

## Meeting Summary

### Economic, Health, and Social (EHS) Subcommittee

#### Broward County Climate Action Plan Update

Monday, June 29, 2015

10:00AM-12:00PM

Government Center East Room 302

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1. The meeting began at 10:10AM. Chair Adrienne Kaltman welcomed the group and discussed a few ground rules for the meeting. Introductions were made. Members present at the meeting were: Carrie Kashar, Samantha Danchuk, Stephanie Victoria, Arthur Rose, Sandra Welch, Alena Alberani, Rudy Rudolph, Chelsea Albucher, Tiffany Grantham, Sue Gallagher, and Daja Frazier.
2. The subcommittee's mission statement was stated: To provide recommendations for actions regarding health, economic and social issues related to climate change to the Task Force.
3. Several new actions were added to the Current Broward Climate Action Plan Goals. A total of six new items were thoroughly discussed; these include:
  - a. **New Action 1: Pursue BRACE funding and contribute to research on climate health impacts.**
    - i. With state and local partners.
    - ii. Integrated data system publicly available connecting the city & county – being able to share and look at data together. SFRPC is looking at “planning commons” may be a place to start. (Sue could provide additional data). Have a list of resources available through the Compact.
  - b. **New Action 2: Climate refugees.**
    - i. From storm events and long-term climate impacts...
    - ii. Is this embedded in the Emergency Mgmt plan in responding to climate change? NSU – has resources to prepare for disaster, information for responders, clinicians, how hospitals should be preparing. Educate the NSU group, contact them and get climate related information/disaster information on their site.
    - iii. Develop an e-postcard to communicate with the public.
    - iv. Include climate-related disaster in the Emergency Mgmt communication plan, market the emergency automated service. Ensure signup is easy.
    - v. Adding tidal flooding to weather reports.

- vi. How do we proactively develop better temporary shelters? “Boat” shelters so people can go to the inter-coastal and float – think outside the box instead of just schools as shelters. Also need renewable energy as well to build resilience if we can’t get fuel to our area. Think beyond terms of eco-friendliness – think SURVIVAL! U.S. Army example.
  - vii. \*Staff to plan to work with EMD on developing language from this plan\*
  - viii. Basic issues of food, water, and shelter. Machines that take water out of the air. Developing solar capacity, local food systems and water. Promoting community gardens – getting people – utilizing the Port and possible cruise industry.
- c. **New Action 3: Build community leader network to implement climate action plan.**
- i. Cultivation of community leaders – identify who you want at the table (inner cities, most vulnerable communities) then getting the leaders to participate. Cultivate, collaborate and communicate with the network. HOA’s, churches, school district, young people. What is the purpose of having this leader network (need to know and have clear mission) to reduce vulnerabilities and set a communication network – to begin training for points of contact, run a mock event.
  - ii. Help respond to crisis.
  - iii. Share the data.
  - iv. How do we communicate without cellphones? Every corner of community needs to have a communication tool.
  - v. CERT Trainings – locate in vulnerable communities.
  - vi. Connect with what is happening at the school district.
- d. **New Action 4: Communicate and participate on climate discussions with insurance industry.**
- i. Provide input on our understanding of risk, and review opportunities to help local residents to not lose their property over insurance.
  - ii. Exchange of data and more engagement with the insurance companies. Also be a good party for the community leader network.
  - iii. Community CRS ranking – have communities in Broward been rated. Most in Broward have.
- e. **New Action 5: Public conversations with industry and HOA’s to maintain property values in vulnerable areas.**
- i. Flood proofing toolkit, other ideas? How can we prepare homeowners to take responsibility for adapting property? Energy efficiency, renewables, resiliency guidance.
  - ii. Hardening and resiliency, dialogue with the state...
  - iii. Stakeholder collaboration and new guidance and tools to enhance resiliency.

- iv. Include commercial properties, and local businesses.
  - v. Equity and health indicator, when things get tough the vulnerable are going to get hit first, must make a commitment to keeping vulnerable populations at the forefront. Establishing the economic gain that the priority is there.
  - vi. Vetting or screening of the entire plan for equity, almost like a preamble in the plan. How around the climate indicators is equity being managed?
  - vii. Evaluate our connections to global supply changes in our area.
  - viii. Mangrove restoration – key to our economic vitality to our area. Especially for the fish population. Identify key sensitive areas that are most vulnerable.
- f. **New Action 6: Build local food systems through the community agriculture network.**
- i. Food systems. Promote network, community agriculture network, need to develop food system policy for the county.
  - ii. Emphasize reducing food deserts. County parks as food forests, focusing on schools for gardens “school to table”, develop agro-tourism projects...
4. The existing actions were briefly reviewed to decide which ones should be kept, deleted or revised. Minimal adjustments were made.
5. The subcommittee chair issued a vote to determine which suggested action should be the top priority. Each member was instructed to personally select three actions they felt were the most important. Each action was then read aloud, and whichever earned the most votes was to be known as the top priority action.
- a. Result: The top priority action is a combination of OC-1.5 and OC-1.9. It was decided that both actions overlapped and was therefore merged into one single action.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM and is set to meet again on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00pm in the same location.