Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 10 September 2024

The meeting was brought to order at 10:08 by Frank Bruno

Members in attendance:

Collis, Linda Kilman, Cristie Williams, Chris
Bruno, Frank KorkusNix, Tarayn Winhoven, Holly
Terry-Coleman, Evelyn Moore, Don Winter, Jim
Fredette Michelle Parkburst Ray

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Greenberg, Warren Sokol, Daniel
Hall, Carmen Smith, Rosi
Hively, Kendra Troxler, David
Howell, Charlie White, Pat

Mr. Ray Parkhurst opened the meeting at 10:05 AM and each person in attendance introduced themselves.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Ms. Holly Winhoven indicated that there were no new updates from Emergency Management. Answering a question about ESF-15, she explained that all requests come into the Citizens Information Center and entered in the Crises Cleanup system. From there various groups can choose the entries that they can fulfill and assign them to their groups. The United Way used to work this list and assign entries to their volunteer groups. They are no longer involved, so others will need to pick up some of their tasks.

Mr. Jim Winter started a discussion about the relationships between Florida VOAD, Volusia COAD, Volusia County Emergency Management and FEMA. He recounted how the groups were working in Ft. Myers and asked how they would work here. Ms. Winhoven answered that the organization is similar, and the meetings would be here at the EOC. There was a discussion about free online FEMA training, specifically IS-100 and IS-200, which covers and Introduction to the Incident Command System and Basics of the Incident Command System. (https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?lang=en) Links to both courses are posted on the website-www.volusiacoad.org .

Mr. Chris Williams gave us an overview of Transform386 program. For recovery from Hurricane Ian, Volusia County has received an allocation of \$328.9 million in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds. CDBG-DR funds are usually distributed at the state level, but Volusia County has received a direct allocation from HUD. The largest program is the Single-Family Repair and Replacement Program. Currently, there are 1100

applications in the pipeline of which 600 are active. Of the 600, only 400 applicants have met all the income requirements. Damage assessments are underway. The other program is the Mitigation and Infrastructure Program. We received 30 to 40 applications. They are currently being evaluated. It is a 6-year grant.

Ms. Pat White gave a treasury report. We have \$5,609 in the bank. We have not spent anything so there isn't much else to report.

Ms. Cristie Kilman reported for VIND. VIND continues to work on the FEMA registration lists. Currently, we have 2 roofs and 1 interior being prepared for funding. To-date, VIND has completed 9 interiors and 23 roofs. We have 2 case managers on-site and a Volunteer Coordinator/Case Manager Supervisor and a Program Coordinator Volunteer.

Ms. Carmen Hall talked about Celebrate Volusia on October 6, 2024. COAD has been invited to have a booth there. It is an event that will showcase county services.

Salvation Army has a food drive every 2nd Friday at the LPGA Blvd. location. We also have grants coming for rental assistance.

Mr. Daniel Sokol with CreditVolusia indicated that they have purchased a thermal capable aircraft that will be able to detect a human with a range of about a mile. They will be using it for wildlife management and search and rescue.

There was a discussion about training for disaster recovery like tarping roofs, muck out, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Submitted 11/12/2024 Charlie Howell Secretary