

**Greene County COAD Meeting
January 4, 2011
9am Greene County Emergency Management Office
Minutes**

Attending: Ken Baremore, Donna Cole, Janet Douglas, Steve Irwin, Holly Johnston, Martha Love, Terri Luna, Melannie McCollum, Joye McElwee, Debi Meeds, Ryan Nicholls, Carol Nutt, Rebecca Ray, Pat Reiser, Mark Struckhoff.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Debi Meeds called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Martha Love

The minutes for the October 5, 2010, meeting were presented. Pat Reiser asked to have the United Way's mission statement removed from her agency report. Ryan moved that the minutes be approved with that modification. ????? seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Pat Reiser

There is \$9584.34 in the budget and there has been no activity since the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Debi Meeds

- Dr. David Johnson gave the Executive Committee an update on the preparedness survey. There were 431 respondents. The data is being analyzed and Dr. Johnson will give a report at the April 5 COAD meeting.
- The MOVOAD committee met and is getting reports from county COADs.
- Debi asked for input about planning the remaining meetings for 2011. She asked if members would be interested in meeting at some of the member agency sites. A brief tour could be provided by the staff following each meeting. Suggested sites included Southwest Center for Independent Living, Ozarks Food Harvest, American Red Cross Greater Ozarks Chapter, United Way of the Ozarks, Salvation Army and Convoy of Hope. E-mail Debi with additional site suggestions.

LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE REPORT - Ryan Nicholls

- Case Manager Supervisor Carol Nutt and case manager Donna Cole will be leaving their positions because the request for an extension of the SSBG grant did not get funded. Their work has been valuable because they have assisted people in southwest Missouri whose lives have been affected by disasters.
- Eleven Greene County cases were funded with \$26,000 from SSBG; part of the SSBG extension was granted (through September) but not for case management.
- The LTRC will meet in January to review two final cases. Since there won't be enough SSBG funds to cover the needs of the two cases the committee will probably recommend that funding come from the COAD.

Community Focus Committee - Ryan Nicholls

- The 2009 Community Focus Report identified emergency preparedness as a "red flag" issue. The COAD's emergency preparedness survey should provide excellent data for the next report

that will be published in the fall. The results of the survey will be used to identify needs and allow the COAD and the community to set a bar for acceptable levels of preparedness. The cost of the survey was nominal and should be repeated annually. It asks, "how prepared are Greene County citizens?"

NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Current Tornado Response

In southwest Missouri Stone and Taney counties were affected by December 31 tornadoes. They probably won't receive a public assistance declaration.

Public Safety Center's Groundbreaking

Ground was broken on December 9 for Greene County's new Public Safety Center which will be located a couple of blocks north of the current Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management. All funds have been secured and construction of the 53,000 square foot building should take 12-14 months. The building that house the 9-1-1 Center will be taken over by a city department.

Executive Officers - 2012-2014

The 3-year terms of the four members of the Executive Committee end in October 2011. COAD members should tell Debi if they would like to serve as an officer or nominate a fellow member or if they would like to be on the nominating committee. The offices are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. According to the by-laws the Treasurer is required to be a representative from the United Way of the Ozarks, the organization holding fiscal responsibility for the Greene County funds. Debi will appoint a nominating committee at the July 2011 meeting. That committee will present a slate of officers at the October meeting when the election will take place and the new officers begin their terms on the first day of the calendar year beginning after the elections.

AGENCY REPORTS

Joye McElwee, Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran Family and Children's Services

- The statewide Faith-Based Organizations Disaster Initiative will begin meeting to plan activities for 2011

Ken Baremore, ARES Section Emergency Coordinator

- Ken was the Area Coordinator for Greene County's Amateur Radio Emergency Services for the past ten years. Bill Gilmore has taken over that position, effective January 1, 2011. Ken is now responsible for amateur radio disaster response coordination for the state of Missouri.
- An amateur radio tower is being installed on the property of the American Red Cross Greater Ozarks Chapter, near Division and West Bypass in Springfield. It is especially important that operators in southwest Missouri have a method of communication with operators in southeast Missouri in the event of a major earthquake.
- RHSOC (Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee) is arranging for all health departments in its area to receive ham radios.
- When there are power outages amateur radios may be the only method of long-distance communication.

Mark Struckhoff, Council of Churches

- The Council of Churches oversees nine agencies that help people in need. Crosslines has the closest connection to the COAD. They served approximately 1800 families at Christmas. They provide food assistance to approximately 50 families a day and the demand for services has been increasing. A new Crosslines director will be hired soon.
- The Council has a new volunteer coordinator and a new marketing resource coordinator.
- The community's homeless task force has been divided into smaller groups.
- East Sunshine Church of Christ and Pathways United Church of Christ are preparing to offer homeless services and need more volunteers.

Melannie McCollum, Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation - Greene County Center

- OACAC is launching three new 3-year projects - READ (to teach parents about the importance of learning to read to children), REAL (Reality Enhancement and Life Lessons), and a program that will help first-generation college students make a smooth transition into college.

Cari Wright, Southwest Center for Independent Living

- SCIL keeps emergency management in the minds of their consumers by offering a two-hour workshop once a month at the Springfield and Branson offices.

Terri Luna, Greene County Family Support Division

- The Division is down by 30 workers due to budget cuts. There are eight new employees but some work is being sent to other counties. In order to reduce the number of visits to the Springfield office clients are encouraged to apply for services by mail, then FSD staff contact them.
- Birth certificates are the only original documents FSD clients need to provide. All other required documents can be photocopied.
- One of the new employees, James Hardy, has a college minor in emergency management.

Janet Douglas, Greene County Family Support Division

- Missouri Works clients are assisted by FSD if they have 60-month temporary assistance by helping them learn how to be prepared when the assistance runs out. Janet works with the clients through the Missouri Career Center.

Holly Johnston, CERT

- A CERT training is scheduled in January in Greene County. Jasper and Newton counties are also offering classes.

Martha Love, Missouri 2-1-1

- The 2-1-1 Call Center can complete disaster intake forms for callers who have been affected by disasters. Emergency managers, LTRCs or COADs, can arrange to have the information sent as soon as the information is gathered.
- Martha participated in a FEMA-sponsored 1-hour webinar that reviewed the new guidelines for functional needs shelters. She will forward information about the webinar to COAD members.

Pat Reiser, United Way of the Ozarks

- The United Way has reached 96% of its annual fundraising campaign goal.

Rebecca Ray, Springfield-Greene County Health Department

- In 2010 the Health Department used approximately 700% more volunteers than in 2009. Many volunteers staff a medical clinic in the Polk County Health Center???

ADJOURN

_____ moved to adjourn the meeting and _____ seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am?

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Greene County COAD will be held at the Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management, 833 Boonville, Springfield, at 9:00am, on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Love, Secretary _____

Approved, Debi Meeds, Chair _____