

9-18-2025 CFDMC Member Meeting Minutes

Participants: See attached list of attendees

View the recording of the meeting at the following link (note the meeting begins at the 13 minute mark):

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Welcome and Housekeeping: Eric welcomed everyone in the room and those attending virtually. He reminded virtual members re meeting etiquette, and asked those participating via webinar to put their name and organization into 'Chat' or if participating by phone to send an email to info.centralfladisaster.org with their name and organization. Karen Street provided information on restroom locations, safety information, etc.

Texas Flood Response: Amanda Nixon, Mass Casualty and Disaster Support Specialist, and Chaplain Tony Dickey, First Responder Chaplain, presented regarding response to the Texas flood. Amanda shared her background and cautioned that some of the videos may be emotional. Amanda and Tony went out with the search teams and were able to help both survivors and responders in the moment. Amanda shared how she and the Chaplain divided their roles. Chaplain Dickey shared how he and Amanda met and shared that his background is also in search and rescue and law enforcement. He shared how he utilizes the Copper Cup Bear and how others have used them for family support, etc. He stated that the biggest need is to keep families informed as best they can. There were several questions, including:

- Do you work for an agency, or do you contract? Amanda said they do not work for an agency. We sometimes work with agencies if they ask us to go. It is always about connecting resources and they make sure they integrate local resources. For example, at a lot of campsites/RV camps, there was no list of people staying there. People called in and they utilized the information provided to create a list.
- What was your role and what did days look like? Amanda said their day started about 4:30 am and they went to the Fire Department first and would be out 6-7 hours on these days. If there was no full search, they would go to where meals were served and set in center of area and started talking to responders about everything else except what they were doing. When she was out with the search team, they met with families and connected them to them resources.
- How did Amanda and Tony take care of themselves? Amanda said she and Tony would check in with each other throughout the day. At the end of day, they would talk about the day, positive things that happened and what resources are needed. They kept debriefing for a month after, practicing what they preach. They help each other if they need some time while out in the field and cover while the other takes time needed.
- Are you and Tony able to rotate back around from these situations or the aftermath or allowed to or have opportunity to cycle back around to your local support systems; first day back or months after? Amanda said yes, they do if they want that. Tony went to one funeral for a family they worked with a couple of weeks later. Tony said he is still in Texas working now as three individuals are still missing and they are working with these families, checking on them and ministering to them. Amanda said responders have her contact information. If they need resources in the future, they can call her to help find resources.
- What is the backup plan if you're both 'walking wounded' at the same time? Amanda said she has a network and thinks about what they may see and how they may be impacted before they go so have a plan and they have people they can call for support. When she comes home her family knows the plan. Amanda said she also creates boundaries, such as when they get questions from people without good intentions. She does not give information requested if they are not asking for the right reasons.

Eric thanked Amanda and Tony for their presentation, and reminded everyone that Amanda was the 2024 CFDMC Member of the Year. Tony said he could not do what they do without Amanda. Lynne reported that Amanda has been providing Stress First Aid training to responders across the region and even in other states.

Contract/Grant Updates: Lynda W.G. Mason, CFDMC Treasurer, shared that on July 1st, the Coalition signed a contract with the Florida Department of Health for FY 25-26 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026) at level funding – just over \$1

million. The next day, FDOH notified the coalition that the state would receive only 70% of the funding, with the potential for additional funding later in the year. FDOH has not yet notified the coalitions what this 30% reduction means in terms of our funding. We learned last week that ASPR has not yet released any funding to the states. We are hoping that the funding will be released by the end of September. Until we know more, we have been very conservative in spending during this first quarter. **NOTE: on 9/24/25, we learned that ASPR had released full funding to Florida!**

We have heard conflicting information on funding for next year, beginning July 1, 2026. The White House proposal completely eliminated the Hospital Preparedness Program. The recent Senate proposal renamed the Hospital Preparedness Program with a slight increase in funding. We are continuing to monitor funding proposals.

Lynda reminded member that the Coalition Board developed a contingency plan to ensure sustainability if there are funding reductions or a complete loss of funding. That plan was shared during the June meeting and is ready to be implemented when necessary.

There were similar concerns about other funding sources, such as the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). Both of those programs received additional funding this year. UASI funds EMResource across the region and that is now safe for another year. Eric serves on the SHSGP Executive Board and the UASI leadership group and will keep Coalition members informed.

Hazard Vulnerability Assessment/Readiness Assessment: Eric Alberts facilitated this with instructions on accessing and completing the survey. Members were asked to rate potential hazards on probability of occurrence and impact should they occur. Members were also asked to identify any additional readiness actions needed. For those members who did not attend today's meeting, the survey will be sent out. Data will be used to update the regional HVA and the readiness assessment. Both drafts will be shared with members for input.

Coalition Wrap-up:

- **Other Announcements:** Eric announced that on Halloween, Orlando Health is again doing the mannequin apocalypse and members are invited. He asked that if interested in going to let him know and they can send more information.
- **Next Meeting:** Eric reminded members that the Annual CFDMC Conference is on December 2 & 3, 2025 at Valencia College School of Public Safety. An agenda will be sent out by mid-October.
- **Meeting Evaluation (e-survey following meeting):** Eric asked members to please provide feedback so we can enhance these meetings.

Participants:

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Lynne Drawdy
Tori Farley
Molly Ferguson
Amanda Freeman
Nicole Fulton
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Liz Hamlett
Alan Harris
Judy Head
Erin Hicks
Dr. Vincent Hsu
Ethan Johnson
Eli Jordan
Chief Chris Kammel
Samantha King
Reggie Kornegay
Erin Lyons
Kathleen Lyons
Barry Martina
Dr. Dana Mathew
Clint Mecham
Matt Meyers
Jennifer Mills
Anthony Mottarella
Sarah Mundy-Russell
Casey Murphy

Amanda Nixon
Sven Normann
Christina Ortiz
Ihab Osman
Ken Peach
Karissa Perry
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Wayne Smith
Evan Spence
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Lydia Williams
Makenzie Williams
Paul Williams
Shauna Young
Kristine Zonka



Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition (CFDMC) Member Meeting

September 18, 2025– 9 am to 12:00 pm

Note: Meeting will be recorded



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- ▶ Don't place your phone on hold
- ▶ Use either computer audio and mic, or phone, not both – this can cause feedback noise
- ▶ Use the chat feature to raise issues or ask questions
- ▶ We may need to mute all lines. You can unmute yourself by clicking the microphone icon



Eric Alberts, 2025 CFDMC Chair

- ▶ Welcome & Announcements
- ▶ In person, please sign in
- ▶ For those on webinar, please submit your name and organization in chat.
- ▶ For those on the phone, please email your name and organization to info@centralfladisaster.org

Texas Flood Response

Amanda Nixon, Mass Casualty and Disaster
Support Specialist

Chaplain Tony Dickey, First Responder Chaplain



Contract/Grant Updates

Lynda W.G. Mason, CFDMC Treasurer



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Networking Break

2026 HVA & Readiness Assessment

Eric Alberts, CFDMC Chair

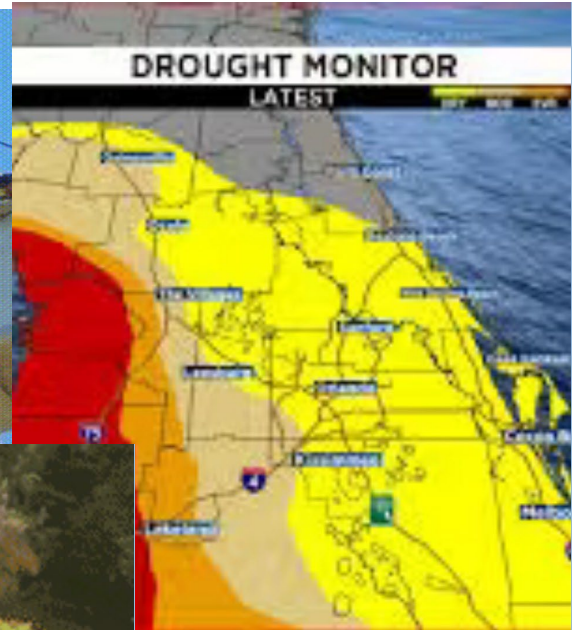
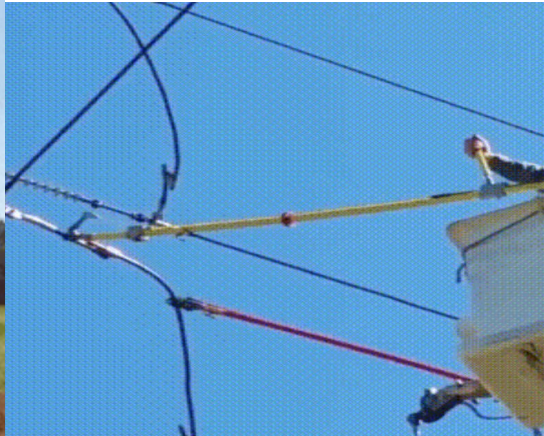


<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFDMC-2026HVA>

HVA:

Based on your knowledge, please rate each of the hazards listed for their likeliness to occur in our region. Rate each hazard using the following scale: Not Likely to Occur, Possibility to Occur, or Likely to Occur.

Please answer Survey Monkey question #1.



Based on your knowledge, please rate each of the hazards listed on the severity of impact should that hazard occur.

Rate them based on the following: Low Impact if it Occurs, Moderate Impact if it Occurs, or High Impact if it Occurs.

Please answer Survey Monkey question #2.



Please identify any other risks and potential impact.

Please answer Survey Monkey question #3.



Based on your assessment so far, what do you feel is the highest risk, second highest risk and third highest risk we need to prepare for?

Please answer Survey Monkey questions #4, #5 and #6.

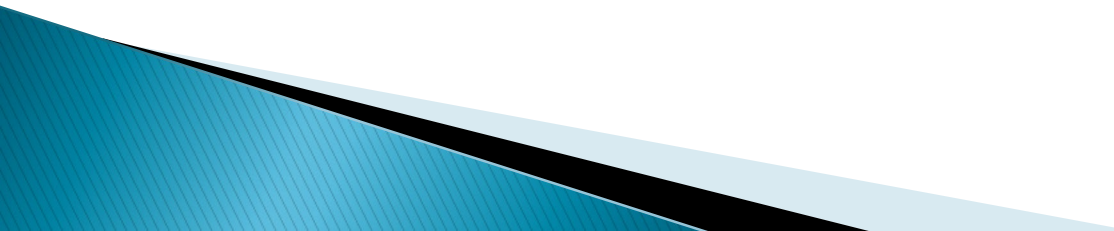


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2025 – 2026 Readiness Assessment

Our Federal funding partner, ASPR, has identified priorities for the coming years. This includes a series of assessments which help us develop plans for each area and for our overall readiness plan.

For each of these areas, we will remind you of the actions the Coalition already takes, and ask for your recommendations for any additional actions needed.



Assess Cyber Security

Actions – we encourage Coalition members to:

- ▶ Join Central Florida Cyber Coalition
- ▶ Participate in Cyber Security surveys, trainings and exercises
- ▶ Review and provide feedback on regional plan
- ▶ Serve on regional subject matter expert (SME) workgroup as appropriate

Question #7 – please list any other recommendations



Assess Supply Chain Integrity

Actions – we encourage Coalition members to:

- ▶ Participate in supply chain integrity assessments, trainings and exercises
- ▶ Review and provide feedback on regional plan
- ▶ Serve on regional SME workgroup as appropriate

Question #8 – please list any other recommendations

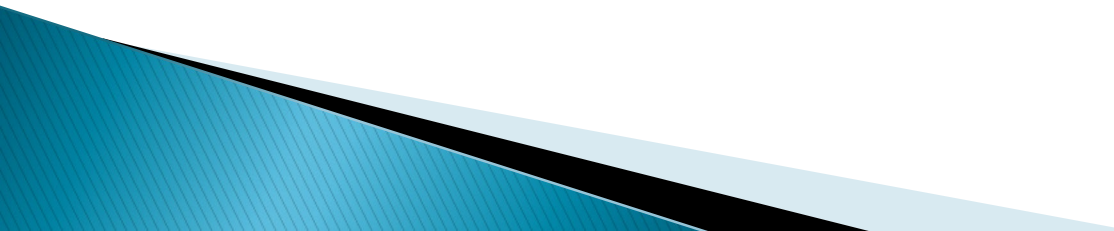


Assess Extended Downtime Healthcare Delivery Assessment

Actions – we encourage Coalition members to:

- ▶ Participate in assessments
- ▶ Review and provide feedback on regional plan
- ▶ Serve on regional SME workgroup as appropriate

Question #9 – please list any other recommendations

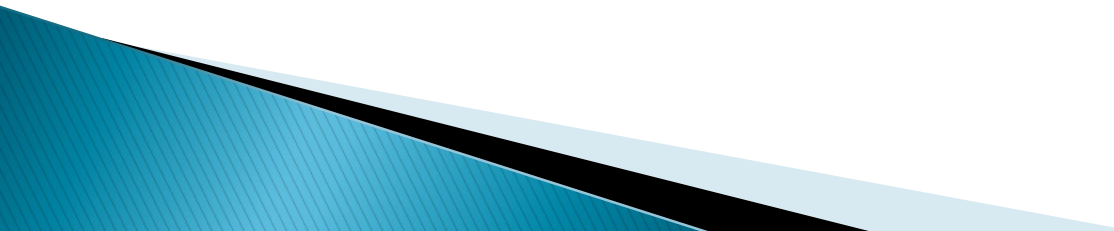


Trainings

Actions – we encourage Coalition Members to”

- ▶ Participate in regional trainings as appropriate.
- ▶ Training opportunities are sent out to members via email and posted on the website under Upcoming Events

Question #10 – please list any training needs your organization has.



Exercises

Actions – we encourage Coalition Members to:

- ▶ Participate in exercise opportunities as appropriate.
- ▶ Quarterly drills are held for all members and topic specific exercises are held throughout the year
- ▶ Exercise opportunities are sent out to members via email and posted on the website under Upcoming Events

Question #11 – please list any exercise needs your organization has.



Readiness Plan, Response Plan and Annexes

This input will be used to update our readiness plan, response plan and response annexes as appropriate.

Encourage Coalition members to:

- ▶ Serve on SME workgroups as appropriate
- ▶ Review and provide input on regional plans

THE WRAP UP

- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Other Announcements?
- ▶ Save the Date for the Annual Conference:
December 2 & 3
- ▶ Don't forget your feedback!