



SART STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 15, 2018

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

USDA Farm Service Agency

4440 NW 25th Place, Suite 1, Gainesville, FL 32614-1030

MEETING MINUTES

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Karen Adams, UF College of Veterinary Medicine (UF CVM)

Tammy Bauldree, FDACS

Dr. Greg Christy, FDACS

John Court

Consie von Gontard, Florida State Animal Response Coalition (SARC)

John Haven, UF CVM

Dr. Matt Hersom, UF-IFAS

Sue Rantuccio, FDACS

Jessica Stempien, FDACS

Hyatt Sudano, FDACS

LeiAnna Tucker, FDACS

Summer Williams, FDACS

Staff in Attendance:

Elise Fisher, ARPC

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting summary from the January 18, 2018, Steering Committee was reviewed. LeiAnna Tucker informed the committee that a correction to the minutes was made. A motion was made by Ms. Tucker and seconded by Sue Rantuccio to approve the minutes with the correction. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Update:

Ms. Rantuccio updated the group on the status of the budget. Ms. Rantuccio stated that the remaining 2016 grant funds will cover travel for the FDACS e-Isuite training and IMT workshop.

The 2017 grant funds will cover Mr. Haven's rescue training workshops and courses. There was discussion about turning the animal technical rescue training workshop into three rescue classes. Ms. Rantuccio will amend the budget if needed; however, the trainings would be under the same project and has been approved before.

Volunteer Cost-Share Tracking:

Ms. Tucker asked attendees to send February and March volunteer hours to Elise Fisher with the ARPC. She will then update the document and will send it out for the next SART Steering Committee Meeting.

STEERTING COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR APRIL/MAY

Ms. Tucker advised SART committee that there are no meetings schedule for April or May. SART will participate in a conference call during the State Hurricane Exercise on May 1 from 10am-11am

Mid-year SART Advisory Board Meeting: Schedule and agenda

Ms. Tucker would like to schedule a mid-year SART Advisory Board meeting at the end of June or in July. This will be a time to meet before the November Advisory Board meeting, review the Hurricane Irma AAR, and go over anything necessary before the 2018 hurricane season. A tentative date was schedule for June 28 and Ms. Tucker will determine the location. Potential meeting places discussed included: Florida Farm Bureau, DPI, Fire College. And IFIS. This meeting will also take the place of the July SART Steering Committee meeting; however, if needed, we could schedule a conference call in July.

SART Biannual Planning Meeting

A preliminary discussion was started for the 2019 SART Biannual Planning Meeting. This event will likely take place at the end of February so that it does not conflict with FEPA and spring breaks. Possible locations that could accommodate a large group and possible exercise component were discussed and included: Lake Mary, St. Augustine, Tampa, or Ocala. Moving forward, Ms. Tucker asked for SART partners to send her ideas for themes, trainings, breakout sessions, and activities. Biosecurity was of interest to attendees as it would involve all agencies and divisions.

SARC Online Training for Pet Sheltering

Ms. von Gontard discussed her upcoming initiative to update the SART website with online trainings for pet sheltering. The goal is to provide counties with access to trainings so that their employees can take the courses and get certified for pet sheltering. Payment and cost of the course hasn't been decided yet. Currently, Ms. Von Gontard's in-person pet sheltering course has an administrative fee to discourage no-shows, but she is unsure if the online trainings will have a fee. Dr. Christy addressed the need to make this course sustainable for SARC and suggested that there be a free, basic course, and then a more advanced course with a fee. Mr. Haven suggested that the courses be broken into modules that could be taken over time. Participants could pay for the course in full and they would receive their certificate upon completion of all modules.

Mr. Haven addressed the importance of making sure that these trainings meet all ADA requirements if the goal is to make them online, state certified courses. Further discussion would need to occur with Linda McHorter at the Florida Division of Emergency Management, as well as between Ms. Con Gontard and Dr. Xin, who is assisting with the website design, software, and program development

General Discussion:

- Ms. Stempien advised that the ESF county visit meetings are currently being scheduled and will be completed by the end of the month. They are scheduled to begin in April and may go through June. Once the schedule is finalized, it will be added to SharePoint.
- Summer Williams mentioned that Tuesday, March 20 kicks off the 5th annual FLIRRT meeting. It will be 2.5 days and will include a trip to the SEOC.
- Ms. Tucker mentioned to the committee that SART funding made it onto the General Appropriation Act for reoccurring funds. There is language to create statutory authority for SART in Chapter 252.
- Mr. Haven met with USAR teams for the state and they expressed interest in integrating with SART during future activations. If SART could develop a mission ready package, including cost for different

typed shelter teams, then they could task SART on missions during statewide activations. Ms. Tucker and Mr. Haven are going to review the SART SOG.

- Dr. Hersom mentioned that he is providing a Beef Cattle Short course on May 11. It will be a producer orientated course.
- Ms. von Gontard and Ms. Tucker will be providing two pet sheltering courses at the Governor's Hurricane Conference.
- Hyatt Sudano mentioned that he is putting together Vector Control for Emergency Managers for the county visits.