

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

Minutes

Date: 10-21-11	Time: 10 AM to 3 PM	Location: EOC Floor
Called to order by: Karen Benson	Called to order time: 10 AM	Recorder of Minutes: Diane Horn

Participants Present

Karen Benson	Convoy of Hope	Dante Gliniecki	SEMA
Chuck Healy	COJCLDS	Joan Keenan	DMH
Jenny Wiley	DMH	Debi Meeds	ARC
Melissa Friel	DHSS	Jono Anzalone	FEMA
Rebecca Estes	SEMA	Jeannie Ruth	DHSS
Megan Hammann	DHSS/CERT	Sharlet Howren	DHSS/CERT
Felicia Von Holten	FEMA/VAL	Bandi Kolbe	FEMA/VAL
Christopher Volkman	FEMA/VAL	Jenny Wiley	DMH
Janel Luck	Catholic Charities	Mary Kempker	DIFP
Cathy Vaisvil	UW 211	Gary Thurman	UW 211
Rachel Griffin	FEMA/VAL	Lacey McDaniel	FEMA/VAL
Jeff Baker	MUMDRT	Deb Ducommun	FEMA
Steve Irwin	Convoy of Hope	Conne Burnham	MUFRTI
Deb Hendricks	DSS-CD	Kam Kennedy	ARC/FEMA
Jay Bosch	OHS	John Gulick	USDA RD
Jim Eckrich	LFCS	Gary Gilmore	MONG
Corrine Beakley	DSS	Charity Hunter	DHSS/DSDS
Maura Taylor	Catholic Charities	Patti Stengel	CNCS
Roy Weeden	MOVOAD	Linda Thompson	MCSC

Administrative

Introductions: Roll Call took place at 10:16 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Corrine asked the Partnership to review the minutes and asked for any changes since we did not do the electronic voting. Joan asked to approve the minutes after lunch. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Co-Chair asked for a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and carried.

Executive Reports

Private Organization Chair: Will vote for a vice chair at a later time during this meeting.

SEMA Operations Report: Dante Gliniecki reported that SEMA Emergency Human Services has been involved in disaster operations since Good Friday April 22, 2011. There are two Federal declarations of disaster: DR 1980 Floods and Tornadoes and DR 4012 for April flooding along the Missouri in West and Northwest Missouri.

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 (Table Rock 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

Partnership and Missouri VOAD Organizations are still very active at this time. EHS organizations have performed very well.

Current priorities include:

- Long-term recovery committees
- Clean up and repair
- Case management
- Rebuilding and repair operations
- Mental health
- Volunteer coordination
- Information and referral
- Donations management

There is a donations management warehouse still operating in Joplin. Ongoing initiatives include Faith Based Initiative; Local Mass Care Coordinator; Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS); Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD).

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Chair Karen Benson stated that this committee has not conducted a meeting.

Legislative Committee: Debi Meeds reported that the legislative committee has met several times and was able to accomplish their roster update and develop some mission-based focus. Karen asked if the committee had a specific bill that the legislative committee is reviewing. Debi replied that the committee is watching the Volunteer Health Bill. This bill did not pass last time so hopefully it will be reviewed again.

Citizen Corps: Jay Bosch reported that there are a few funds left over from FY07 and 08. The application is targeted to go out next week. There is a short time frame for the grants so the applications need to be submitted immediately. Jay Bosch's office number is 573-751-0788. Rebecca stated that the Citizen Corps Conference is scheduled for December 10, 2011. It is designed for volunteers. It will be held at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Committee for Emotional and Spiritual Care Coalition: Chaplain Gilmore reported that he saw a great partnership with agencies during the Joplin event. He wished that they had a plan in place before the event. One issue they had was the ability to take care of their own soldiers—they had 48 soldiers that lived in the Joplin area. He had 24-hour notice from the Governor to gather as many pastors as possible for the Governor to address.

Melissa Friel stated that DHSS plans on having a state Disaster Mortuary Response Team (DMORT) and a part of that will include a family assistance component whose purpose is to handle the notification of the families.

Jenny Wiley stated that when their mental health liaison first got to Joplin, her first contact was with the Chaplain and he coordinated her entry into the Family Health Centers, etc.

Melissa stated that as part of the plan the DMORT will include a Family Reunification Center.

Bandi Kolbe asked if the missing person aspect will be worked into the plan, because there were a lot of issues regarding this during the Joplin event.

Jono Anzalone stated that he was worried about creating new systems when we have systems in place already.

Outreach and Wellness Committee: Karen Benson reported that this committee is assessing how to implement the Pathfinder Program in Missouri.

Faith Based Organizations Disaster Initiative Committee (FABODIC): Dante Gliniecki reported that the committee is scheduled to meet in December, and is working toward a new resurgence for the concept of family/church preparedness and continuity of operations. Will try to have conferences again but this will be kept on a local level. The Committee is trying to have a FABODI contact in every region. Karen Benson remarked that government involvement should be balanced. Conne Burnham stated that it is hard to motivate churches sometimes so if any testimonials from Joplin could be shared that would be a benefit. Dante stated that St. Louis has formed their own Faith-Based Committee as have several other counties in the state.

Access and Functional Needs Committee: Deb Hendricks reported that the committee held a meeting on September 30 and the committee is attempting to integrate the two old committees into this new one. Melissa stated that the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) will redesign their program to add the Functional Assessment Service Team (FAST) aspect. Deb then stated that the Missouri State Independent Living Center (MSILC) will be the leader of the FAST team. We just need a way to deploy them. The concept of the FAST teams is to team up specialists who have knowledge/experience dealing with special needs. They are to assess the people in the shelter and report what is needed for people with access and functional needs. There is a planning subcommittee and they are looking at what they are doing with all of the Emergency Support Functions. The FAST will be creating another subcommittee for dealing with the displaced children and youth.

Dante stated that SEMA has created a Points of Contact Roster for EMDs, FABODI, FNSS/FAST, COAD, Mass Care Coordinator, etc.

ESF #14 Community Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC): Rebecca Estes reported that the committee meets monthly. Dante stated that the Federal Disaster Recovery Framework is now final.

The LTR Committee is currently meeting monthly to discuss current and potential long-term recovery issues around the state. They are also preparing to return to the task of writing a Long Term Recovery plan/framework. The recent exercises in long term recovery (Missouri's exercise held September 13 and the National Exercise held September 27-29) were very helpful in fine-tuning goals and planning process. They are also continuing to reach out to potential partners.

The committee used to have two co-chairs and now just has one chair. The committee believes it may be beneficial to have two people to split duties in the case of a disaster where the EOC is open and a committee chair is needed on the floor. It would be easier to split the time between two people (both of whom likely have full time jobs outside of emergency management). The committee is considering this.

During the last committee meeting, the Missouri Association for Community Action (MACA) reported that if survivors are having trouble coming up with cash for deductibles or other financial needs, they could see their local community action agency. For a listing of Action Agencies see <http://www.communityaction.org/CAA%20Service%20Areas.aspx>.

The next meeting is November 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 850 of the Harry S. Truman Building in Jefferson City. Call-in numbers are available also (526-5398 (local) and 866-630-9345 (toll free)).

Disaster Case Management Committee: Jono Anzalone reported that he will have to resign as the co-chair of the committee because he will be monitoring the grants and this would be a conflict of interest. Please see the supporting documents regarding the MoVOAD Disaster Case Management from the state of Florida and please review Section 212 of the Stafford Act. The Disaster Recovery Act will soon replace the Stafford Act. The committee is also reviewing Senate Bill 1630. A new Co-Chair is needed.

Legal Help in Disasters Committee (LEHDCOM): Dante Gliniecki reported that Partnership member Lou DeFeo has initiated and supported the establishment of the Legal Help in Disaster Committee (LEHDCOM). LEHDCOM has accomplished the following:

1. Created a committee under the Partnership
2. Created a membership composed of the following agencies
 - a. Samaritan Center
 - b. Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys
 - c. Missouri BAR
 - d. MO Office of the Attorney General
 - e. Legal Services
 - f. Partnership
 - g. DHSS
 - h. Red Cross
 - i. AMM
 - j. FEMA
 - k. SEMA
3. Created a membership roster
4. Conducted several conference calls
5. Created a list serve for LEHDCOM
6. Coordinated legal help services among members
7. Coordinated the creation and use of helpful documents and handbooks
8. Created LEHDCOM steering sub-committee

The LEHDCOM members are very engaged and are collaborating to provide services in disasters. Future calls and coordination activities will be conducted.

External Committee Report

Missouri Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster (MoVOAD): Roy Weeden reported that MoVOAD is in the process of recasting the leadership and the focus of the organization. The executive leadership was set at the last meeting. Michael Coldwell is the new Public Information Officer (PIO). Janel Luck will serve as Vice Chair. Chuck Healy is the Secretary for MoVOAD and is working on an accurate list of VOAD members. Soon, the registration and survey will be online. The MoVOAD conference calls will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. of every month. MoVOAD has the following committees:

- **Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Committee:** The disasters this year have provided opportunities to strengthen relationships. Dante would like to see COAD as a part of the MoVOAD organizational structure so that they can feel connected with the state organization.
- **Animal in Disaster Planning Action Committee (ADPAC):** Dante Gliniecki reported that the pet sheltering of 1000 or more animals during the Joplin event was a challenge but the committee was very motivated. A meeting is scheduled for December 6.
- **Training Committee:** This committee needs to be coordinated and established.
- **State Mass Care Committee (STAMACC):** Corrine Beakley reported that the committee discussed best practices and lessons learned. STAMACC met on August 30th and October 18th. In August, the Committee members present discussed and shared DR 1980 Mass Care best practices and lessons learned. Overall it was agreed that human services operations went well in DR 1980. Shelters and feeding went well. Emergency Human Services (ESF 6 and 8) worked well together on Functional Needs Supports Services issues. Pet shelters were a success. Joint sub-committee structures for STAMACC and ESF 8 was suggested to address the various planning components needed. Examples discussed were resident reunification, children reunification, patient reunification, evacuee reunification, congregate living and

evacuation facility planning. Dante Gliniecki and Melissa Friel agreed to create a proposal for a sub-committee structure.

SEMA Emergency Human Services will implement a renewed Faith-based Organization Disaster Initiative (FABODI). Regions I and F are being considered for pilots for another phase in late fall.

Other topics addressed at the August meeting included the New Madrid Seismic Zone Plan, Host Community Planning, the National Sheltering System Protocols, the Local Mass Care Coordinator Initiative and Access Functional Needs Support Services.

In October, the Committee members present shared updates regarding DR 1980 and 4012. Several Committee members reported that they had participated in After Action Review meetings with SEMA staff. SEMA Emergency Human Services staff presented a draft Integrated Initiatives Point of Contact Roster (IPOC Roster) to compile and encourage points of contacts for several different functions and positions throughout the state. A new STAMMAC sub-committee structure was presented with three main subcommittees – Planning Subcommittee, Initiative Integration Subcommittee and Preparedness Subcommittee.

The Committee reviewed and revised the TRAPPED plan for stranded motorists during winter storms. This plan is designed to be implemented by MODOT, the Missouri Highway Patrol and SEMA. STAMMAC members will follow up by meeting with MODOT and Highway Patrol points of contact prior to winter storm season.

The Committee also discussed recent Access and Functional Needs Services Committee activities. This committee met on September 30th and is going to meet monthly beginning November 1st. Through the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the first Functional Needs Support Services-General Population Shelters training was presented in three locations in Missouri – Jefferson City, St. Louis and Kansas City.

The next STAMMAC meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2011.

- **Donations and Volunteer Coordination Team (DVCT):** DVCT will meet December 6 in the Governor's Conference Room here at SEMA.
- **Missouri Emergency Amateur Radio Community Committee (MEARCC):** After a long hiatus, MEARCC will meet January 19, 2012 at SEMA.

Old Business

Election of New Private Sector Co-Chair: Debi Meeds of the Great Ozark Chapter of the Red Cross is the nominee for Co-Chair.

Karen Benson opened the floor for additional nominations. There were no other nominations.

By acclamation, Debi Meeds was elected the new Co-Chair for the Partnership.

ESF#14 Conference: Rebecca Estes discussed the events at the Missouri/RVII Recovery NLE 11 seminar/workshop. The first half of the day was a seminar with presentations by Sallie Hemenway, staff from FEMA's ESF 14, and Iowa Recovery Office. The second half of the conference was a workshop portion broke out to RSFs. An overarching take back from this exercise was how there needs to be executive level by-in.

December 13 is the next RISC meeting. There will be a recovery exercise at the next RISC meeting. (Note: This meeting date was subsequently changed to January.)

There will be two after action reviews conducted for the DR-1980 and DR-4012 declarations exclusive for Partnership members in January. (Note: Nothing has been scheduled at this time, for calendar purpose this may get pushed back into February.)

New Business

DISASTER OPERATIONS

Northwest

Catholic Charities has a new case manager. Karen Benson stated that the United Methodist Disaster Response Team (MUMDRT) is the lead for case management. The grant does allow training for some trainers although it is very expensive. In order for trainers to advance, they have to conduct a training class of their own under observation.

Jono stated that there are 111 registrations, which is not a great case load for this area. LTRCs have to look outside of the grant for funding. DMH did not apply for a Crisis Counseling grant because there were not enough cases and the family mental health center could handle the load.

Rebecca stated that the housing task force met regarding conflicting information regarding actual need of housing due to displaced residents by the flood. Information from the ground reported that there was not sufficient housing, however FEMA registrant data was showing that there was plenty of housing stock available and few registrants requesting housing assistance. This is a lesson learned, the need to focus on number data and encouraging registrants to be honest with FEMA in their needs through case management process and public messaging. Using CAN to document "on the ground" information will also benefit this process.

St. Louis

Jim Eckrich stated that the LTRC is working with cases from the tornado. There are about 45 critical cases. LTRC and Heartland group that was working on the Faith-Based held a meeting and found a good avenue to have a complete cycle with recovery from a disaster.

Southeast Missouri

Maura Taylor reported that as of October 8, 2011, Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSM) has provided:

- Disaster assistance to over 7,000 individuals which equates to over 2,600 households.
- Provided initial case management services to approximately 1,755 households
- Over 879 of the households returned for additional appointments
- Received over 4,200 tons of donations
- Distributed over 3,200 tons of clothing, hygiene products, household supplies and goods, 120 bicycles and over 82 tons of food
- Received donations of two recreational vehicles, a mobile home and car which were provided to survivors

The case management office is staffed with a case management supervisor and seven case managers who help them to identify immediate needs. Locate resources, and assist in developing a long-term recovery plan that will lead to self-sustainability.

CCSM is coordinating with the Matthew 25 Team, from the Joplin parishes of St. Peter the Apostle and St. Mary's to place volunteers in house repair and rebuilding projects:

- 3,500 volunteers with over 35,000 volunteer hours
- Clean-up services to over 265 homes

- 55 homes repaired
- Two home-rebuilds with four churches from other denominations
- Over \$150,000 in direct assistance has been distributed.

Jono stated that Church World Service is engaged and talking about cultural preservation with the communities on Pin Hook. There will be a stakeholder meeting in November to discuss a buyout of the community.

Linda Thompson stated that on October 28 the local volunteer center and its associated AmeriCorps Program Volunteers will be working in the community center in Poplar Bluff to scrape and repaint. Volunteers should contact Rebecca Winters 573-778-2650.

Lacy McDaniel reported she attended the Mississippi County LTRC meeting. The group approved the motion to become a 501 [c] [3] corporation. A presentation was given on building in floodway that received a 50% rule. Amended by-laws are being written. Pinhook community relocation is looking for alternate properties. Information was presented on current U.S. Corps of Army Engineers claims process. VAL provided NFIP materials. Fundraising is in process. Four grants in process. The group has completed 51 of 415 callouts and there are 6 active cases.

Lacy attended a meeting with the Mississippi County LTRC—board provided information on typical sources for disaster recovery grants. She provided information on the construction flow with case management.

Lacy attended the Butler County LTRC meeting. There were four new cases presented, three of which were funded. Baptist repair teams will come to Butler County in November. Four cases scheduled for repair. Catholic Charities has hired a case manager that will assist with Butler County cases. VALs provided NFIP materials. 382 out of 775 applicants contacted. Eight open cases for rebuilding and repair.

She met with the New Madrid County LTRC chair and case manager. She provided sequence of delivery to case manager. Provided FEMA handouts to include in information packet for new clients.

South Central Missouri

Catholic Charities opened an office in Van Buren.

Sedalia

There is a COAD presence there. There have their by-laws.

Southwest Missouri

Linda Thompson stated that \$262,949 of supplemental funds for the Corp to remain in Joplin for one additional year.

Catholic Charities has two offices in Joplin with 7 case work managers.

Debi Meeds stated that the case work managers have a minimum of 30 cases they are working and most of at least 100 cases.

Deb Ducommun reported that PDA is working to establish a volunteer village to house out of town volunteers helping in Joplin.

Roy Weeden reported that at the state multiagency warehouse center, they now have transitioned to long-term durable goods. There were 100 pod distribution sites and as they close down, they absorb their excess. They have seen multiple stories of individuals who have cashed in their vacations to help volunteer.

Charity Hunter reported that the senior center has been reopened in Joplin. The seniors depend on the center for their meals. There are seniors still showing up after FEMA's deadline for needs such as dentures, walkers, hearing aids. 1-800-497-0822 (8022). There are nursing homes that will be delayed reopening for about two years.

Steve Irwin reported that Convoy of Hope (COH) is still working in the Joplin area with their Compassion Store. It has relocated to 1107 W 7th Ave behind the Ignite Church. The hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will be working with the case managers for appointments but walk-ins are welcome as well.

They are continuing to participate with the Points of Distribution (POD) committee to coordinate resources in the area and to help with events like the *Trick or Trunk* event at Landreth Park this weekend.

Convoy continues to work with demolishing homes and slab work. In partnership with the Methodists, they have demolished more than a hundred homes or slabs and will continue until they are done.

To date Convoy has brought 73 truck-loads of supplies in response to the tornado which amounts to 2,555,000 lbs or 1277.5 tons of resources. 25 acres of farmland have been cleaned for the cattle to return to. They have helped a blueberry farmer clean his land and help him purchase and plant his new crop. They continue to work to do gap funding for those cases still short of funds to complete their job of replacing items destroyed.

Jono asked if COH is going to stay there long-term. Karen stated that she set a deadline on funds.

Bandi stated that Joplin has been blessed for everyone's help, but they have to sift through 75 pallets of clothing, which has to be sorted. Joplin will be shipping the clothes to another disaster after they hold a free clothing giveaway.

Jeff Baker reported that MUMDRT has been working with COH with the foundation removal in Joplin. There have been at least 100 foundations that have been removed. They are also taking care of some funeral needs. A church has donated a big metal building, which they will use for a worship center.

The 520 of the 569 at the group site are renters, therefore, there will not be the traditional home rebuilding.

Agency Reports

Federal Agencies: Patti Stengel stated that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is working on a vista project with 10 slots to work on rebuilding Joplin. CNCS is able to put multiple vistas under one umbrella application. A list of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) projects in Missouri was shared with Voluntary Agency Liaisons. RSVP volunteers are local volunteers 55 and older leveraged through RSVP programs run by local agencies. Not all MO counties have RSVP, but those that do can utilize volunteers for case management, disaster clean up, and other volunteer assistance. The RSVP Directors have been notified that their contact information was shared.

Up to 10 Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) members will be placed at Joplin Public Schools through a current partnership at PAVE Eldon AmeriCorps VISTA. Placements will hopefully begin by the end of 2011.

Discussions are happening around the potential for a state-wide VISTA project with SEMA and FEMA for work with state-wide coordination, LTRCs, and disaster preparedness.

State Agencies: Linda Thompson stated that there will be an application webinar on November 17th on how to apply for the AmeriCorps grants.

Sharlet Howren reported that the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is ready to partner up with the other MRC to assist with sheltering.

Department of Mental Health (DMH): Jenny Wiley reported that regarding the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program: The Immediate Services Program ended September 25, 2011

The nine month Regular Services Program (RSP) began September 26, 2011. Under the RSP, Ozark Center now has expanded from 50 to 70 crisis counselors and team leaders responding in Jasper and Newton Counties. Bootheel Counseling Center has two part-time teams and a full time team leader responding in New Madrid and Mississippi Counties.

DMH responded to terms and conditions for the RSP and has been told verbally that there are no issues with our response. We are waiting on the written response from FEMA.

The transition training was held for the *Healing Joplin* program October 11 – 12 and for *Show-Me Recovery*, the Bootheel Counseling Center RSP October 6-7.

“Healing Joplin” continues to deploy throughout the Joplin area making contacts with individuals, groups, businesses, organizations, etc. To provide an example of the contacts, during the week ending September 30, there were 466 individual contacts; 72 family contacts; 48 group contacts; 24,804 brief contacts; 8 assessments and referrals. The total contacts for that week were: 25,398. Most weeks are similar. An example of the types of contacts that Ozark Center has had include attending business re-openings; spending time with children at Children’s Haven; providing a resource table at a Blue Grass festival; participating in the “Great Day of Service” and reaching out to the 30 nursing homes and residential care centers where Joplin residents were displaced too and offering information and support.

The Department of Corrections Restorative Justice Program has made stress pillows, blankets, cooling neck ties, crocheted items such as house shoes and children’s toys for *Healing Joplin* to distribute.

Show-Me Recovery in the Bootheel is small by Joplin standards. Outreach to the rural farming communities continues on a daily basis. Most of the contacts are made on an individual counseling basis by one-two person team. An average week will consist of approximately 20 -30 persons being contacted. In the application for ISP services, we estimated that 354 persons would benefit from primary crisis counseling services. Our actual numbers on 9/25 (last date of ISP) revealed that more than 400 persons had received primary services through the Crisis Counseling Program. Recently, FEMA permitted the counselors to follow-up with services to children who go to school in a county outside the CCP area if they reside in either of the counties of Mississippi or New Madrid. The impact on the agricultural economy will soon be felt as local farmers are working to complete their fall harvests. Estimates on losses have ranged from \$45 million to as much as \$100 million but no one can tell at this point. Farmers were able to get most of their crops in late which dramatically reduced the growing season and yields per acre. Agricultural losses effects the seed and fertilizer businesses, grain elevators, farm worker communities and the local merchants who sell such items as food and clothing.

Joplin, Missouri Mental Health Report: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) Emergency Response Grant (SERG):

DMH applied for a SERG grant on August 17 to cover the cost of mental health and substance abuse treatment services for people impacted by the Joplin tornado, and for which there is no other source of payment. The application also included a mental health and substance abuse prevention component.

DMH received notice of award of the grant in the full amount requested, \$990,335.00 on September 27. The grant period is from September 30, 2011 through September 29, 2012.

Ozark Center will both provide and contract for the treatment services provided for in the grant. Community Partnership will coordinate with Ozark Center and other community organizations to carry out the prevention plan.

Child Trauma Treatment Center (CTTC): The projected date for renovation completion and grand opening of the CTTC is early December. Some staff including the school based trauma staff of 5 trauma therapists and 5 trauma case managers are already working with both students and teachers as they adjust to the return to school.

The CTTC has been working closely with a community coalition of child serving agencies and providers to develop community-wide trauma recovery workshops and information for area professionals, educators, childcare workers, parents and caregivers on providing trauma-informed care to families and children. The workshop is scheduled for Nov. 4th and 5th. See flyer.

Inpatient Psychiatric Beds: Currently, Freeman Health Services is still experiencing roughly twice as many court-ordered in-patients 96 hour psychiatric evaluations due to the reduction of availability of inpatient beds when St. John's was destroyed. St. John's hospital has retrofitted the recently purchased Preferred Family Healthcare facility to operate as an inpatient psychiatric unit. The ribbon cutting for the new 32 bed facility was held yesterday, October 20. St. John's will also be able to offer outpatient services at this new facility.

Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT): The Ozark Center brought up an ACT team made up of 1.0 FTE Team Leader/Therapist; .25 Nurse Practitioner; 2.0 FTE Community Support Specialists; 1 FTE Employment Specialist; 2 Full Time Employees (FTE) Substance Abuse Specialists; 1 FTE RN and .5 Peer Specialist. The team has been trained and providing services since September 8. These wrap-around services can assist in preventing hospitalizations or reducing the amount of time that one has to spend in the hospital due to a psychiatric illness.

Texting Proposal: A proposal to fund a system that would use modern media to improve communications for youth and adults seeking emotional support during the recovery was recommended by Admiral Laurie, Under Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. A committee made up of Ozark Center, Joplin schools and DMH with the assistance of SAMHSA has reviewed systems and developed and submitted a proposal.

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DMH and the American Red Cross are jointly working on an MOU for the response of mental health workers.

There were over 400 individuals that registered for the Show-Me Response mental health unit during the Joplin tornado response. We were unable to use those volunteers at that time as DMH requires Family Care Safety Registry background checks. Volunteers have been contacted to provide information for the background screens

The participation in the National Level Exercise, May 16 -20 proved beneficial as DMH responded to the Joplin tornado the following week in coordinating crisis counseling services through the community mental health centers and responding to the loss of mental health facilities and services by Ozark Center.

Presentations regarding emergency planning are continuing to take place at the Division of Developmental Disabilities residential provider meetings.

Department of Social Services (DSS): Corrine Beakley reported that Department of Social Services (DSS) staff at the state and local level continues to be involved in long term recovery activities in affected parts of Missouri.

Children's Division state staff continues to be involved with coordination calls related to child care facilities in Joplin which began soon after the tornado 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.

Deb Hendricks, in her role as Co-Chair of the Access and Functional Needs Committee, along with Melissa Friel of the Department of Health and Senior Services, has been focusing on education and training issues regarding Access and Functional Needs. Through the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the first Functional Needs

Support Services-General Population Shelters training was presented in three locations in Missouri – Jefferson City, St. Louis and Kansas City. Deb was a co-presenter at the Jefferson City training. The Access and Functional Needs Committee met in September and is currently planning to continue meeting monthly on the first Tuesday of each month.

DSS Central Office staff participated in the National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE11) MO/Region VII Long-Term Community Recovery Seminar and Workshop in September and the annual Missouri State Risk Management Team Meeting in October. Staff have also attended and participated in meetings and committees including the State Mass Care Committee, the ESF 14 Committee, the Homeland Security Advisory Council, the MOVOAD/Partnership Committee and the MOVOAD/Partnership Legislative Committee.

Department of Economic Development (DED): CDBG flood recovery applications are available at www.missouridevelopment.org. Counties declared in DR 1980 or 4012 are eligible. Public assistance project applications are due November 10. Buyout applications are due December 15.

DED is still represented daily in Joplin at the State Resource, Recovery, and Rebuilding Center where we work primarily to find suitable 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. They are a participant on the long term housing recovery task force (part of LTCR sector) and are part of developing a plan to address permanent housing needs.

The Division of Workforce Development is still filling recovery jobs through the National Emergency Grant. Over 1,000 people have been hired to date to perform debris removal and humanitarian aid in Joplin and Southeast Missouri (DR-1980). A new proposal was submitted for Northwest Missouri (DR-4012) and they are beginning to fill those positions.

Other Agencies: Janel Luck has advertised for a Disaster Case Manager Coordinator.

Next Meeting

- January 20th, 2012 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM at SEMA

Public Comment

- No comments reported.

Adjournment

- Adjourned at 3:00