

Greene County COAD Executive Committee Meeting
June 8, 2010
9:00am Greene County Emergency Management Office
Minutes

Attending: Martha Love, Debi Meeds, Ryan Nicholls, and Pat Reiser

Chair Debi Meeds called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Presentation and approval of minutes: Secretary Martha Love presented the minutes from the March 16, 2010, meeting of the Executive Committee. Ryan Nicholls made a motion to approve the minutes and Pat Reiser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: New COAD Treasurer Pat Reiser reported after the meeting that the COAD's budget has a balance of \$9584.34. The money is specified for disasters that took place in 2008. Pat said that the United Way of the Ozarks' Hands On For Seniors program may be able to provide volunteer help for some of the senior citizens whose cases are still pending.

Committee reports:

1) Long-term Recovery Committee: Ryan met with Case Manager Supervisor Carol Nutt on June 1 to review the remaining cases. Debi appointed Pat to the LTRC to take the place of former COAD Treasurer Steve Kessler. Debi asked Ryan to convey to the LTRC that they should consider some of the 2009 cases.

2) Community Focus Committee: Ryan has signed a contract for the COAD to pay Missouri State University \$1200 to conduct the Greene County Disaster and Social Vulnerability Assessment. It is a telephone and online survey to determine the emergency preparedness level of Greene County citizens and should provide a lot of demographics to analyze preparedness. \$1000 is from the Local Emergency Planning Commission and \$200 is from the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. American Red Cross volunteers are assisting MSU students with the telephone survey. A final report should be ready by December 1. It is expected that this will be the first annual assessment survey. If other funding sources can be found the COAD can develop an education campaign to help citizens become better prepared.

Unfinished business:

1) Letter to MIDRO

Debi will write to MIDRO (Missouri Interfaith Disaster Recovery Organization, which is made up of Lutheran Disaster Services, Catholic Charities, and Salvation Army) to ask if some of the \$10,000 contribution they made can be used for cases that have been added since 2008.

New business:

1) COAD Website

Ryan demonstrated the new COAD website which uses the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management template. Executive Committee members critiqued the site and offered suggestions for enhancing it, such as including the number of disasters that are being worked and links to the member contact list, member organizations' websites, and other websites, such as SEMA, CAN, and 2-1-1. The COAD flyer will also be added to the website.

2) Pathfinders Training

The Pathfinders Disaster Response System is a new method for volunteers and emergency management personnel to do damage assessment and well-being checks and send data about the new cases via cell-phones. It is a system that is being approved by SEMA. Training at the 300 level was taking place in June and the 400 level in July. These 3-day training workshops are for department heads and mid-level managers.

Pathfinders go door-to-door. Some communities use the National Guard. We want to integrate it into the CERT program. Ryan recommended that the COAD be the link to available resources and Pathfinder can be a good assessment tool. The American Red Cross has a similar system but Debi isn't sure if the two systems are compatible.

3) MO-VOAD and Faith-based Partnership

The Missouri VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) and Faith-based Partnerships have met and are working on similar issues. COAD member Joye McElwee is the COAD's connection to the Faith-based Partnership.

4) CAN Update

Debi asked Martha to put the Greene County COAD meetings on the CAN calendar

5) Incident Support Team

Approximately 25 Region D members will join others from regions that include Columbia, St. Louis, and Jefferson City, to participate in IST training. When disasters happen SEMA will ask for volunteers from Region D to respond. There are three levels of disasters - 1 and 2 are federal, like wildfires, and 3 is state or regional.

6) Urban Search and Rescue Team

The state's Urban Search and Rescue team (USAR) is based in Columbia and provides equipment and dogs that are trained to assist when buildings collapse. There are approximately 28 teams in the United States.

7) Functional Assessment In-Service Team (FAST)

Missouri's mass care committee is interested in forming a FAST team. The teams conduct functional assessments of people with disabilities and the elderly as they arrive at disaster shelters.

Next COAD meeting: The next meeting of the Greene County COAD will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at 9:00am. The meeting will be held at the Springfield-Greene County Emergency Management office.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted by _____ Martha Love, Secretary

Approved by _____ Debi Meeds, Chair