



Napa Valley COAD General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Napa Valley Community Foundation Community Room
3299 Claremont Way, Suite 2

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. COAD Executive Committee Update

- Dorothee Stangle is transitioning out of her role as COAD Director but is joining the COAD Executive Committee as Vice Chair, effective June 1st. She will remain the point of contact for COAD until further notice.
- Looking for additional members to join the Executive Committee for seamless succession planning.
- Recruiting for someone to step into the COAD Director's role. We have extended an offer and are in the process of working out the contract. You will formally meet the new Director at the July meeting.
- Jackson Family Wines has selected COAD for their beneficiary for their yearly service project. They will purchase and make over 200 emergency starter kits for organizations to then take and distribute to their clients. This will happen in early August, be on the look-out for emails about receiving the kits if you need them.

3. PG&E Power Shut-Off Information & Discussion

Mark van Gorder (check SP) from PG&E shared his PowerPoint presentation. **(attached PP and one pager info sheet).**

- Visit prepareforpowerdown.com for great preparedness information.
- Update contact information through pge.com/wildfiresafety
- PG&E working with cell providers about preparedness.
- Spanish and other language translations are in the works. Mark would like to know what languages other than Spanish are most needed in Napa County.
- Working in special areas such as Calistoga about setting up ways to maintain their services in critical areas – possibly libraries, schools, etc. But people need to be prepared for 3-5 days of outages. Highly recommend crank or battery radios to maintain access to information.
- Working on ways to reach renters who don't have a PG&E account. The managers *should* be sending the information out but there might be other ways to communicate.
- Working with cities on handling functional needs. Possibly opening up specific facilities to open as service areas for these vulnerable populations.
- PG&E has a discount program for people with medical needs and they have a list of clients but this is a voluntary not mandatory program.
- At this time there is no known compensation for losses due to power outages.

Keven Twohey from County of Napa Office of Emergency Services shared his PowerPoint presentation (PP attached)

- The biggest thing will be communication between PG&E and OES.
- The message needs to be that if you are served by PG&E, you need to be prepared for outages and this can impact tens of thousands of people.
- Nixle and social media will be main ways to communicate with people.
- Residential and in-home services through the county are mapped and so it will be known if they are in a power shutdown area. But again, they need to be prepared for outages.
- When EOC activates, there is a COAD liaison at the EOC. The COAD Liaison will be the point person so organizations with needs should communicate with liaison who will take that information to EOC.
- People who receive county or state supported services are on a service list, but there are gaps.

The COAD subcommittees will be working to discuss some of the gaps that have been identified. COAD can expect to play a role this summer with the power shut-downs.

4. Subcommittee Updates

Care, Shelter and Access & Functional Needs

- Learned how to conduct ADA Assessments at shelters and began this process at Crosswalk Community Church. Upgrades are needed.
- June 10th from 10-11:30 at Crosswalk Church is the next meeting subcommittee meeting, anyone is welcome to join.

Long-Term Recovery Group

- Disaster case managers have begun to close cases.
- Any case at \$10K or less are being fast tracked.
- Conducting an outreach campaign with FEMA registered families. About 1050 households being reached out to.
- Mattresses being delivered and distributed in Napa and Sonoma to people affected by fires, and in Guerneville for those affected by the floods.

Public Info & Outreach

- Fine tuning the presentation for the toolkit. Plan to go on a road show to the key places or people who would benefit from having the information.

LAC Working Group

- Creating a LAC sub committee so that we are better prepared for the next disaster.
- Clarify roles and responsibilities. If interested in joining the sub committee, please contact Dorothee @ napavalleycoad@gmail.com

5. United Way Bay Area 211

- Passed out information about 211.
- 211 exists in Napa. Currently answer about 500 calls from Napa per year, which is low.

- Available in 150 languages, 24/7. Helping people with all sorts of things – food, housing, transportation, free tax prep, disaster, etc. During the disasters they received only 60 calls and they believe that they can be more helpful. They are only as helpful as they are embedded into the community.
- How can 211 help?
 - Create a resource directory.
 - Information comes from Alliance for Information and Referral Services (AIRS). Information is updated yearly.
 - Check 211bayarea.org to check if your organizations information is up to date.
 - Could provide the COAd roster to ensure organizations are represented.
 - Information can be updated real time so that 211 has current and up to date information during a disaster.
- 211 is working on a statewide relationship with CalFire.

6. Presentation Leadership Napa Valley “Napa Neighbors Network”

- Focusing on how to be connected and how to be safe during times of disaster.
- Have been distributing packets with information, one of which is a magnet with important phone numbers.
- Goal to connect with neighbors to find out who has what resources and what needs, such as generators, medical needs, etc.
- There are tips for how to have a block party or potluck. How to get together and know your neighbors.
- Another important tool included in the packet is an “evacuated” tag so that emergency services can just drive down the street and pass by homes with an evacuated tag. This is critical time savings.
- Napaneighbornetwork.com
- Currently only in English. Looking to get translated in Spanish. It was suggested that they come to the next communications subcommittee meeting.

7. Member Updates and Announcements

- Flyer for Elder Abuse Symposium (June 7th).
- Cal Fire doing county wide protection plan – vegetation perspective – working with community to identify areas. Will send more information as it develops.
- Town and City Councils tonight – regarding raising the LGBTQ flag
- Anyone who needs support due to fires, Mentis is running a support group through end of June
- Flu season is wrapping up so plan to get flu shot for next season.
- USASI is currently conducting a survey about preparedness trainings - 12 county area survey. Dorothee has sent out a link to the survey.
- 5/22 ribbon cutting for new Ole Health building.
- Visit Napa Valley employer toolkit to package the messaging about visiting Napa Valley perceived concerns.

Next Meeting: July 16, 2019 @ 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm ~ NV Community Foundation Community Room