

Hernando County Community Organizations Active in Disaster COAD Meeting #68 NOTES

Monday, May 22, 2023 @ 9:30AM via Zoom



WELCOME & PURPOSE – United Way of Hernando, Angie Walasek

42 participants

Brief Success Highlights

- **Emergency Management, Angel:** Shout out to Christina Sowers from Career Source for all your efforts with job placement for multiple people she knows.
- **CareerSource, Christina:** Recently had 2 job fairs in Brooksville @ Jerome Brown Center. Over 100 Job Seekers. 3 Job seekers hired.
- **211, Kip:** 211 Tampa Bay Cares has created multiple informational video series on:
 - **211 Senior Disaster Preparedness video:**
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvDDIk8AyQQv5mq4ZY0aUExb163T_i5KY
 - **211 Caregiver Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgDx5Ob4BxM&t=6s>
- **NAMI, Tina:** Recently help a disabled client find their way back home to North Carolina. Shout out to SVdP who purchased a transportation ticket for this individual to get transportation to the train station in Tampa.

COUNTY UPDATES

- **Emergency Management – Erin:** A detailed forecast was gone over through the National Hurricane Center website. Erin encouraged others to use this as a forecast tool. 10% Chance of storm/hurricane development over the Bahamas. IDSS Forecast Points (weather.gov) active radar, daily temperature, hour-by-hour forecast for the next 14 days, etc.
 - **National Hurricane Center:** <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
 - **National Weather Service Forecast Points:**
<https://www.weather.gov/forecastpoints?lat=27.831&lon=-81.919&clat=28.131&clon=-81.809&zoom=12&bbox=%5B-9643847.743,3003081.563,8570034.774,3527922.732%5D&layers=RangeRings%7CRadar%7CUSStates%7CUSCounties%7CForecastDot%7CDomain%7C>
 - **2023 Hurricane & Safety Expo:** June 3rd @ CK8 Register to be a vendor:
<https://www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/hurricane-safety-expo>. Pasco Kids First will be giving out 250 Children Sized Bike Helmets (first-come-first-served)
 - **SKYWARN:** Call 352-754-4083 or email bbrooks@hernandocounty.up to sign up for the SKYWARN class. It will start at 10am and last approx. an hour.
- **Department of Health – Jennifer:** There's a Bicillin antibiotic (for syphilis) shortage = hope of being replenished by September. Only reserved for pregnant women- safer treatment for baby.

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- **211 Tampa Bay Cares, Kip:** AARP, UWW, & 211 launched Caregiver program/initiative to deliver direct and immediate help to unpaid family caregivers by addressing their unique needs, and connecting them with local organizations and AARP resources, to best support their caregiving journey. Identified callers will be connected to caregiver navigators. **(Program Communications and State Specific Caregiver Guide attached)**
 - **United Way, Angie:** Dementia Care Seminar hosted on June 29th @ 9AM
 - www.UnitedWayHernando.org/2023Dementia @ Northcliffe Church. Please share with caregivers! **(flyer attached)**
- **READY RATING**
 - **United Way, Angie:** A brief reminder that American Red Cross' Ready Rating Assessment is available online as a free tool for organizations & businesses. User-friendly and easy to complete! An "action plan" for enhancements is provided, based upon your responses. Visit <https://www.readyrating.org/Ready-Rating-Assessment>

RESOURCES & UPDATES

Supplies

- **United Way Angie:** Hurricane Supply Drive items will be donated to any Members with clients in need **(flyer attached)**. [211 Senior Wellness Directories](#) are available. Plenty of children's books available.
- **Emergency Management, Erin:** EM has PPE!!
- **Children's Advocacy Center, Amy:** Snacks, batteries, and raffle items always needed

Shelters & Housing

- **Dawn Center, Shannon:** 2 beds available at the shelter. Anticipates that they will be occupied by the end of the day. Once at capacity, will be collaborating with community partners, putting individuals on cots, or sending them to hotels/motels. The 24/7 support hotline (352-686-8430) is not just for shelter screenings & assessments (to escape domestic violence or sexual assault), residents are connected to resources, crisis counseling, safety plans, & can vent. Once they come in, intake requires a lot more information for case management.
- **United Way, Angie:** A productive conversation with People Helping People, Emergency Management, American Red Cross, and DOH took place regarding cold weathering shelters vs "warm-stations", as well as "cooling stations". Jericho Road Ministries currently serves as the only cold weather shelter, mainly for the Brooksville Area. The HELP Center in Spring Hill off Kass Circle could potentially serve as a warming-station, and have flexible hours if approved, as needed. Help would be requested from the COAD to help fill volunteer needs as necessary. On May 16th, the Homeless Initiative Meeting took place at the Chamber. Lots of information, data, and prevention opportunities were shared. More to come regarding a potential "stand down" – similar to a health fair specifically for our homeless population.

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- **Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, Amber:** 2023 Point in Time Figures included 147 households and 183 people. Currently have a lot of first-time Households becoming homeless, mainly a result of the recent rent increases. Assessors are needed. An online training video is now available for this!

Child Care & Schools

- **Early Learning Coalition, Brenda:** Summer VPK is about to Start in June. Registration for Fall will begin in August. Funding for childcare is still available.
- **Boys & Girls Club, Brian:** Getting prepared for Summer Camp, @ Brooksville & Westside. In need bus drivers (between 20-30 hrs. @ \$16 an hour, Part-Time). CDL (between \$3-6k + \$900 fee) & Passenger Endorsement, and Annual Physical
- **Career Source, Christina:** Active CDL program available, provides funding/financial support (\$995 dollars that they cannot fund)

Mental Health & Substance Abuse

- **NAMI, Tina:** NAMI Basics Class starting on May 24th (parents needing additional support and information), October 3rd Mental Health Summit, NAMI Walks coming up! **(see attached flyers)**. Next Mental Health First Aid Training will most likely be in July. Trainings can be done on-site. Tina welcomed their newest outreach staff member, Jay Raynor outreach@namihernando.org 352-600-9704
- **Vincent House, Madison:** This month is Mental Health Awareness month, Discover Tours available the 2nd Wed of each month from 1:30-2pm. Next will be hosted on June 24th. 3rd Wednesday you can have lunch with the Board at 12:45pm. This will be Madison's last week with VH. Kacee will be the new local outreach member.

Employment

- **Career Source, Tracie:** CareerSource Pasco Hernando's next partners meeting is on 06/21/23 at 10; if interested in attending please email Tentler@careersourcepascohernando.com or tentler@gcjfcs.org. For clients, there are various employment resources available to all, contact info: www.careersourcepascohernando.com/contact-employment-agency-services
 - Including the Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NCPEP) -which assists parents ordered to pay child support - to find or maintain employment & provides various support services including help with suspended driver's license and more. <https://www.careersourcepascohernando.com/ncpep>
- **Career Source, Christina:** Partnering with other organizations such as Hernando Schools & Primer Health Care Pasco for specialized job fairs. Currently, the dashboard shows 531 new claims for unemployment, with approximately only 300 actively submitting requirements and reporting searches. About 1,200 walk-ins a month at the center and 220 calls.
 - Christina Sowers, CSowers@careersourcepascohernando.com Available monthly job listing is available via email. If you don't already receive, email

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Christina. Link to UI dashboard:

https://lmsresources.labormarketinfo.com/covid19/initial_claims.html

- **Vincent House, Madison:** Needing a Rehabilitation Specialist FT (40hrs) Mon-Fri 8-4
- **BayCare, Sandra:** Multiple positions available, including licensed counselors, and case managers.

Food & Distribution

- **St Vincent de Paul, Ed:** Food costs are continuing to increase, while the donations are going down (pounds distributed to households went down from 78 to 63). Shortages on peanut butter and spaghetti. Partnering with groups like Nature Coast Community Group to help feed those hungry.
- **Salvation Army, Pam:** Salvation Army Food Pantry 9am – 11am Tuesdays at 15464 Cortez Blvd. We are also working on a possible cooling station for this summer as well.

Emergency Assistance

- **St Vincent de Paul CARES, Sam:** Low inventory of housing to work with and rising rent costs. Connecting with other organizations and focusing on visibility.
- **United Way, Angie:** Hernando's Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP) Phase 40 awards should be announced soon. The Local Board Plan was submitted to the state the first week of May. Waiting for approval.

Volunteerism

- **St Vincent de Paul, Ed:** St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs volunteers. One day per week or month, you choose. M-Sat 9 to 1.

MEMBER INPUT, UNMET NEEDS, & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Children's Advocacy Center, Amy:** Sat MAY 27th Texas Roadhouse 10% Fundraiser. Designer Purse Bingo event will be September 22nd. Tickets go on sale in June.
- **Premier Community HealthCare, Manny:** Manny shared the unfortunate news that Premier's Community Specialist Sharmane Aneckelen passed away. She proudly served this community for over 20 years. Thoughts and prayers are with her family.

NEXT COAD MEETING: Monday, June 26, 2023 @ 9:30am via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 10:55am