. Getting Stronger

- St. Louis Sheraton Westport on September 26-28, 2011.
- Charity will be presenting a breakout session of a New Madrid Seismic Zone tabletop exercise

Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

- Completed technical assistance reviews with 8 AAA regions across the state to assist them in refining their COOP plans
- Department workgroup is planning a 2nd department-wide exercise for November

National Level Exercise: Went very well and learned a great deal.

FAST Training: Charity went through training and excited about moving forward in building this capacity in our state

Department of Social Services: Corrine Beakley reported that the Department of Social Services (DSS) Central Office Emergency Management staffed the ESF 6 desk at the State Emergency Operations Center during activations related to the St. Louis area tornadoes, Southeast Missouri flooding, Southwest Missouri flooding, the Joplin tornado, the Sedalia tornado, other tornadoes and flash flooding, and the current Northwest Missouri flooding. Local DSS County Managers were in contact throughout the state with their local Emergency Management Directors and American Red Cross contacts to assess local situations and offer assistance. Local DSS Field staff assisted specifically in Poplar Bluff at the Red Cross shelter at the Black River Coliseum, the Multi-Agency Resource Centers in multiple cities in Southeast Missouri, and currently in the coordination of available resources in Northwest Missouri.

To focus on efforts in Joplin, DSS Family Division Support (FSD) staff reported to the American Red Cross shelter at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning following the tornado, and assisted with registration there through June 1, 2011. The DSS Director and other staff participated in the Governor's Community Response meeting in Joplin on May 26th. An estimated 300 families visited the DSS resource tent that day. FSD helped staff the Multi-Agency Resource Center in Joplin which was established at The Bridge, where we were able to offer food stamp replacement applications and other DSS program applications. In addition to food stamp replacements, FSD along with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) implemented the Disaster Food Assistance Program (DFAP) on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. This program was available for area residents with significant property damage and/or income loss as a result of the tornado. Individuals were required to meet disaster gross income limit guidelines, have lived or worked in specific zip codes and suffered property damage, reduced income or loss of income. Applications were taken from 7 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through June 9, 2011 at the Mills Anderson Justice Center on the MSSU campus. In addition to efforts regarding food

assistance, FSD staff also served countless customers with referrals, MOHealth Net and childcare applications. Local FSD staff continues to be involved in the local recovery process.

Immediately following the tornado, DSS Children's Division (CD) staff in Jasper County and the surrounding area began reaching out to foster care providers to ensure the safety of the 571 children in the state's care in Jasper County. By Tuesday, May 24, all of the children had been located. CD staff from nearby counties assisted immediately in the first few weeks. Fifteen provider homes were impacted by the storm, twelve of which were destroyed or suffered major damage. All residential facilities in the area were unscathed, although some suffered a loss of power. Nineteen child care facilities – either large centers or family homes – were lost, representing a loss of nearly 750 child care slots. Twice-weekly coordination calls began soon after the storm and are ongoing to provide assistance to families who are looking for child care and to providers who are working to rebuild and continue providing care.

A number of local DSS staff lost their homes, while many others suffered the loss of injury of friends and loved ones. Offers poured in from around the state from over 300 staff in both divisions, as well as other divisions. Nearly 100 DSS field staff from around the state assisted their co-workers in Jasper County who struggled with personal losses during this storm.

Deb Hendricks, in her role as Co-Chair of the Access and Functional Needs Committee has been focusing on the coordination of train-the-trainer training in Missouri for a California team approached called Functional Access Support Teams (FAST). A training session was held in Jefferson City on July 7 and 8. The Committee continues to focus on development and implementation of an education plan for the FNSS concept.

Thirteen DSS Central Office staff participated fully in the National Level Exercise 2011 at the State Emergency Operations Center in Jefferson City. The department used the exercise to train additional responders for the State Emergency Operations Center. In addition, field staff participated in local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercises and mass care exercise activities throughout the state.

DSS staff has attended other meetings as necessary such as the ESF 14 Committee, the Homeland Security Advisory Council, and Disaster Case Management Committee meetings.

MU Extension (MUE): Conne Burnham reported that the Extension continues to work with the COADs. SEMA plans to submit a proposal stating ways that the MUE can be more involved with other agencies.

- Volunteer Agencies:

Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints (COJCLDS): Please see report posted on the Partnership website.

American Red Cross: Debbie Meeds reports that cooperation/collaboration was excellent. Discussed the casework center.

United Way 2-1-1: Cathy Vaisvil stated that the organization is trying to track what cases are closed or open. Concentrating on cooling centers so forward information regarding the locations.

The Salvation Army (TSA): Dee Smith reported that there are cooling centers open. TSA supports the sandbagging operations in the North. Dante asked if the TSA is doing any family assistance. Dee replied that yes they are—citizens could receive help now or receive it later.

Public Comment

- Nothing reported.

Announcements

No announcements.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.