

Minutes
Greene County COAD / Citizen Corps Meeting
Oct. 11, 2016 9:30am – 11:00am – Public Safety Center

Debi Meeds welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Quorum affirmed.

Attendees:

Joel Alexander, City Utilities	Shea Lane, Catholic Charities
Willie Burkett, New Hope Intl Ministries	Gary Maddox, SCIL
Andee Coble, Spfld-Greene County Health Dept	Duane Moudy, Lutheran Family & Children's Ser
Russ Conroy, Mercy Hospital	Colleen Neill, United Way
John Elmore, Springfield-Greene County OEM	Mike Reighard, 461 Response
Tom Faulker, Crosslines	Lori Schlueter, Child Care Aware
Katelyn Foster, 461 Response	Heather Schreiman, Catholic Charities
Gabrielle Hane, Catholic Charities	Cari Wright, SCIL
Erin Hedlin, Springfield-Greene County OEM	

- Andee Coble presented the July 12th meeting minutes. Russ made the motion to accept the minutes, John seconded the motion. July 12, 2016 minutes approved.

- Cari Wright provided the treasurer's report.

- ADA Update – Cari reports that the Americans with Disabilities Act was approved originally in 1990. In 2008, amendments were added to this act, which included changes to the definition of a disability. As of today, the current definition includes title 1, 2, and 3 – public accommodations.

- Erin Hedlun gave a brief update on the vulnerable population project completed by Nigel Holderby. This project aimed at educating the public regarding low cost ways to better prepare themselves and their families for an emergency. Members of the community, through their various organizations are asked to distribute the door hangers and whistles in order to help get the message out. Anyone who would like to have door hangers and whistles can let Andee know and we will get that order out to you as soon as possible. English, Spanish, Russian and Korean languages are available.

- Louise Knauer reports that grant money is left over from the door hanger project and will report regarding the proper use of the remaining grant money. Funding can hopefully continue to provide support to the COAD group.

- Debi presented the chair report, which summarized the history of officer elections for COAD in preparation for our next term.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Aug. 27, 2008 COAD formed

- Oct. 2008 Officers Elected term = Jan 2009 – Dec 2013
 - Chair – Debi Meeds
 - Vice-Chair – Ryan Nichols
 - Secretary – Martha Love
 - Treasurer – Steve Kessler – resigned April 2010

- April 2010 Pat Reiser appointed – resigned Oct. 2011
 - Position vacant Oct. 2011 – Oct. 2013
- Oct. 2013 Officers Elected – Term Jan 2014 – Dec. 2016
- Chair – Debi Meeds
 - Vice-Chair – Ryan Nichols – resigned April 2014
 - April 2014 John Elmore appointed Vice-Chair
 - Chet Hunter EMD – designated Vice-Chair
 - Secretary – Martha Love resigned April 2014
 - April 2014 Andee Coble appointed Secretary to complete term
 - Treasurer – Cari Ann Wright
- Oct 2016 Officers Elected - Term Jan 2017 – Dec. 2019
- NOMINEES
- Chair – Debi Meeds (Third Term)
 - Vice-Chair – Larry Woods – by Position
 - Secretary – Andee Coble (First Term)
 - Treasurer – Cari Ann Wright (Second Term)

Gary Maddox made a motion to approve the nominees. Shea Lane seconded the motion. No opposed, motion passed.

Presentation – 461 Response: a national crisis intervention by Mike Reighard

Mike reports that he was commissioned with creating a response program for the Assemblies of God Church. This program, currently in its infancy stages, is primarily a data-based program that Assembly of God churches across nation, regardless of size, can connect to.

Ps 46:1 is the basis for 461. This is a critical incident ministry as opposed to a crisis ministry. 461 response training prepares and qualifies the church to respond before the critical incident occurs and will provide the organizational and structural resources needed to facilitate a proper, effective response after the event.

After the training, the church will have their own emergency preparedness plan and will also be in a position to be able to respond as a “Caring Community”.

Caring Community: The church becomes the hub of ministry for the Community. This can include becoming a point of distribution for food, clothing, shelter, counseling, and serving as a command center for 461 Response teams, FEMA, Red Cross or other agencies, etc.

Responding Community: Team members are deployed to provide resources and relief in critical incident situations. This could include cutting down trees, removing debris, delivering food and/or water, marking buildings, etc.

Healing Community: Team members provide spiritual and emotional care to victims of critical incidents. This can also include ministering to the police, fire and/or EMT responders who may have secondary emotional, psychological and spiritual effects from working with those directly effected by critical incidents.

Once trained, those churches then become part of a database.

I. Mass Care Exercise After Action - John Elmore

Erin Pope reports that the Apostolic Church in Diggins, Mo was full of active players, all participated in various activities: arrival, process, animals, etc. The scenario was that an earthquake had struck and all evacuees were being processed through the church as a reception center. Each player received a role of an evacuee with varying degrees of needs or disabilities.

Shea reports that transportation flow routes were found as a need, several hundred volunteers were there to assist traffic flow processes and identified several things that needed to be reevaluated. Shea reports that this was the first time for a non-hurricane state to host the mass care exercise.

Debi reports that she was able to utilize WebEOC to obtain up to date information regarding the exercise.

Russ reports that the Healthcare Coalition set up at Alternate Care Site exercise at the same time as this exercise. The Coalition also completed a bed query and needs assessment for medication, etc.

II. Long Term Recovery Committee - Shea Lane

Just a reminder that there was a FEMA declaration for the December flooding but there was no FEMA declaration for the march 9th flooding. Long Term Recovery Committee assisted those in line for FEMA assistance as well as those were not. Catholic Charities is our local case manager association. 673 families registered for FEMA assistance out of those 492 were called. Many of those calls were taken by interns and MSU phone lab using prefabricated scripts and messages in order to determine the greatest needs. 24 cases were established from this and 15 are still open and can't be closed without FEMA approval. Nine cases still have work being done on them. 16 completed construction tasks with 5 ongoing. 42 cases are in the que waiting for case managers...some of those have been redirected to other organizations

Gabi – is working with non-English speaking individuals trying to make contact and help them to understand the need for preparedness and emergency management.

COAD helps to find resources and support the work of Catholic Charities. Life safety equipment including furnaces and ductwork, etc.

LFCS case management worker started today – Maureen Olsen

III. New Business

Debi Meeds

- Vulnerable Populations Materials

Door hangers in multiple languages are available for distribution within the community

IV. Agency Updates

Catholic Charities, Shea: No updates.

LFCS, Duane: contract for case management was a long time coming.

American Red Cross, Darwin: October is fire prevention and awareness month. They are working to get detectors in homes and building relationships with area firefighters.

Crosslines, Tom Faulkner: This year, the holiday bags will include a door hanger and whistle.

CFO, Louise: No updates.

Mercy, Russ: Continues to help with the southwest healthcare coalition. He is also utilizing ideas from COAD across Mercy system.

SCIL, Gary: Agency put on a CERT training which focused on disabilities. This was the first of four to be held. It is important to remember that up to 50% of the population may have some type of disability. Gary is retiring would like to stay involved in emergency preparedness with the COAD. Emilio will be new CEO for SCIL has background in emergency preparedness and mitigation measures.

OEM, John: their program went through reaccreditation process and the initial findings are that they are 100% compliance. They awaiting official word which should take place after the first of the year. COAD was heavily involved as it related to the Recovery Plan.

Catholic Charities, Heather: they currently have a large que because she is the only case manager, they are hoping for grant to come through in order to establish additional case managers

Catholic Charities, Gabi: very excited about door hanger program

New Hope International Ministries, Willie: working on community outreach and is very excited about door hanger program

Child Care Aware, Laurie: they are conducting safety awareness training with their childcare providers

211, Coleen: working to make sure database is updated and would like help from the group in completing a survey from 211.

United Way, Debi: Case management database is available in order to assist in stability continuum. If you are interested in join the group, send Debi an email.

461, Katy: If anyone has any questions about the 461 program, please ask.

461, Rick: no other reports

SCIL, Cari: people with disabilities people don't always recognize themselves as being a part of the vulnerable population group. We need to think outside the box because people may not identify the needs in regard to equipment, access, and connection to other agencies.

United Way, Debi: Volunteer center provides free access to volunteer management training including how to manage unaffiliated volunteers.

Reminders

Meeting Dates for 2017 – January 10, April 11, July 11, and October 10