

Minutes  
OK VOAD meeting  
July 19, 2007  
The Salvation Army  
Tulsa, OK

- 1) Meeting was called to order by OKVOAD President Steve Moran at 10:36am
- 2) Bill Mast opened meeting with prayer. Everyone introduced themselves and their respective agencies.
- 3) DR 1712 OK – See the IA report for number of clients
  - a) Linda Soos-Davis, OEM, went over the IA report.
  - b) PDAs for undesignated counties anticipated to be completed by the end of next week.
  - c) City of Miami is NOT condemning any homes; they are just not issuing building permits. Above four feet of water in the home, there is not a building permit being issued.
- 4) Active programs – FEMA IA – Housing and Other Needs Assistance (current max \$28,200 and all monies can go to housing) SBA, Disaster unemployment, Disaster legal Assistance
  - a) Pending programs – Disaster Food Stamps (DHS has information to begin this) and Crisis Counseling (Thom Thompson is writing the grant)
  - b) Full maximum grant can now be given for housing (thanks to Post-Katrina Act)
  - c) Possible duplication of benefits – Oil company with oil spill has started giving out monies for settlements of damages. Some residents of Lenapah have received funds and a class action suit has been filed.
  - d) DRCs are opened and opening. See handout for locations of these Centers.
  - e) FEMA travel trailers have arrived in Miami (may be able to move mobile homes to a few pad sites). See handout on talking points for travel trailers and mobile homes. City of Miami has voted an ordinance to allow travel trailers on all home lots including those that are not going to be able to rebuild. They can have trailers there for up to six (6) months. Anticipating 150 homes in Miami/Bartlesville that will have to rebuild elsewhere and will only receive \$28,200.
- 5) Current activities going on by agencies in the area
  - a) Red Cross – see handout Disaster Operations Summary Report
    - i) Linda S-D asked when will the shelter close. Anticipate closure on Saturday per Kate Schlichter, Tulsa Area Chapter Red Cross.
    - ii) Kate anticipates stopping mobile feeding on Friday. 588 meals were disbursed yesterday, and they are unsure if those are needed or meals of convenience.
    - iii) Red Cross service center in Bartlesville closed today. Working on closing out DR and moving back to Washington County Chapter.

There are 290 FEMA registrations, but only 40 clients have registered at Red Cross.

- b) Southern Baptist – Sam Porter anticipates his folks being there for five weeks. Four teams on the ground. They have received 110-115 requests for help in cleaning out the homes in Miami. Sam can integrate other folks if there are people wanting to help with cleanup. Those folks need to have their own equipment. Call and talk to Sam about sending a team (5-10 people). Sam will also consider sending teams to other areas where there may be a need such as Mayes County. Bartlesville teams have been doing a great job and are about finished. The community of Bartlesville did a great job of helping themselves.
    - i) They will still feed on small scale those that are mucking out homes. Will probably relocate
  - c) TSA – continuing to give products at Northwest Baptist Church. Water, food, non-perishable food boxes, clean-up kits are available. Working on getting diapers, formula, and other supplies.
  - d) United Methodist – sent in 1,000 flood buckets and are working with Baptist to coordinate some teams for cleanup. Methodist church in Bartlesville is supplying volunteers for The Salvation Army in Bartlesville.
- 6) Our pal – the VAL – Chris Bills
- a) Presented powerpoint on FEMA’s Individual and Households Program. Major changes include there no longer internal caps on assistance.
  - b) Presented powerpoint on Individual Assistance Sequence of Delivery.
- 7) Pets – Miami/Bartlesville
- a) Miami alone still has 150 total animals. Many are in foster homes, and the temporary shelter will be open until July 26, since it is at NEO’s Equestrian center.
  - b) Bartlesville had our state ARF group.
  - c) Both sites coordinated at the state level through Dr. Scott Mason.
- 8) Case Management – Housing Challenge of this disaster
- a) Angela Stapleton, counterpart through FEMA Region VI, and Linda Soos-Davis have been speaking with Joan Rave at the National FEMA office. They guesstimate 400 cases will be opened through this disaster. Some of those cases will be severe need others will not be that severe.
  - b) Averaging 30 cases per case manager, we will need 13-14 case managers. FEMA has not completed the process for putting this program in place. Hopefully, we will have that process outlined in the next few weeks.
  - c) Money from FEMA is just for case management and has nothing to do with getting resources to the table.
  - d) We still have a few weeks to get the details of this program in place.
  - e) Lura Cayton, Church World Services, suggests that someone needs to help that local community put together a LTRC. CWS is no longer organizing LTRC, but they will come in and help with training. They will also work with agencies in the community that identify a gap in services

and help those people that have lived in vulnerability up to this point move out of that vulnerability.

- f) Linda Soos-Davis brought up that FEMA will not be issuing any funds for damage before the inspection for FEMA is made. Right now it takes about two days to complete the inspection. If an individual does not have insurance and the FEMA inspector says the home is destroyed, and they have not used any rental assistance, the client can receive 28,200 for their home. If they are not FIT, they can apply to SBA for a loan for repairs. However, they cannot receive ONA or more assistance. If the client gets SBA loan, SBA will take 28,200 and pay back FEMA. Client will be responsible for paying full amount back to SBA. If client only needs 15,000 for repairs, they could still get more FEMA funding.
- 9) Next meeting
  - a) August 9, 10:30 AM at Tulsa Area Command Salvation Army.
- 10) Other business
  - a) Discussion of requesting Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) to be launched for this disaster took place. Sam Porter motioned that OKVOAD request portal to be opened. Janelle Mulanax seconded motion. Members voted, and motion carried. Janelle Mulanax will submit formal paperwork to request CAN.

Meeting adjourned to awaiting lunch.