

**Greene County COAD Meeting
January 5, 2010
9am Greene County Emergency Management Office
Minutes**

Attending: Craig Bryson, Janet Douglas, Chris Harmon, Steve Irwin, Steve Kessler, Martha Love, Terri Luna, Joye McElwee, Debi Meeds, Richard Myers, Ryan Nicholls, Jennifer Olson, Mark Struckhoff, Vera Trogdon, Ronnie Walker

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Debi Meeds called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Martha Love presented the minutes for the October 6, 2009, meeting. Steve Kessler moved that the minutes be approved. Joye McElwee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Steve Kessler reported that the COAD has \$9,584.34. An expenditure of \$415.66 had been approved for Case #37 from DR 1749. Ryan Nicholls made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Joye seconded. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on December 3, 2009. The committee discussed the emergency preparedness survey as well as the work of the community task force that is examining the need for shelters.

LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ryan reported on the \$415 approved for Case #37. The Social Service block grant covers 2008. Debi would like to contact Lutheran Disaster Response to ask if funds can be earmarked for future LTRC cases. Richard Myers made a motion to allow Debi to do this. Joye seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY FOCUS - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SURVEY

COAD members have assisted Ryan Nicholls in creating a community emergency preparedness survey. MSU's Center for Social Research will be conducting the telephone survey in February and results are expected in March. Vera Trogdon suggested that the part of the follow-up after the results are analyzed include educational information such as lists of items to include in an emergency preparedness kit. During the survey calls respondents will be asked if they would like to receive a packet of information about emergency preparedness. Suggestions were made to change the range of ages to include "50-59" and "60 and older" and to include a question to determine if respondents had prepared a "car kit."

AGENCY REPORTS

Steve Irwin, Convoy of Hope - Convoy has set up the website HopeBeginsHere.org (or hbh.org) that includes emergency preparedness information for churches, families, and communities. It includes links to other states' preparedness information. Convoy is working with ham radio operators to set up a club in Christian County.

Vera Trogdon, Southwest Missouri Office on Aging - The state's area agencies on aging have been given a template to develop their emergency management procedures more consistently.

Ronnie Walker, Greene County Baptist Association - GCBA has been in existence since 1995. They focus on Greene County disaster response and one of the services they provide is access to chain saws.

Richard Myers, Salvation Army - The SA is running an emergency warming shelter at the headquarters at Chestnut Expressway and Kansas Expressway. Springfield police can transport people to the shelter. Volunteer opportunities are available on SA's website. On January 30 SA will offer disaster training that will certify the participants to run shelters.

Terri Luna and Janet Douglas, Family Support Division - The statewide Go Team information has been updated. They are teams of FSD staff who are trained and ready to be deployed with a one-hour notice when they're needed to respond to disasters. The ten-member teams provide support (e.g., cooking, security, and registration) at mass care and shelter operations.

Mark Struckhoff, Council of Churches - Representatives from the faith-based community are meeting regularly to discuss ways that churches can become more involved in sheltering and offering shelter support.

Jennifer Olson, Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation - OACAC offers a program called Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing for Greene County residents who don't live in Springfield. It provides rental and utility assistance. Call (417) 447-0554 for more information.

Joye McElwee, Lutheran Disaster Response - LDS is helping to develop a COAD in Laclede County. LDS is also working with faith-based organizations.

Chris Harmon, American Red Cross - Greater Ozarks Chapter - ARC is providing support to the Salvation Army's emergency shelter.

Steve Kessler, United Way of the Ozarks - no report

Martha Love, Missouri 2-1-1 - Martha is updating information about daytime and overnight warming shelters. 2-1-1 calls from Greene County more than doubled from 2008 to 2009. Martha will be attending a February 17-18 SEMA-sponsored workshop on community mass care coordination. Volunteer coordinators are invited to attend the January 12 meeting of the Southwest Missouri Association of Volunteer Administrators. Volunteer policies and procedures will be shared among the organizations that are represented.

Ryan Nicholls, Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management - Ryan recommends the website do1thing.us for emergency preparedness information. Hometownready.com is a site that helps businesses and churches establish preparedness plans. OEM is beginning to work on an update to the five-year Community Emergency Operations Plan. Ryan would like to have Greene County COAD members participate in this process.

Debi Meeds, American Red Cross Greater Ozarks Chapter - Region D Mass Care Coordinator Bandi Kolbe has taken a new job and Greg Gaines has returned to fill the position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COAD Flyer - Debi distributed a two-sided tri-fold flyer that describes the purpose of the Greene County COAD. Debi will make copies and COAD members are encouraged to distribute them throughout the community as they see fit. Ryan will arrange for the flyer to be placed on the Greene County website.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Shelters for the Homeless - Annie Busch and Doug Pitt are co-chairing a community-wide task force to find solutions to the increasing need for housing for the homeless. It has been recommended that it is more effective to have a smaller number of shelters that can provide a wider range of services such as food and transportation. Some donations and grants have been offered, such as motel vouchers to offer short-term accommodations. Springfield's City Council will be asked to approve a community development block grant for the Kitchen, Inc. to hire two case managers to assist people with emergency housing needs.

Clear Channel Local Advisory Board - Debi is on an advisory board to assist Clear Channel Communications in promoting up-to-date information about non-profit services available to people in the Ozarks, especially during emergencies. It should also be useful in providing information about donation needs. Clear Channel is working with the United Way of the Ozarks to share information. The Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management provides the same information to all media outlets and has a team that works to assure media accuracy.

Faith-based Initiative and State Partnership and MOVOAD - Debi attended that most recent meeting. They are working with SEMA and FEMA to get churches reimbursed for disaster recovery expenses, such as food and water.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Greene County COAD will be held at the Greene County Office of Emergency Management, 833 Boonville, Springfield, at 9:00am, on Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Love, Secretary _____

Approved, Debi Meeds, Chair _____