

VOAD MEETING
AGENDA
November 29, 2007
Oklahoma City

- 1) Meeting Called to order by OKVOAD President Steve Moran at 10:44am.
 - a) Opening Prayer – Sam Porter, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
 - b) Introductions
 - c) Minutes from last meeting – not available
 - d) Treasurer Report – \$52,516.69 remains in account; \$32,051.60 designated (\$30,000 from Project Rebuild, \$2051.66 from Cheasapeake for Sweetwater)
- 2) DR-1712-OK Update – Chris Bills/Jamie Dake, VAL, Region VI
 - a) DR 1707 and DR 1723 were declared for public assistance only
 - b) See attached Individual Assistance reports for both DRs.
 - c) There are currently 39 Declared Counties for DR 1712 and 18 declared counties for DR 1718
 - d) In Miami, OK, FEMA reports there are 8 mobile home units on private sites and 40 units on public sites that are currently occupied.
 - e) Total both DRs – 84 max grants and 1778 clients over the age of 60. This indicates a large population in need of long-term recovery.
 - f) Monies spent from FEMA:
 - i) 1712 \$8.6 mil, ONA \$1.7 total \$10.3 mil
 - ii) 1718 \$4.2 mil, ona \$971,000 total \$5.2 mil
 - g) Local FEMA VALs shutdown on December 14, 2007, and it will revert to regional VAL support in Denton, TX. That would be Jamie Dake, phone 940-898-5186, cell 940-255-9652, Jamie.dake@dhs.gov
- 3) Project Rebuild/Blake Shelton –
 - a) Background: Raindance and Raindance II concerts were held to raise money for disaster relief. Raindance II funds were allocated through OKVOAD. A Press Conference was held in the Governor's blue room and Blake presented cardboard check. OKVOAD has received \$30K for wildfire relief as concert was held in April prior to flooding. Linda Soos-Davis states that it was part of the plan to help those that need assistance to purchase FEMA mobile homes. Sherilyn (sp?) confirmed that was the intent of funds. OKVOAD will get \$40K additional funds (total of \$70K). A home is being sold, other issues still exist such as outstanding bills for lumber, etc. Sherilyn anticipates \$40K coming to and available for flood clients. Currently no funds for flooding, but there will be...
 - b) Current situation – Inola Casting and Project Rebuild funds designated to help with funding for purchase of wildfire mobile homes.
 - c) NBC Special – how to win, go to nbc.com to look at the number to call in to make Blake Shelton's choir win so OKVOAD can get \$250K for flooding
 - d) How to allocate with unmet needs committees – we will need to discuss when the other \$40K from Blake Shelton funds arrive

4) Unmet Needs Committees –

Blaine County, Amber – Janelle Wood (Blaine Co. EM) having a hard time finding help to drum up resources for the affected communities from within the area. Per Suzanne Smart, the community exhausted itself during the disaster and now do not have the resources to continue to help. Churches have been asked to contact the national organizations for further available resources. OKVOAD can help encourage those religious organizations to support their local churches in this effort. 30% of Watonga was on welfare prior to disaster. Jamie Dake suggests having an entity appointed to gather those resources as that does not currently exist (Vista, Senior Court, etc.). Linda S-D will try to designate someone from OEM to help with this project. Karen Distefano to help with getting training for CM. Major J. Birks suggested Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild homes. CRWRC to be requested to do needs assessment, but that must come from local groups and communities must have LTRC in place. Central OK case management training from UMCOR was attended mostly by current casemanagers.

Miami, OK, committee is coming along quite nicely. Matter of getting paperwork in order at this time. Biggest issue is getting resources.

Pottawatomie County needs resource list gathered as well.

FEMA will present max grant clients to LTRC if the LTRC requests that information.

Suzanne Smart – who will take the role of organizing the communities to to LTR? Lura Cayton, CWS, will take this contact information and distribute it to the national leadership of these denominations. Hopefully, that will lead somewhere. Will also have a conversation with Bob Arnold on getting someone to help. CWS does not do seed grant money, but there is some funding for disaster work that may be available to help in these communities. Chris Bills, FEMA VAL, has read and been told that ARC is going to take a more active part in establishing the LTR effort with focus on communities where LTRCs don't develop on their own. Also told that % of funds allocated for disaster is to go to LTR. Can someone clarify? OKC and Tulsa ARCs do not have information on this effort. Vince will look into this.

Resource – Linda S-D – has FEMA put that together yet? No. Jamie Dake, are we using CAN? Is there is resource directory online?

Major John Birks – two suggestions: 1) form LTR sub-committee from OKVOAD to work on these issues (led by John Birks, Amber on committee, Lura Cayton on committee) 2) breakout session for LTR at OEM Conference (Linda S-D done)

Lura Cayton – scheduled four training events in OK which were done way too soon. They would be much more effective now. Lura will try to obtain

permission to travel to these LTRCs to provide training for operating those entities.

Stanley Buckmaster – are county/city EM involved? Yes, but it is not their role.

Jamie Dake – FEMA has historically provided AmeriCorps teams to provide this service. May be a possibility but will take money.

Sam Porter – as an experienced pastor, it may not be any surprise that not all ministers work well together. The key to making this work is EM has to work together with pastors.

5) Pets Act – Amber Reed

FEMA law allowing non-profit animal shelters to apply through state for reimbursement for their expenses in times of disaster. OK will be first for this.

6) Host Evacuation Plan – Susie Carter

Developing plan for 12,500 evacuees from Texas. Working on plan. Meeting next week with local EMs. 5,000 to OKC and Tulsa, for 3-30 days. Other 2,500 to rest of state. TX has spent \$4 mil on tracking system when they come into the state. FEMA is hiring ESF 6 person to focus on evacuee plan. No commitment from earthquake from other direction.

7) NVOAD – Little Rock, Arkansas – May 5-8

A. Request for proposals – NVOAD are due mid-December.
B. NVOAD ESCC, Spiritual Care Subcommittee - "points of consensus" regarding disaster spiritual care – Mary Gaudreau – this will be mirroring early psychological points of consensus

8) CODA – Central Oklahoma organization – What is being worked on

Sarah Blaney – established name of CODA, currently writing collaborative response and recovery plan, in edit processing, to steering committee by Dec 31. Dec 10 is a charter signing with steering committee. See CODA handout. Five counties included. Two steering committee members suggest including Cleveland Co. Also see four-month plan for what we will be doing.

Vince Hernandez – this has been a long process, at least 2 ½ years. Now, come full circle to have a local entity able to identify local agencies in the community that wanted to participate in disaster response and recovery. Defined plan as more of SOPs. To identify triggers to bring this group together (ARC Level III declaration, 100 calls to 2-1-1).

Suzanne Smart – CM meeting was part of this process. Wrote standards for case management in line with NVOAD and other group requirements. Try to define levels of case management and role in phases of disaster.

UW – this is a good thing for UW because we can earmark the dollars to the agencies more efficiently through this process. Also able to support state with this endeavor.

Linda S-D – two things 1) not state VOAD (supported by state VOAD much like THRC). Would like to see in Enid, Guymon, and Lawton as well. 2) One of the concerns, there are state people that are on that committee. We need local folks on CODA.

Sarah – work with NVOAD relationship and will be presented to steering committee tomorrow.

Vince – agree that shouldn't work with NVOAD. Need to work with OKVOAD and get group that can come together very quickly.

Linda S-D – need to look at local contacts in every county.

Suzanne – steering is one committee meant to have administrators. Other committees can have others

Linda Soos-Davis – suggest case management on OKVOAD level if those energies will be spent.

Bob Roberts – CODA is not like THRC. THRC brings non-traditional disaster agencies to the table. Suggest that not only traditional groups be included, but also include Islamic, Jewish, OCCJ, Ministerial Alliance, Nat'l Guard Family Support. Have annual tabletop, received ICS training, now active participants.

Lura Cayton – 1) steering committee of CAN aligned with National CAN committee – needs to look at expanding past CAN players 2) these are regional COAD. Recommend OKVOAD have sub-committee to work in the areas that need this organize these COADs.

Vince – you're right, way beyond CAN. There is a plan within CODA to bring in as many organizations as want to be involved.

Sam Porter – great idea to pull all those agencies together. How does CODA relate to OKVOAD?

Ed, United Way – have worked both these events that are large in our community. Relationship-building is key, and that is where we are lacking in keeping these relationships going. We came together. We need to define roles because we have new players locally that don't know how to work in a disaster. UW will provide resources to agencies based on recommendations from CODA and VOAD. State is leader and will lead major efforts.

Lura – need a representative from CODA and THRC on state VOAD. What works well is they have state COAD and state VOAD.

Jamie Dake – MO model of COADs. There is a human services matrix to identify which agencies provide which services to meet needs. MOUs were signed with each agency. Kansas City was good model for state (Dee Smith). Everyone collaborated and supported each other.

Motion: Vince Hernandez moved that “OKVOAD support creation of CODA and appoint representative to serve on the CODA steering committee”. Sam Porter seconded the motion. Motion passes.

CODA Charter is now a Memorandum of Understanding. It will be distributed to Executive Committee and go from there.

Suzanne – OKVOAD with leadership role is good idea.

9) Other Business

10) Adjournment and LUNCH