

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

Minutes

Date: June 10, 2010	Time: 10:00 to 3:00	Location: EOC Floor
Called to order by:	Called to order time: 10:08	Recorder of Minutes: Diane Bosworth

Participants Present

Dante Gliniecki	SEMA	Malcolm Hardy	AmeriCorps
Karen Benson	MUMDRT	Matt Nutt	OHS
Pat Chambers	MOSILC	Haley Schwarz	STL United Way 2-1-1
Dee Smith	The Salvation Army	Robin Pokojski	United Way 2-1-1
Eric Evans	University Extension	Steve Irwin	Convoy of Hope
Jono Anzalone	FEMA	Corrine Beakley	Dept. of Social Services
Carol Harden	Dept. of Insurance+	Jim Eckrich	LDR/MIDRO
Scott Jones	KC United Way 2-1-1	Rick Seaton	MO Baptist Convention
John Eppert	COJCLDS	Jeff Baker	MUMDRT
Lou DeFeo	Attorney	Connie English	SEMA
Liz Roberts	DED	John Heckemeyer	DMH
Robert Devaney	ARC	Bruce Bailey	AmeriCorps
Gary Gilmore	MNG	Melissa Friel	DHSS
Paula Woodsmall	DHSS	Jessica Becklenberg	SEMA
Dylan Kane	AmeriCorps	Joel Lambert	AmeriCorps
Christine Steinward	AmeriCorps	Greg Gaines	ARC
Debi Meeds	ARC	Keith Kenney	ARC
Conne Burnham	MUFRTI	Jennifer Miller	UW 211 KC
Andi Benson	MHDC		

Administrative

- Introductions: Roll call taken
- Review of Agenda: Chair Benson asked for any additions or corrections to agenda. A report on Haiti operations was added under New Business.
- Approval of Minutes: Changes were noted in minutes and will be adjusted. Recommendation was made for acronyms to be spelled out the first time. Motion was made to accept minutes as amended. Motion was seconded.

Steve Irwin asked for the minutes to be reviewed before so it does not have to be done at the meeting.

Motion carried and minutes were approved as revised.

Executive Reports

- Private Organization Chair: Need a new chair for the Legislative Committee. Karen asked for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Conne Burnham asked for an explanation of what that chair is responsible for.

Karen stated that the activities between the Legislative Committee and the Partnership and agencies are to be coordinated.

Lou DeFeo volunteered to be added to the committee.

Karen stated that the Chair is responsible for scheduling and convening meetings. The Committee itself is a joint committee of the Partnership & MoVOAD. It is responsible for supporting the legislative needs of SEMA/partner agencies, which are relevant to the mission; monitor legislation which may impact emergency management/disaster response; in some cases draft legislation and find a sponsor to introduce it.

Karen asked that if anyone would like to chair the committee that they let her know in the next few weeks. In the meantime, Karen will solicit someone to chair the Legislative Committee.

- SEMA Operations Report

Dante Gliniecki reported that Worth and Livingston counties had some recent flooding. SEMA did not have to do too much, but we coached them through the process.

He said that we are turning to the Red Cross, Convoy of Hope, and the Food Banks for help during events.

Red Cross is still to be the entry point for help. There is a need to maintain one uniform system across the state.

The 2009 disasters are still significant. Dante said he is not hearing from the Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC) regarding their need for resources.

Melissa Friel asked if there was a way to sort the need requests to see if there is a common pattern.

Robin Pokojski responded that food and generators were the main requests.

Dante also reported that we had a State Area Command Center (SACC) exercise last week. We are in need of a Standard Operating Guide (SOG), which will then need to be exercised. Animals in Disaster Planning Action Committee (ADPAC), State Mass Care Committee (STAMACC), Missouri Volunteer Agencies Active in a Disaster (MoVOAD), and Spiritual and Emotional Care Committee (SECC) are groups that we are working with. SEMA will support the legislative committee as needed. The Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) is a large portion of what we do. All of the funds have to be expended by December 31, 2010.

Jim Eckrich asked if the request has been submitted and are we just waiting? Is there a target date?

Karen stated we are with a consortium of other states (Iowa, Illinois, Kansas). We have contacted all MO Congressional Offices and other states are doing the same.

Dante submitted the following report:

New Operations:

- A. Recent flooding has caused some water outages in Livingston and Worth Counties – the situation appears under control.
- B. Recent storms have created isolated or small and sporadic destruction of homes and dwellings.
- C. Need to review our damage assessment and processing procedures

Previous Operations

- A. 2008 Disaster
- B. 2009 Disasters (ice storm and wind storms)

Ongoing Operations and Preparedness

- A. State Area Command Center Exercise
 - 1) Highlights the need for a State Emergency Operations Center-Emergency Human Services Standard Operation Guide,
 - 2) Exercise Plan for Emergency Human Services: Plan; Resource; Train; Exercise – orientation, tabletop, functional, full scale
- B. Projects and Programs
 - 1) Animals in Disaster Planning Action Committee (ADPAC)
 - 2) State Mass Care Committee (STAMACC) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Support Function #6
 - 3) MOVOAD: STAMACC; COAD LTRC; Membership; Legislative; By-Laws; Donations and Volunteer Coordination Team (DVCT)
 - 4) Partnership: ESF #14; SECC; Legislative; Special Needs – Functional Needs Support
 - 5) Liaison to Other Department Committees
 - 6) Social Services Block Grant
 - 1) Seeking extension
 - 2) Momentum picking up
 - 3) Partnering with buy-out projects and CDBG projects
 - 7) Faith-based Organization Disaster Initiative
 - 8) Other

Dante asked Jono if FEMA would take a position on this and Jono responded that FEMA was looking for ways to extend funds.

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: The committee has not met.

- Legislative Committee: See above.
- Citizen Corps: Background: Matt Nutt reported that the National Citizen Corps website is undergoing a number of updates including collection of more detailed information on Citizen Corps Councils (CCCs) and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). This information will enable FEMA to more accurately track CCCs and CERTs and establish a baseline (as recommended in a recent GAO Report, GAO-10-193, “Emergency Preparedness: FEMA faces challenges integrating community preparedness programs into its strategic approach.”) In order to implement this, all CCCs and CERTs will need to re-register on the website per the timetable and process provided below. In addition, to remain eligible for FY2010 Homeland Security grant fund, recipients must update/validate their Citizen Corps information, activity, and contacts listed on the Citizen Corps and national program websites twice per year.

Validation steps:

1. Locate who the Endorsing Local Official is for the program.
2. If Emergency Management Agency—contact jurisdiction Emergency Manager to verify.
3. If other governmental entity—contact the sponsoring agency to verify and then contact the Emergency Manager for possible partnering or incorporation into the emergency management process.

Eric Evans seconded the motion made by Matt to accept the validation process. All approved; motion carried.

- SECC: Reported that they are down to the line by line rewrite, so hopefully we will have a draft for the next meeting.
- Outreach and Wellness Committee: Karen Benson reported that the Pathfinder Training in Jefferson City was originally scheduled for Aug 3-7, but due to a bike rally all of the hotels were full, so we had to move the meeting to Springfield. Prerequisites are ICS100-400 & 700-800.
Dante stated that he and Pat Chambers will need to come up with an SOG.
- Faith Based Organization Disaster Initiative (FABODI): Connie English reported that since the FABODI Kick-Off Conference in August 2009, there have been a total of 10 conferences held around the state of Missouri. Training was provided to a total of 1540 participants through these conferences.
There have been two conferences since the last quarterly meeting and at both conferences many participants showed interest in learning more beyond the conference about emergency preparedness and external ministries.

The 9th conference was in Region I, Rolla, MO; and the 10th conference was in Jefferson County, Hillsboro, MO

- The Region I conference had a total of 96 participants
- The Jefferson County conference had a total of 70 participants

The FABODI Committee is in the process of developing a project with MU Extension to design an Emergency Human Services SOG offering guidance for the coordination of response with emergency management, faith-based organizations, and other nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). This project would include guidance for specific functions that would include the Citizen Corps Program, COAD/Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC)/Volunteer Reception Center (VRC), Case Management, Points of Distributions (PODs), Sheltering Operations and Feeding Operations, and other critical functions.

Additional guidance will be given to local Faith-Based Organizations, NGOs, and government organizations to support and sustain functioning committees and/or organizations through all emergency management phases. Examples of planning components that would be included in the project are current best practices, sample agendas for meetings, sample activities to keep interest high, and offer additional resources to support the committee/group.

We will focus on having a unified working process/method.

- Special Needs Population Steering Committee: Paula Woodsmall reported that the Public Health Preparedness conference is in Columbia and will be held in July. There are about 300 people registered already. There is no fee other than travel. You can register on line, but there are two different places to register.
- ESF #14 LTC: Liz Roberts reported that we had a meeting already with the FEMA integrated working group. They are still gathering information and people to work with the committee. The leadership has decided to start planning on how to write the plans.

Old Business

- SSBG: Nothing more to report.

Mass Care Report: Dante Gliniecki reported that SEMA is cooperating with FEMA to put together a catastrophic mass care plan by combining our plan with what FEMA has in their guidance. An emphasis is being placed on evacuation since this is an area where both SEMA and FEMA are reviewing their own plans. The deadline for the completion of this interagency working group task is September 22, 2010.

The EHS staff attended the FEMA ESF 6 Conference and the National VOAD Conference. As a result much new and useful information was gained. Information on special needs, sheltering and long term recovery will prove to be useful in updating our plans. ADPAC held their quarterly meeting last week, there is still a need for an agency to step up and take the state-wide lead role for pet sheltering. Currently that role has fallen to the Humane Society of Missouri.

The STAMACC has appointed a task force to review the special needs local template and the plan for the SEOP. New guidance from FEMA on special needs sheltering is in the works and it was decided by reviewing our plans we could be proactive if given the chance to provide input to FEMA.

Preliminary discussions are underway with FEMA Region VII regarding new technology and equipment to be used in evacuations. Missouri may be a test state for new scanning devices and other equipment that may be used for tracking evacuees.

A host state agreement between Missouri and Louisiana is in the preliminary stages. Tennessee has a host state agreement with Louisiana but due to the flooding there, is unable to accommodate them. Louisiana is now turning their gaze toward us.

State Mass Care Committee is meeting tomorrow.

- Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) Update: Haley Schwarz reported there was a conference call with all of the state liaisons. They are working on refining the reporting system. There is always training on line and webinars available. Our website is www.can.org.

CAN State Liaison Training

You can visit www.can.org, with new improved regional access point for each FEMA Region.

If you are a participating agency, please remember to log in at least once a month to continue access. Also, please log on and record trainings that you may give to groups that last more than 10 minutes even if they are informal. If you are interested in joining CAN, click Join the Network on their homepage and find detailed information on participating. Training is available online at can.org/training or through various webinars. Check the training calendar for more information.

CAN is also a way to share disaster related information. Visit the CAN website, click get started, then Region VII to find general information on LTRCs, COADs and Region VII RISC ESF6 Subcommittee notes to name a few.

Lunch

FEMA IA Conference/NVOAD Conference: The following report was provided by Mike Pickerel and Rebecca Estes:

- Long Term Recovery (ESF 6 Conference):
 - A combined effort of multiple Federal agencies are working on the edits for the National Recovery Framework
 - FEMA encouraged states to work on their own Long Term Recovery and understand the National Recovery Framework.
 - It appears Missouri is 'ahead of the game' by addressing the multi-discipline need for collaboration on Long Term Recovery (holistic: i.e. economic, small business, housing, and case management) ahead of time.
- Housing (ESF 6 Conference):
 - A few pilot programs were used in the recent year by FEMA to meet the needs of a few "unique" disasters, such as the Alaska flooding. These pilot programs are being reviewed and at this time no new programs are being introduced into the FEMA housing toolbox. Some pilot programs included providing for "band-aid" fixes, such as allowing for immediate purchases of entry doors, and tarps to keep a home from receiving further damage from normal "weather-wear". Ideally the result would be less for community's long term recovery committee costs being spent on damages that could have been prevented. Also FEMA worked with HUD on developing basic house blueprints to be used in a reconstruction phase that are culturally acceptable, such as what was used in the re-building efforts for American Samoa
- Spiritual and Emotional Care (National VOAD):
 - A few new considerations were brought to my attention. Some faiths have rules about who can pastor in their jurisdiction. For example, it may be that a Presbyterian bishop has to approve any Presbyterian pastor entering the Jefferson City area. (I may be not using the right example of faith, but hopefully the idea is conveyed). Also, not only should there be a "back ground" check done on those providing spiritual and emotional care, but perhaps some check done into their faiths reporting framework, to be sure no injustices were ever reported.
- COAD/LTRC Development (National VOAD)
 - Overall the re-iteration of you cannot expect each COAD/LTRC to be identifiable worldwide, or even the same in a community over the length of time. Communities and the impact of their disaster changes how the response and recovery must take place. It is important before any mission starts that the local group develops clear defined rules, and if must sway from those rules: DOCUMENTATION! Finally, national faith groups work best with COADs/LTRCs that have been established and have good accounting practices and administrative practices already in place.

Dante Gliniecki stated that the Emergency Support Function #6 Mass Care / Individual Assistance Conference and the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Annual VOAD Conference focused nearly exclusively on Emergency Human Services. He focused on grants, technology and other topics of interest.

The following is a synopsis of these topics as they were addressed by the conferences:

- Grant:
 - The innovative use of grants for emergency human services programs is gaining momentum.
 - Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) Disaster Supplemental grants are being used in effective ways in Missouri, Iowa and Texas
 - Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) is being used in Texas and Iowa for long-term recovery. Missouri is also using CDBG for recovery
 - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is being used for recovery in Iowa.
 - Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) is utilizing grant programs for long-term recovery very effectively in Iowa and Texas.
 - Iowa is using many different grant resources for recovery and is being studied for best practice
- Technology:
 - New technologies are being studied by FEMA and NVOAD that Missouri should be monitoring
 - National Mass Evacuation Tracking System (NMETS) is being developed for evacuation tracking
 - Aidmatrix is becoming a more robust donations volunteer management web application
 - CAN is solidifying its presence in emergency human services
 - FEMA's National Shelter System is being improved
- Other
 - NVOAD is strengthening its relationship with FEMA through a new MOU.
 - NVOAD Committees are stronger than ever and very active.
 - Many new developments in:
 - Mass Care
 - Donations management
 - Volunteer management
 - Spiritual Care
 - Case management
 - Long-term recovery

- New Madrid Seismic Zone Exercise: The exercise was to test the SACC concept. The exercise was very educational. For instance, Melissa Friel stated that one problem was that the resource database was not explained to the players before and they did not know quite how to use the database. Dante Gliniecki said he would take any comments that anybody has and relay them to the exercise team.

Melissa Friel shared that there is a website that helps people work with culturally diverse groups, which is www.thinkculturalhealth.org

- National Preparedness Month: The National Preparedness website is www.nationalpreparednessmonth.com

Karen Benson gave a report about Functional Needs Support Services.

FEMA and DOJ are scheduled to release joint guidance in this month, entitled **Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General**

Population Shelters. “The purpose of the guidance is to provide planning guidance to emergency managers and shelter planners in meeting access and functional needs in general population shelters. This guidance is not designed to establish local government as the single shelter operator or establish a new “tier” of sheltering. FNSS services and the guidance provided are designed to assist in the planning and resourcing of sheltering operations: government, NGO, faith based, or private; to meet the access and functional needs of children and adults. These guidelines identify methods of achieving a lawful and equitable program through the delivery of Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) for children and adults.”

The basic message from DOJ is that differentiating “special needs” shelters from “general population” shelters is a violation of the ADA. The paradigm shift is to two types of sheltering—medical and general population.

Also, the new language is **access and functional needs** rather than special needs. Karen committed to Marcie Roth that Missouri would work to eradicate the use of special needs and special needs population in the coming year. It is recommended that for the time being we use the term access and functional needs and parenthetically state “formerly special needs,” eventually dropping the parenthetic reference.

The good news is that while this might seem like an insurmountable problem, it is being done with success and no failure of partnerships. It has been done in California during wildfires and in Louisiana after the hurricanes. California has developed what looks to be a promising model for making this work. They use FAST—Functional Assessment

Service Teams--to come in to shelters, work right along beside the shelter management team, to observe the residents of the shelter for any access or functional needs. When a need is identified, the team takes immediate steps to find an accommodation. The persons recruited for these teams are persons already serving persons with such access and functional needs, as well as, a well established network of resources. California has the training for these teams, as well as, a Train-the-Trainer. The California model is focused on persons with disabilities and elderly. In considering the use of this model in Missouri, we should consider expanding to include other access and functional needs such as language barriers, etc.

STAMACC has formed an ad hoc group to study the applicability of such a model in Missouri. It has not met yet but the membership is largely populated.

Disaster Case Management:

Karen Benson stated there is really only one program which involves FEMA, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA).

There are two phases:

Phase I: ACF is deployed within 72 hours of notification, to begin a Case Management program, which will last 30 to 180 days. This is apparently out-sourced mainly to CCUSA, which is where they drive their role in this.

Phase II: Longer term state-run program with administrative funding from FEMA

The states have three choices: The state can request nothing and support a CM system on their own. Can request both Phase I and Phase II. Request only Phase II.

Some comments & concerns:

- Individuals who worked in the pilot programs say that CMs are on the ground too far in advance of the recovery phase. At the AVC, FEMA staff responded that this is CM for the response and recovery phase. However, this response is in conflict with what we were told at the FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) conference where FEMA staff said it was recovery phase only.
- They are still trying to define “recovery,” “self-sufficiency,” and “economic integration.”
- At the FEMA IA Conference, the FEMA lead said these programs are available now. Other FEMA staff indicated they had assisted states in applying and were told it was not available yet.
- At the FEMA IA Conference, Karen asked the FEMA lead if there was any thought about giving a state’s DCM program a pre-disaster vetting so the state could skip Phase I. This is the ideal situation which they are working toward.

Actions for Missouri:

- In addition to the CM committee working on training curriculum etc, Karen will create a committee of the Partnership to work on the “DCM Preparedness Activities” given to us by FEMA DCM staff.
- The recommended membership for this committee is a representative from: Dept of Social Services; Social Services Children Division; SEMA; Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association; Local LTRC/COAD versed in case management; Partnership; FEMA; Department of Mental Health (DMH); Department of Economic Development (DED), and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).

Dee Smith presented a Power Point presentation regarding her deployment to Haiti through The Salvation Army and Jono Anzalone discussed the role of the United Nations in Haiti

Agency Reports

- Federal Agencies:

FEMA: Jono Anzalone reported that FEMA has another disaster assistance webinar for June 29 at 3:00 p.m. scheduled. www.disasterassistance.gov.

Regional steering committee will be held on July 19. Department of Justice will be there along with Red Cross discussing shelters. National Disaster recovery framework.

- State Agencies

Department of Mental Health:

There are three divisions that are able to respond: Psychiatric comprehensive services, alcohol and drug abuse, disabilities. They have made sure that all of our volunteers pass a criminal background check.

Dante asked what is the main mission of the volunteers during a disaster?

John Heckemeyer reported that the idea is that the volunteers are crisis counselors who would work within the shelters.

Show-Me Response (SMR): The Federal Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)

- Previously DMH reported that DHSS and DMH have jointly signed a MOU for the deployment of volunteer mental health professionals.
- DMH has completed the Policy and Procedures manual that will guide their implementation of the SMR. Here are key components of the manual:
 - Discusses how the system works

- Discusses joint requirements of DMH and DHSS
- Describes roles and duties of key personnel
- Describes how volunteers are added to the system
- Sets out procedures to verify employment
- Lists training requirements
- Steps for deployment
- New volunteers are screened by DHSS for any license irregularities. If there are not any problems, DHSS forwards the names to DMH. DMH Policies and Procedures manual requires that all volunteers be screened for any criminal background through the Family Care Safety Registry.
- Next Steps:
 - Develop a plan to recruit more volunteers. Currently, we have less than 10 persons who have met the requirements; they have been moved from a “pending” status to an “active” status.
 - Develop and implement plan of acquiring photos for ID Badges
- **DMH Standard Operating Guidelines: (Department’s plan in responding to disasters)**

This manual is a combination of DMH’s All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan and the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP). It also contains some new sections. The objective was to place the content from any sources in one notebook.

The key components of the manual include:

- Purpose/Situations/Assumptions
- Administration/Logistics/Legal
- Overview of DMH Organization
- DMH Director
- READI Team
- DMH Model for Emergency Response
- Communication and Public Information
- Linkages with other agencies
- Role of DMH in SEOP
- Earthquake Response
- DMH Central Office Activation Plan
- Facility Resources—ADA, DD, and CPS

MO University Extension

- Conne Burnam will be replacing Eric Evans when he gets deployed.

Department of Social Services

Corrine Beakley reported that DSS staff participated in the State Emergency Management Agency’s 2010 State Emergency Operations Center and State Area Coordination Centers

Earthquake Exercises held simultaneously on Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Jefferson City, Weldon Springs, and Poplar Bluff. A total of 23 DSS staff participated, representing the Department of Office of Communications, the Family Support Division, the Children's Division, and the Division of Youth Services at central office, regional office and county office levels. This event culminated a series of planning meetings and exercises held previously in 2010 that DSS staff participated in. DSS staff has also participated in planning meetings in preparation for the multi-day National Level Exercise planned for Missouri in May 2011.

Central office, regional and local DSS staff participated in the Governor's Faith Based Organization Disaster Initiative Regional Conferences held on May 6, 2010 in Rolla, Missouri, and June 1 and 2, 2010 in Hillsboro, Missouri. The conference in Hillsboro was the 11th Faith Based meeting that DSS staff has participated in throughout the state. This initiative has brought Missouri recognition as a leader in Faith Based partnership efforts in the emergency management arena.

DSS staff has been involved in New Madrid Seismic Zone Integrated Working Group meetings ESF 6 & 14, and will continue to be throughout the summer.

Corrine Beakley was part of a panel presentation at the annual SEMA conference that addressed new emergency human services initiatives in Missouri. She focused on Local Mass Care Coordination. Deb Hendricks was part of a panel that presented Special Needs Training in May in Independence, Missouri.

DSS staff has participated in a Children and Disasters working group headed up by DHSS. The current focus of this group is the upcoming Public Health conference in July in Columbia, MO. Deb Hendricks will be facilitating a panel discussion regarding Missouri's response to national recommendations.

DSS staff attended meetings at SEMA regarding the Missouri Mitigation Plan, the Communications Annex and Training planned in the next few years.

- Voluntary Agencies

United Way 2-1-1

Robin Pokojski stated they will continue to attend the Area Coordinator meetings. They are starting to get MOUs with the county EMA that corresponds to the MOU with SEMA.

2-1-1 had received 120 calls related to Haiti regarding donating.

The cooling site list will not be displayed until there is a Heat Advisory announced.

They have a checklist of items that they have to address to meet their accreditation process.

National Guard

Chaplain Gary Gilmore stated that they have 63 locations that are not connected to the state agencies and they cannot always run to a DMH. The general has expressed his gratitude to the partnership and other agencies for all of the help. He appreciates the work that is being done on the Spiritual and Emotional Care (SECC) committee.

Chaplain Gilmore said they have had two soldiers commit suicide and unfortunately they were not on their radar, but the ones that they know about they have been able to get resources to them.

Convoy of Hope

Steve Irwin stated they are proud of receiving the Charity Navigator Four Star Award 7 years in a row. In regards to Haiti, 8.6 million meals were served and they fed 11,000 kids a day. They have a three-year commitment to supply building materials. They have also provided a large amount of Culligan water filter. Steve just came back from the Philippines doing assessment and the same with Guatemala. There is a scheduled outreach in New Orleans for care givers.

There will be a Volunteer Rally on June 12 from 10-2 at 5605 East 63rd St. in Kansas City.

He also reported a July 10 outreach event in Kansas City: Site #1 Southside Christian Center 8800 Summit St. Kansas City, MO Site #2 Central Park 3501 E. 31st St. Kansas City, MO Site #3 William Chrisman High School 1223 N. Noland Rd. Independence, MO Volunteer orientation begins at 9:00am. For more information Phone: 816-254-6792 Website: partnershipinternational.org Email: bw@partnershipinternational.org

Steve said he had accepted the Donations Management Chair for the MoVOAD so you will hear more about that in the future.

National VOAD

Dee Smith reported that the Kansas City Chapter has been chosen as the one to host the next National VOAD conference in 2011.

American Red Cross

Bob Devaney stated that he was waiting for the approval of the Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) guidance.

The Red Cross (RC) has been regionalizing. The Springfield Chapter is now responsible for the lower 40 counties. We are working in Wright and Reynolds Counties to create COADs.

They still have available 2009 and 2010 disaster relief money and they are working with LTRCs. When cases are closed out, the money is transferred to the RC although the money has to be used within the county that is declared.

RC and the Baptist Convention are developing an MOU.

Missouri Baptist Convention

Rick Seaton gave a report about developing a communication unit. They have trained about 60 people within the last few months.

AmeriCorps

Bruce Bailey reported they have built 80 soft-sided shelters. The shelter has had about 400 residents.

They are on standby to create a Volunteer Coordination Facility in Southern Mississippi for the oil spill.

He provided the following websites the www.serve.gov; www.mcv.org to see the issues that have impacted families.

Malcolm Hardy is to continue to support LTRC from a case management standpoint.

In February, St. Louis has asked to open an Emergency Overflow Refuge site. AmeriCorps operated that for about seven days and now that they have done that they are being called upon to assist with the cooling centers.

Missouri Methodist Disaster Response Team (MUMDRT)

Jeff Baker reported that they have had Early Response Teams (ERT) going to Tennessee. They have several ERT training sessions across the state.

Karen Benson also stated that MUMDRT has been doing several Connecting Neighbors trainings across the state and will be sending 3 more staff to become trainers. Connecting Neighbors is the United Methodist branded version of the Faith-based Initiative. It includes the same 3 area of emphasis: COOP, Individual and Family preparedness, and external missions.

Announcements

Karen Benson stated that the next meeting will be September 9, 2010

Adjournment

A motion was made motion to adjourn; it was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.