

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

## Minutes

Date: September 9, 2010	Time: 10:00	Location: SEOC
Called to order by: Karen Benson	Called to order time: 10:10	Recorder of Minutes: Diane Bosworth

### Participants Present

Dante Gliniecki	SEMA	Jenny Wiley	Dept. of Mental Health
Karen Benson	MUMDRT	Liz Roberts	Dept of Economic Dev.
Malcolm Hardy	AmeriCorps STL	Haley Schwarz	STL United Way 2-1-1
Eric Evans	University Extension	Robin Pokojski	STL United Way 2-1-1
Matt Nutt	Citizens Corps/OHS	Jennifer Miller	KC United Way 2-1-1
Conne Burnham	University Extension	Corrine Beakley	Dept. of Social Services
John Eppert	COJCLDS	Charity Hunter	DHSS DSDS
Kam Kennedy	ARC/FEMA	Pat Chambers	SILC
Mike Pickerel	SEMA	Jeff Baker	MUMDRT
Rebecca Estes	SEMA	Connie English	SEMA/SSBG
Jono Anzalone	FEMA	Candy Barton	SEMA/SSBG
Teresa Wood	FEMA	Paula Nickelson	DHSS
Greg Gaines	ARC	Debi Meeds	ARC
Kim Jones-Drury	Probation/Parole		

### Administrative

- Introductions: Chair Karen Benson asked for the roll call.
- Review of Agenda: Karen asked everyone to review the agenda.
- Approval of Minutes: Corrine Beakley stated that we tried to distribute the minutes before the meeting. Karen stated that next time there would be a review period and then there would be a vote to approve the minutes by email prior to the next meeting. This will be adopted in order to save the paper used on the minutes.  
Corrine asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Matt Nutt mentioned that he was with the Office of Homeland Security. Corrine asked again for a motion to approve with that change made. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

### Executive Reports

- Private Organization Chair: Karen gladly stated that there was now a legislative chair—Debi Meeds, and asked if anyone wanted to serve on the legislative committee to let Debi know.
- SEMA Director: Not present.
- SEMA Operations Report: Dante reported that 29 counties were declared for Federal Public Assistance from the damage caused by flooding and the damaging weather starting June 12. Those counties include: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Cass, Chariton, Clark, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Howard, Jackson, Lafayette, Lewis, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Ray, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, Knox, Linn, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Shelby, and Worth.

Counties for which agricultural assistance has been requested are: Adair, Andrew, Audrain, Benton, Caldwell, Callaway, Carroll, Cass, Chariton, Clark, Cooper, Crawford, Daviess, DeKalb, Dunklin, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Howard, Jackson, Jefferson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Maries, Marion, Mercer, Mississippi, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Pemiscot, Perry, Pettis, Pike, Platte, Putnam, Ralls, Ray, St. Charles, Ste. Genevieve, Saline, Schuyler, Scotland, Sullivan, Vernon, Warren, and Worth.

Long-term recovery committee efforts are underway in Marion, Holts, Ralls, Pike, Macon, and Shelby Counties. The United Way of the Mark Twain Area based in Hannibal, MO is leading the LTRC efforts. Four FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons are assigned to work in Missouri to assist with recovery operations. Mike Pickerel of SEMA Emergency Human Services (EHS) supports the Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) and Long-Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs) north of the Missouri River and the Greater Kansas City COAD. Rebecca Estes supports COAD and LTRCs south of the Missouri River and the Greater St. Louis COAD/Human Services Committee.

Dante said that the meeting in Hannibal went fairly well. There were some very angry participants because there was not an Individual Assistance Declaration. Teresa Woods reported her experience during the meeting in Hannibal. She relayed the type of services that are available for the citizens. The citizens of Holt County were very upset that they did not get an IA declaration but did express they were happy that SEMA was there trying to assist them. Jenny Wiley stated that she had talked with Steve Cheavens, Area H Coordinator, and he pointed out that there were several families needing counseling. The Family Guidance Center Office in Maryville, a DMH Administrative Agent, offered assistance in Holt County.

Eric Evans stated that there was a LTRC and COAD being formed in Holt County.

Pat Chambers said that the Independent Living Centers are trying to assist the citizens with meals, etc.

Dante agreed that there are a large number of older citizens who would need this type of help.

Dante asked Pat to state the organization name again and Pat replied that it was NEILS--Northeast Independent Living Services.

Dante then stated that Mike Pickerel will support the COADs north of the Missouri River including the Kansas City area and Rebecca Estes will support the south area of the River including St. Louis.

#### Planning and Preparedness Report:

Planning for a potential evacuation from the state of Louisiana to Missouri of up to 10,000 residents is underway. An MOU between Missouri and Louisiana is drafted for signature.

New mass care and evacuation plans for a catastrophic earthquake are drafted

A mass care workshop showcasing the new plans was conducted in August.

Mike Pickerel is the EHS lead. The Citizen Corps Program is being partly transferred to SEMA EHS where Rebecca Estes is the lead.

SEMA continues to support numerous committees and efforts.

National Level Exercise planning is underway. Rebecca Estes is the SEMA EHS point of contact.

Committees supported/liaison by SEMA EHS includes:

Partnership

Spiritual and Emotional Care Committee (SECC)

Missouri Voluntary Organization Active in a Disaster (MoVOAD)

- Community Organizations Active in a Disaster (COAD)
- Long-Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)
- Training
- Legislative
- Membership

- Donations and Volunteer Coordination Team (DVCT)

ESF 14

Animal in Disaster Planning Action Committee (ADPAC)

National Level Exercise (NLE)

State Mass Care Committee (STAMACC)

Social Service Block Grant (SSBG)

Special Needs Taskforce

Mortuary Affairs

Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC)

Missouri Public/Private Partnership (MOP3)

Public Health Preparedness Advisory Committee

Show Me Response Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

FEMA Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) ESF 6

Numerous COADs and LTRCs

### Committee Reports

- Executive Committee: Karen reported that the Executive Committee has not met.
- Legislative Committee: Karen stated Debi Meeds has agreed to chair the committee and that she will be soliciting members. Debi stated she is learning the functions of the committee. Karen gave her general information about the committee's role.
- Citizen Corps: Matt Nutt reported that FY08 is about 80% expended. They have received a preliminary approval for the FY2010. Matt then stated that the Citizen Corps Council will be handed back to SEMA and Rebecca will be taking his place as coordinator.
- Committee for Emotional and Spiritual Care Coalition: Jenny Wiley stated that she did not have a report unless Dante or Rebecca had something to report. Rebecca stated that there is a draft being developed for the Spiritual and Emotional Care plan.
- Outreach and Wellness Committee: Matt reported that there was a course for Pathfinders on August 3-7, 2010. The set up day was on Friday and a full scale test was run on Saturday. There is a possibility of another course available but will give the dates at a later date. There were three days of trainer training and one day and a half of simulation. Plans call for two more trainer courses prior to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) approval.  
Karen described the process of the mock damage assessment in which she participated in. Karen stated how impressed she was with this capability
- Faith-Based Organization Disaster Initiative Committee (FABODIC): Eric stated that the FABODIC is still meeting although there is nothing being planned right now; however, there has been a lot of activity with the Faith-Based Community in the KC area. There is funding for next year for comprehensive EHS Standard Operation Guidelines (SOG) that would include COADs, Long-Term Recovery Committees, and anyone involved with emergency human services.  
Conne Burnham stated that the churches in Columbia have a real strong program made up of volunteers. One week from Thursday there will be an information-sharing meeting.  
Dante asked if Emergency Management is involved with these meetings and they are.  
John Eppert stated that there is a Faith Based group forming under the auspices of the St. Louis University School of Public Health. They have been advised to talk with the The Salvation Army and Red Cross. They

could use the help. Mike Pickerel stated that the Mid America Islamic Council in Kansas City is about a 30-member organization that has shown interest in participating in the Faith Based Initiative.

Special Needs Population Task Force: Paula Nickelson stated that she has several leaflets of information available for everyone.

- Oxygen insert to Ready in 3—It is estimated that over 25,000 Missourians are using oxygen across the state either in their homes, in hospitals, or in nursing homes. Thus, a planning insert specific for oxygen users was added to the Ready in 3 suite of tools this quarter. The oxygen planning insert is intended to be used in conjunction with the Family Safety Guide. A mailing to approximately 5,000 providers and users of oxygen announcing the availability of the planning insert occurred in July 2010, as well as press releases. The oxygen planning insert is available at: [http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready\\_in\\_3/oxygenusers.html](http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3/oxygenusers.html)
- Schonfeld presentations—Dr. David Schonfeld of the National Commission on Children and Disasters presented at the July 2010 Public Health Preparedness Conference, as well as, presented a half-day training prior to the conference for school-related professionals relative to school crisis counseling and bereavement issues in light of a disaster. Missouri leadership was subsequently able to use the relationship with Dr. Schonfeld and his materials to support the crisis/grief intervention work that occurred with the St. James Public Schools following a tragic bus accident. As well, while in Missouri, Dr. Schonfeld provided technical consultation to the Missouri National Guard in the development of their suicide prevention program development.
- FNSS Guidance—FEMA anticipates publishing the new guidance entitled “Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters” in late September 2010. Discussions and work continues across the state regarding how we will move into compliance with this guidance.
- Midwest Preparedness Partners conference—Conference scheduled in St. Louis on September 29-30, 2010. Significant portion of the agenda is devoted to the FNSS guidance. Registration information and agenda available at: <http://enableus.org/upcoming-events/MPP2010/MPP.html>
- National Preparedness Month—Held each September and coordinated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, encourages Americans to prepare for emergencies of all kinds. The goal is to educate Americans about the importance of emergency preparedness and encourage individuals to take action. The following outreach efforts are planned to reach Missourians during National Preparedness Month with the Ready in 3 message:
  - Web Banners on key web sites
  - Newsletter Articles
  - Daily Facebook & Twitter messages
  - Bulletin Insert
  - State Government Employee Payroll Stuffer
  - Alert/Update to past Ready in 3 customers
  - Safe Sunday – Region F – September 12, 2010
  - Proclamation – drafted by DPS
  - Prepare America Event—September 25, 2010 – St. Louis

There was continued discussion regarding how the Faith Based Initiative and how the churches have been growing and the momentum have been gaining.

- ESF #14 Community Long-Term Recovery: Liz Roberts stated that September will be dedicated to subcommittee meetings regarding the Long-Term Recovery Committee and trying to get more people to participate. In October they will all come together and Rebecca will meet with them to cover what is needed for the standard operating guide (SOG).

- Disaster Case Management Committee: Jono Anzalone stated that the meeting held today was the second meeting. They have focused on how Missouri could request federal grant dollars that included who (which State agency) would oversee the grant. The committee wants to write a white paper on how the whole process works with the relationship between LTRCs and COADs, and the state VOAD and Partnership. A committee goal is to develop recommendations on when to request Federal Disaster Case Management Program Assistance. They will also have a hasty plan put together in case something comes up in the meantime.
- MoVOAD (MO Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster): Malcolm stated that the substate VOAD kit is on the website/ in the yahoo groups. There is not going to be a policy in the bylaws for this; it will point to the subcommittee.  
Haley reported that MOVOAD met yesterday afternoon and discussed National Level Exercises, Evacuation from Louisiana to Missouri (ELAMO), recovery effort in Marion, Ralls and Holt Counties and the National VOAD Conference in Kansas City in May 2011.
- STAMACC (State Mass Care Committee): Corrine Beakley reported that they have been focusing on the joint Federal/State New Madrid Seismic Zone plan, although there have been multiple drafts. A subcommittee worked on a second Catastrophic Mass Care Workshop that focused on evacuation. It was held in Jefferson City on Aug 10-11. About 160 people attend that included Emergency Management Directors, state agency staff, and nongovernmental organization staff. She stated they hope to get back on track with other STAMACC goals at the next meeting which is October 18, 2010.
- Functional Needs Support System (FNSS )/Functional Assessment Shelter Team(FAST) Ad Hoc Committee: The FNSS/FAST Committee has met one time. All members have received copies of the draft FNSS guidance developed by the Department of Justice and FEMA as well as numerous documents describing the Functional Assessment Shelter Teams used in California. The committee has determined that there are really 3 areas of work to be done which include: Education of all from the local level to the state level regarding the language/culture change (access & functional needs as opposed to special needs) and the shift in the shelter planning (full integration into general population shelters); address the need for any adjustments to the general population shelter template to include full integration; and develop a recommendation regarding the adoption and adaptation of a FAST model for Missouri. The next meeting of the Committee will be following the Special Needs Task Force meeting on September 20, 2010 at DHSS.

#### Old Business

- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG): Dante reported that the SSBG has obligated about 10 million of the 11 million. Unfortunately, there are still needs that we will not be able to assist. We have initiated an extension for the grant, although it may not get through Congress. Dante asked for help to send a petition e-mail to get the extension. They are partnering with some buyout programs and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG.)  
Connie English reported that there are 178 e-mail petitions as of now.

As of this date the Grant Administrators have 298 in process Preliminary and Final Project Funding Request in Process. The total amount of funding obligated is \$9,879,513.23. The buyout projects fund is as follows: Silex in Lincoln County \$2, 761,982.00; Monkey Run in Ralls County \$300,000.00; Newton County Rehabilitation Project \$300,000.00.

- **Disaster Operations:** Dante Gliniecki stated that the IA declaration was declined. There has been an appeal made.  
Eric Evans said that MU had sent teams into as many affected homes as possible to help them make decisions on whether to remove their dry wall, carpet or not.  
Jeff Baker stated that there was a miscommunication in that it was heard that we have abundance of volunteers to help and in actuality, we are looking for volunteers.  
John Eppert said that if there are requests out there, he can help; he just has to know about them.  
Teresa stated that there is a needs list with 220 people on there.  
Mike Pickerel said that he thinks the anger has finally subsided and they can focus on their needs. If the list is reviewed, it will boil down to 60 who have legitimate needs.  
Dante Gliniecki suggested that Mike or Rebecca initiate a conference call to discuss the needs and get an idea of a plan of attack.
- **Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) Update:** Haley Schwarz reported that there has been a structural change with CAN staff; however the website is still available. Remember to go to can.org for training opportunities, the community calendar and to participate in user group calls if you are interested. Jono stated that the CAN platform is a great place to have links with other agencies like FEMA.
- Karen Benson asked if there was any other old business and there was none.

#### New Business

- **Exercise Reports:** Rebecca Estes provided the following report regarding the National Level Exercise 11 (NLE) and 2011 Communication Exercise.

NLE 2011:

Currently the state of Missouri has agreed to participate in the National Level Exercise for the New Madrid Seismic Zone scheduled for May 16-20 at some level.

- **Monday** May 16: Will have limited “virtual” play, using what is necessary to begin preparing situational awareness reports and mimic opening up the EOC.
  - **Tuesday** May 17: Will play an 8 hour operational period.
  - **Wednesday** May 18: Will play an 8 hour operational period.
  - **Thursday** May 19: Will play an 8 hour operational period.
  - **Friday** May 20: May participate in planned “Recovery Workshop” to prepare for following Recovery Table Tops.
- **Missouri/Region VII Working Groups**
  - **Recovery Working Group:** Use Missouri ESF #14 and invite additional members if necessary
  - **Emergency Human Services** (Missouri/Region VII): Also known as the Citizen Preparedness Working Group at the National level.
    - Membership Continues to be defined
      - Steve Besemer; Rebecca Estes; Laura Kliethermes; Bob DeVaney; Jono Anzalone; Kam Kennedy; Tom Morgan; Matt Nutt; Corrine Beakley; Bryan Howard; Shannon Koenig
    - Next Meeting September 16, 2010 at 10:00-11:30 AM in SEMA’s Governor Conference Room
  - National Level Working Groups will meet September 21-23 in Washington DC. Rebecca Estes will be attending, as well as some FEMA Region VII representatives.

## 2011 Communication Exercise:

- The Annual SEMA Communications Exercise will be on January 27, 2011. At this time there does not appear to be play for Human Services' functions. However, this might be a great time for a "campaign" to begin by Human Services partners to promote local planning for alternative communication planning for how shelters, and Points of Distribution would communicate with their Local EOC if traditional communications (telephone, internet, cell phone service) were disabled.
- National Preparedness Month:

A request was distributed to partners to share any plans for National Preparedness Month and the below information was shared:

- St. Louis Area Chapter of the Red Cross:
    - August 30- News Release about National Preparedness Month
    - September: Once a week send out e-mail tops for Preparedness Month
      - 1<sup>st</sup> week- Get a Kit
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> week- Make a plan
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> week- Be Informed
      - 4<sup>th</sup> week- Children & Disasters
      - 5<sup>th</sup> week- Pets & Disasters
    - Scheduled of blog updates, Facebook and twitter updates, homepage picture updates, and interviews on radio stations.
    - Participate in Ninth Anniversary of 9/11
  - Ready in 3 (Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services):
    - All month long they will be reaching out with bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, payroll stuffers, social media events, Safe Sunday Projects, door to door campaigns, and participating in planned events.
  - State Emergency Management Agency:
    - Participate in 9/11 Day Of Service, scheduled for September 10
  - Clay County- Preparedness Fair in conjunction with their Fall Festival
  - City of Town and Country- Prepare America Conference
  - Lowes Stores in Greater Kansas City Area having a Safety Saturday
  - Region F hosting a Safety Sunday
- ELAMO (Evacuation from Louisiana to Missouri): Mike Pickerel reported that the state of Louisiana has requested that the state of Missouri host Louisiana citizens in Missouri in the event of a hurricane. The state of Missouri has agreed and an MOU is being worked out between the states. The state of Tennessee has been a host state for Louisiana in the past but due to the flooding this year in Tennessee, Missouri has been asked to shoulder the responsibility of host state.

The trigger for an evacuation is a slow moving category two hurricane or higher possibly striking the southeast Louisiana coast, including the city of New Orleans. The evacuees will be arriving by air. There will be no medical needs evacuees nor will evacuees with pets be arriving. The state of Louisiana will also screen, in Louisiana, for sexual offenders on the manifests and not allow them to evacuate to Missouri.

The state of Missouri has been working with its partner agencies and the state of Louisiana to develop plans to accept 10,000 evacuees from the greater New Orleans area. Currently there are six planning committees:

Reception/Screening; Mass Care; Tracking; Direction & Control; Transportation/Logistics; Fiscal; Re-entry.

SEMA staff has met with FEMA, the Louisiana staff and local airport officials in Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis to determine a reception plan. The Air National Guard hangar at Lambert Airport in St. Louis will be the reception site for the St. Louis site. Kansas City has identified the former overhaul base as their reception site and Springfield will use the former National Guard space at their airport.

The Red Cross has made the determination that they will shelter 5,000 evacuees in St. Louis and 5,000 in Kansas City. Springfield will be a back-up for 1,000 if needed otherwise Springfield Red Cross will assist the other two cities. The Red Cross will use “mega” shelters, shelters of 500 persons or higher, to shelter the evacuees. At this time, St. Louis and Springfield have identified their shelters while the process in Kansas City is still ongoing.

The state of Louisiana will send a liaison team to be located in SEMA’s EOC to assist SEMA staff in assisting with the Phoenix tracking system. This system is currently being used by Louisiana to track evacuees and their belongings and will be adopted by Missouri for this event.

Currently FEMA has stated that the state of Missouri will receive 100% reimbursement for all eligible costs associated with this evacuation once an emergency declaration has been declared by the President. All eligible costs incurred by the local jurisdiction will be submitted to SEMA for reimbursement by FEMA.

Robin asked if the Phoenix tracking system would be ours afterwards to use. Mike replied that no it would be just for the evacuation.

Karen asked if the MOU is just for this year. Mike replied that the MOU is being negotiated, but may be extended to June 1 of next year.

#### Agency Reports

- **Federal Agencies:** Jono Anzalone stated that they will have their next steering committee on Sept. 30 in Saline, Kansas; however, this does conflict with the St. Louis event. There will not be an ESF 6 subcommittee meeting this time. We will be bringing on the disability coordinator who will work with the plan for mitigation, etc. They have been doing National Preparedness Month activities. Terry Wood said that she did not have anything else to add, but thanked everyone for making her feel welcome. Kam Kennedy reported that the American Red Cross (ARC) is working on the functional needs guidance.
- **State Agencies:**
  - Department of Corrections (DOC):** Kim Jones reported that they have been working with table top exercises that are required for all the Community Supervision Centers. They have had a change in leadership because Scott Jones has retired. Their Chairman is Ellis McSwain. Michelle Kasak is the Emergency Management Coordinator with DOC.
  - Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC):** Pat Chambers reported that it has been essential to receive information so they can know how to help, but they are willing to receive any type of project and fill what role they can. Pat talked about their website and stated it has a link to all of the Independent Living Centers (ILCs.)




**Dept of Economic Development:** Liz Roberts reported that the state was going to get an additional \$5 million, which will be matched by HUD. They do not have a plan yet on how to disperse the funds. Dante asked if that money was CDBG money and Liz replied that it is.

The ESF-14 committee has begun breaking into sub-committees to better facilitate the writing of a state-wide long-term recovery plan. Sub-committees were broken out from the regular committee based on the Recovery Support Functions outlined on page 37 of the National Disaster Recovery Framework draft document. The committee has determined it necessary to add an additional Recovery Support Function/sub-committee for Missouri: *Individual and Family Recovery*.

 **Listing of Sub-Committees:**

- Individual and Family Recovery
- Community Planning & Capacity Building
- Economic Development
- Health, Social & Community Services
- Housing
- Infrastructure Systems
- Natural & Cultural Resources

 **Sub-Committee Goals:**

- Review National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) in the context of assigned sub-committee(s)
- Determine how agencies within sub-committees will work together during disaster recovery
- Draft a recovery plan for each sub-committee

Sub-committees will work together on their own in September to form as a committee, strive to get all agencies, persons, and non-governmental organizations needed at the table, and review the NDRF in the context of assigned sub-committee(s). The full ESF-14 will meet again October 19 and Rebecca Estes will brief the sub-committees on what she needs from each of them in order to begin writing the plan. They will work in sub-committees again in November, and then come back in December as a full committee to re-evaluate where they are and assess their timeline. The goal is to have a final long-term recovery plan by NLE 2011.

**Dept of Mental Health:** Jenny Wiley reported that it is Suicide Prevention Month and that she has some booklets that she will pass out to everyone. They are available to anyone and they are free of cost. There is going to be a flood meeting in Holt County where the Family Guidance Center will have counselors available.

DMH has developed an Emergency Preparedness Planning Kit for Small Residential Providers to assist the providers in developing Emergency Plans for their agencies. The Rolla Developmental Disability Regional Office hosted a meeting for providers. DMH provided Emergency and Continuity Planning information to 35-40 small residential providers in the Rolla region and provided CD copies of the Planning Kit, the All-Hazards Facility Planning Guide and the two-page checklist for providers. An assistant coordinator has been hired and will begin work October 1, 2010. As a part of National Preparedness month, DMH has placed several planning materials on their intranet for employees.

DMH participated in the MO Public Health Conference and assisted in hosting Dr. David Schonfeld from the National Children's Commission on Disasters to Missouri. Dr. Schonfeld presented a pre-conference seminar offered through DHSS on grief and bereavement in children and provided copies of the book: "After a Loved One Dies – How Children Grieve" to participants. As a result of this powerful seminar,

DHSS provided DMH copies of the book to provide to Pathways Community Behavioral Health Care to share with St. James School personnel after last month's tragic bus accident.

- DMH is involved in the New Madrid Seismic Zone Planning Committees for ESF 6 and ESF 8.
- Provided linkage through the SEMA coordinator in Holt County to Family Guidance Center for families having difficulty after the floods
- Participation in FEMA Region VII meetings and the training on the Functional Needs Support Services Guidance
- Attended Region VII Assistant Secretary of Health and Preparedness Grant meetings in K.C.
- Show-Me Response continues to register mental health volunteers. The policies are in place and Family Care Registry background checks are being conducted for potential volunteers.
- As part of National Preparedness month, DMH is providing preparedness materials on its intranet website for all employees.
- Conference Presentations and Displays
  - Participated in the State level Safe Schools Conference and provided resources and a presentation on Suicide Prevention for First Responders;
  - Northwest Missouri Safe Schools' conference: Presentation: "Children in Disasters: How Children Cope and How Schools and Responders can help."
  - Missouri Juvenile Justice Association: "The Trauma of Disaster"
  - Kansas City Hospitals: "Disaster Mental Health and Psychological First Aid": 6 hour course. Similar courses were also provided for a faith based organization and a CERT team
  - Liberty Hospital: Chaplains Resource Fair
  - Mid-America Contingency Planning Forum, St. Louis: "Stress Response to Disaster and Public Sector Programs"

**Department of Health & Senior Services (DHSS) Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS):**

Charity Hunter reported that she was new to the partnership. She is working with the area agencies on aging to define their COOP plans and then look to define the state plans. Her project right now is to train the employees in the Department.

Dante asked Charity if she was aware of a pilot special needs registry in St. Louis Area Agencies on Aging and she was.

Paula stated that Dave Sykora of St. Louis City and Sarah Williams of Audrain County will be presenting at the Midwest Preparedness Partners meeting in St. Louis September 29-30 on their respective special needs registries.

**SEMA:** Nothing more to report.

**Office of Homeland Security:** Nothing to report.

**Department of Social Services (DSS):** Corrine Beakley reported that DSS staff has continued to be involved in New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ) Integrated Working Group (IWG) meetings primarily for ESF 6, but have also participated in ESF 14 meetings. DSS staff also attended the ESF 7 and ESF 8 Workshops.

Corrine Beakley and Deb Hendricks were both on the planning committee for the ESF 6 Catastrophic Mass Care Workshop which focused on Planning for Citizen Evacuation and Reception held on August 10 and 11, 2010 in Jefferson City. The workshop was attended by over 160 participants, which included federal, state and local emergency management officials, state agency partners and non-governmental organizations. DSS field staff from throughout the state attended. Topics covered included planning for evacuation in the event of a New Madrid earthquake, Missouri potentially serving as a host state for Louisiana evacuees, and Access and Functional Needs Support Services.

On Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, Corrine Beakley attended the first State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Evacuation Management Team (EMT) meeting. The EMT is a new concept in the new draft federal/state New Madrid Seismic Zone Joint Operations Plan. The EMT is a multidisciplinary team which would support potential large scale evacuation efforts, make recommendations to the Unified Command and coordinate with local jurisdictions. The Department of Social Services is one of a number of state agencies, along with voluntary organizations, that comprise the EMT.

Corrine Beakley and Deb Hendricks have been part of Children in Disasters working group headed up by DHSS. The recent focus of this group centered on DHSS's Public Health Preparedness Conference held in July in Columbia, Missouri. The conference featured a keynote address by the National Commission on Children and Disasters member Dr. David Schonfeld. Following that presentation, Deb Hendricks facilitated a panel discussion regarding Missouri's response to the national commission's recommendations. Dr. Schonfeld also generously donated time on the previous day to provide information on child trauma to an invited group of professionals from a variety of fields.

DSS staff monitored flooding and storm conditions during June and July in coordination with the State Emergency Management Agency. At the local office level, County Managers were in contact with local emergency management directors in communities affected to offer DSS assistance if needed.

DSS state office and field office staff have been participating and will continue to participate in planning meetings and conference calls as a result of Missouri agreeing to become a Host State for potential Louisiana evacuees if needed in the event of a major hurricane in Louisiana.

DSS emergency management staff have attended other meetings as necessary such as the Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Missouri Public Private Partnership Committee, the Fatality Management Advisory Committee, the FEMA Guidance and Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters, the Partnership Disaster Case Management Committee and the national New Madrid Seismic Zone Emergency Assistance Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana in August.

- Voluntary Agencies

**AmeriCorps St. Louis:** Malcolm reported that September 15 will be the new class cycle and they will be meeting them and introducing them into the system. Unfortunately, he will not be joining them for the next year and this will be his last partnership meeting. From the partnership standpoint, he believes Bruce Bailey will be attending in his place.

Mike Pickerel asked if there were slots available in the AmeriCorps class. Malcolm said that yes there is. There is a popular myth that there is an age limit to serve (18-24), and this is not true.

**American Red Cross:** Greg Gaines reported that they have been doing a lot of cross training with CERT members. He spoke of the importance of agencies and organizations knowing what the other agency does in the times of disasters. As part of CERT training, they ask their members to take a Red Cross Shelter operations class to advance in their CERT training. He is doing a fundraiser in March or April, which will involve shaving the heads of multiple people. Debi Meeds reported that in Missouri, the ARC has reinstated the State Council where they have all the regions come together to meet. They now have people

stationed in Kennett and Popular Bluff who are trying to get a handle on some of the services. ARC has a function called information and referral requiring a list of all NGOs and agencies that help people in a disaster. They make this available to LTRCs, but she does not believe this is happening, which they intend to improve.

**United Way 2-1-1:** Robin Pokojski reported that they have plans to have all the full time staff take the NIMS and ICS courses. They have submitted a request for a grant to enhance their capabilities, cots, blankets, etc. for their staff. They have done 111 disaster intake cases with 209 disaster related needs. Robin asked if there was a way to get the names of the EMDs. Dante Gliniecki stated that it was on the SEMA website. They are also involved in the STARRS public awareness campaign, which helps get citizens aware of preparedness. Their four week average is 4,453 calls with one day having over 1,800 calls come in. Electric is the largest need—everyone wants help with paying their electric bill. They need to redo the disaster intake form so she is looking at putting a committee together, so she will be looking for volunteers.

Jennifer Miller reported that the KC 2-1-1 has submitted their accreditation. They are currently working on a disaster not in Missouri but from Colorado, which is keeping them very busy.

**Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints:** John Eppert reported that he would like for the folks in the southeastern part of the state to be involved in the 2011 Seismic Safety Exercise.

**MO United Methodist Disaster Response Team (MUMDRT):** Jeff Baker reported that they had an RV donated to them. They have some members going for training at Mount Sequoyah.

The Director of their office does three minute podcast videos that are available on the website for viewing.

#### Public Comment

- Nothing reported.

#### Announcements

The upcoming Partnership meeting dates for the rest of 2010 and then 2011 include:

December 09, 2010

March 10, 2011

June 9, 2011

September 8, 2011

December 8, 2011

The starting time for all the meetings will be 10:00 a.m. on the EOC floor.

#### Adjournment

Karen entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried at 2:41 p.m.