



SART STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 13, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

USDA Farm Service Agency
4440 NW 25th PL Suite 1,
Gainesville, FL 32614-1030

Meeting Minutes

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Paul Studivant - FACA
Susan Loerzel – USDA APHIS
Jessica Stempien – FDACS OAWP
LeiAnna Tucker – FDACS DAI
Nick Morrow – FDACS DAI
Josh Fleming – UF VETS
Alena Poulin – UF IFAS
Robert Capote- FDACS DAI
Summer Williams – FDACS DFS (via phone)
Tammy Bauldree – FDACS OALE (via phone)
Sue Rantuccio – FDACS OALE (via phone)
Hyatt Sudano – FDACS AES
Gregory Christy – FDACS DAI (via phone)

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting minutes from the April 18, 2019, Steering Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Studivant and seconded by Ms. Stempien to approve the minutes with the corrections provided by Ms. Poulin and Ms. Tucker. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Update: Ms. Rantuccio presented on the budget and provided an update on travel funds for Incident Command System trainings. Dr. Lindsey will provide invoices for all the Mental Health First Aid trainings. Ms. Rantuccio requested that invoices for Apalachee Regional Planning Council's assistance with the Online Pet-Friendly Sheltering Training and UF/IFAS Mental Health First Aid Trainings be submitted by the end of June or early July. Ms. Tucker gave an update on the change of funding streams for SART from domestic security to state funds. She stated that FDACS will review and support sustainment of current SART project activities

during the transition to state funding. Ms. Tucker also announced a Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP)compliant exercise. Ms. Tucker stated that planning for the exercise will begin next spring (2020) using SART funding. A planning team will be formed for the HSEEP exercise. Ms. Tucker spoke with Mr. Flemming about the possibility of bringing SynDavers to Camp Blanding for the Florida National Guard K9 training. They will follow-up about the details of the training. Dr. Christy explained how we are using state funds to upgrade the SART compound in Tallahassee and to purchase a new incident command post trailer to support Emergency Support Function 17 and SART response.

In-Kind Partner Contribution Tracking: Mr. Morrow presented the new In-Kind Partner Contribution Tracking sheet to the group. Moving forward, Mr. Morrow will only request that SART partner organizations provide volunteer hours and employee hours contributed to SART. This will simplify the reporting process while still documenting important information on how much time our SART partners dedicate to SART.

Mental Health First Aid Training: Dr. Lindsey presented on upcoming Mental Health First Aid Trainings. A training in Charlotte County is planned for next week. Dr. Lindsey and Ms. Poulin are looking at Jackson and Bay Counties as potential locations for future training. They will meet with Jackson and Bay Counties soon. Hernando county has offered to pay for their own training and Dr. Lindsey has provided them a quote. Hernando County is currently working to get the training approved. St. Johns County has contacted Dr. Lindsey about the possibility of hosting a training.

Online Pet-Friendly Sheltering: Ms. Tucker updated the group on the status of the Online Pet-Friendly Sheltering Training. Ms. Tucker and the FDACS Marketing department concluded filming videos for the Online Pet-Friendly Sheltering Training in May. Ms. Tucker will be working with Marketing these summer months and editing videos to incorporate into training modules. The FDACS Marketing department has been helping to give the training a professional look.

SART Planning Conference Discussion: LeiAnna solicited evaluation comments on the 2019 SART Planning Conference that was held May 29 – 31, 2019. Dr. Lindsey stated that she enjoyed USDA's presentation on how to utilize federal resources and available disaster assistance programs. She felt Brenton Cox and Justin Teuton taught the audience valuable information and she really enjoyed the presentations. Mr. Studivant stated that Robert King and Dr. Hersom did a great job on the keynote presentations. Mr. Studivant suggested to include a presentation by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on big cats and large animal rescues at the next planning conference or at a SART Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Studivant explained that there are large cat sanctuaries in St. Johns County and a presentation on big cats could be beneficial. Ms. Tucker agreed that it would be a good idea to help inform counties of exotic animal sanctuaries to better prepare for disasters and minimize the chance of release. Ms. Tucker suggested bringing Captain Kara Hooker from FWC to a SART Advisory Board meeting to present on handling big cats and exotic animal rescues.

Organizational Declaration Workshops: Ms. Stempien gave a brief update to the group on the upcoming SART Historical Scan Workshop taking place on July 11th. She discussed supplies needed for the training and requested visual aid materials from Mr. Morrow and Ms. Tucker such as a SART Activity Log. Ms. Rantuccio suggested that a visual aid that outlines SART funding over the years should be provided to workshop attendees as well. The visual aids will help the group to see how SART has operated and what SART have achieved since its inception.

Roundtable Updates and General Discussion:

Dr. Susan Loerzel – There has been a virulent Newcastle disease outbreak in California. USDA mobilized four incident management teams to assist in the disease response. Dr. Loerzel was the Planning Section Chief of the USDA gold team.

Jessica Stempien – Jessica informed the group of the new director of the Office of Agriculture Water Policy: Chris Pettit. Ms. Stempien will invite him to the historical scan workshop.

Dr. Lindsey - The Pie center wants to connect with LeiAnna to discuss the Mosquito Control Incident Response Team (MCIRT). The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) is very interested in learning about SART. Dr. Lindsey suggested that Ms. Tucker provide a presentation about SART at the national EDEN conference.

Josh Flemming– Hurricane preparation is ongoing for UF VETs. UF Vets is currently doing animal technical rescues training courses all over the state of Florida. Brandi will remain as the main point of contact for ATR trainings.

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