

Volusia Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
Steering Committee Meeting Summary – 8 July 2025

Members and Guests in attendance:

Becker, Lori	Hively, Kendra	Santana, Sandra
Brown, Corry	Howell, Charlie	Slater, Trent
Bruno, Frank	Ljung, Lisa	Sokol, Daniel
Buckles, Yolanda	Melendez-Rodriguez,	Terry-Coleman, Evelyn
Collis, Linda	Jannette	Troxler, David
Coleman, Jim	Moore, Don	Williams, Chris
Foley, Terry	Parkhurst, Ray	Zhang, Elaine
Greenberg, Warren	Peral, Anthony	
Henderson, Kayla	Perry, Karissa	

Mr. Ray Parkhurst opened the meeting at 10:02 AM`

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Ms. Corry Brown gave a report on the VRRRC. Emails should have gone out for training. We have 34 Volunteers who have finished the process, 42 in the pipeline, 7 from other departments. A total of 83 possible volunteers. We will be sharing additional information on training courses as they are organized. Kendra and Corry are working on Volunteer Florida funding for Certs or Citizen Corps.

Ms. Holly Winhoven reported on Volusia County Emergency Management items. As of Friday, we are down 3 positions. There is an open house farewell party for Yolanda on Friday from 3 to 5 at the EOC. We have our partners meeting coming up in a couple of days.

Mr. Chris Williams reports that the Hurricane Milton housing recovery program will start on July 21, which is like the Ian program, with the addition of a buy-out program. There was a discussion about Elevate Florida and the specifics.

Ms. Lori Becker noted that the City of Port Orange has a CDBG meeting tonight at 5:30PM. She has been attending VIND meetings.

Mr. Anthony Peral of Rebuilding Together started in the Tampa/Sarasota area. Restrictions are like other government programs. Rebuilding Together is a non-profit organization with the goal of preserving affordable homeownership and revitalizing neighborhoods through free home repairs and modifications for neighbors in need.

Ms. Lisa Ljung of Red Cross long term recovery indicated that they are working in Georgia. The Florida program will be extended a little.

Ms. Linda Collis of the local Red Cross chapter. We have a new disaster program manager. A huge change for the local Red Cross, Central Florida has been combined with North Florida. We are now in the Central Florida Coast chapter.

Mr. Jim Coleman handles 12 counties for the Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida. They help affected by disasters by providing no cost legal services and assistance in identifying other available resources.

Ms. Kayla Henderson and Mr. David Troxler indicated that the VIND office has been moved to the Seabreeze United Church of Christ. VIND currently has 1 roof and 1 interior being worked on and 1 roof being vetted for Hurricane IAN. For Hurricane Milton we have 2 roofs being replaced and 1 roof being vetted.

Mr. Warren Greenberg is working on Map Your Neighborhood.

Mr. Daniel Sokol attended the Governor's Hurricane Conference.

Mr. Frank Bruno has been working with Holly on a couple of things. We need to secure a date for the Expo for next year. We are working on a final draft of the COAD brochure.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Submitted 08/12/2025

Charlie Howell

Secretary