



Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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Call Minutes/Notes

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Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 4 pm ET

Welcome & Attendance

Bert Williams – Salvation Army
Scott Shipman – Helping His Hands
John – Feed the Children
George Boaz – American Red Cross
Emily Bryant – Feeding Indiana's Hungry
Steve Cain – Eden
Jim Byerly – IN UM
Bob LaGrange – IDHS
Jerri Elliott – Allen Co COAD / ARC
Chris Gilbert

Financial Report

Bert reported \$54.75 in the account.

Disaster Updates

- Rushville, Rush County
9/10/2013 19:29:12 Final Update: Coordinator 6 has arrived and assessed the damage. 2 homes sustained major damage and 1 apartment building sustained minor to moderate damage. There are no reported injuries or fatalities and power is estimated to be restored at 21:30. Streets have also been cleared of debris.
The cause is likely from a microburst.
- Tropical storm and hurricane activity has started in the Atlantic. Not something likely to impact Indiana but several of the Indiana VOAD organizations do respond to hurricane states after land fall.

Agency/Organizations Updates

- Agencies
 - Bob Lagrange – IDHS – State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF) – \$820,000 so far spent in April flood affected counties. Just a few more cases to finish up. Appreciate the help from the organizations to make the money stretch for the recipients.
 - Ian – FEMA – Still responding to the flooding earlier in the year in Illinois.
Ian is out of the region right now teaching VAL course to new VALs. Seth's replacement should start in middle of October.
FEMA R5 is going to host a VOAD Leadership Conference sometime in the winter. Looking to bring together VOAD leadership from across the region. More will be coming out on this later.
- Member Organizations

- Bonnie Morris - Tri State CART: Saturday 9/14 Strut Your Mutts Paws By The River noon - 6 pm New Richmond, OH 45157. More information: www.TriStateCART.com.
 - Emily Bryant – Feeding Indiana's Hungry – SNAP benefits will decrease across state in November. The 2009 Recovery Act temporary boosted up the amounts and that additional funding is going away. A household of 4 will see benefits drop \$36. Emily has additional information if you would like it.
 - Steve – EDEN – The drought is back in Indiana. Some counties are affected. Not a major effect but maybe for soy bean crops. If your organization is responding to the drought there will be a call coming up for those agencies if you'd like to attend.
There is a National VOAD members meeting in October. Steve is going to represent EDEN and w/ permission will represent Indiana VOAD.
- COADs

Long Term Recovery Updates

- March2Recovery
 - Carolyn King wasn't able to make the call but provided an update via e-mail. That update is below. Carolyn also said they are still looking for volunteers. In October they will likely need several skilled volunteers to guide groups of students volunteering on fall break. Please contact Carolyn if you are available or interested in additional information.

Indiana VOAD Business

- Annual VOAD Conference - May 2014 – Updates from the committee
 - Steve – Monthly calls are ongoing. Trying to figure out best service project for the group. In Kansas City they build the walls for a habitat house and then habitat moved them to the build site where others continued construction. At other conferences they've done other things. Attendees at the conference want to do something that gives back to the host community. One idea for our conference is to obtain a donation of products and then have attendees build go kits and then donate go kits to organizations. Anyone with ideas should bring to next face to face meeting and share with the group. We need to make a decision and get going soon.
- Helping His Hands
 - Chris forgot to ask Scott to say a few words about his organization, Helping His Hands. My apologies again Scott. Scott was nice enough to provide some additional information if inclusion with the minutes and that *can be found below*.

Other Business

Jim Byerly reported that VROC is finishing up 3 homes from their March 2, 2012 tornado recovery efforts and hoped to be wrapped up in October.

Next Call/Meeting

- Meeting: Thursday October 10, 1:00 – 3:00 PM EDT (even months, 2nd Thursday)
- Call: Wednesday November 13, 4:00 – 5:00 PM EDT (odd months, 2nd Wednesday)



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Providing disaster recovery services to individuals and families affected by the March 2, 2012 tornadoes in Clark, Washington and Jefferson counties

Contact: Carolyn A. King, Exec. Director, 105 E. Hwy 160; Henryville, IN 47126 502-523-8371 cking@march2recovery.org

September 12, 2013 Update

Activities:

Volunteer Reception Center: We have registered 12,994 volunteers! They have served 126,066 hours to a dollar value of \$2,746,978. We are blessed with many faith-based and community volunteers who come to help! Volunteers have assisted over 250 households.

Case Management: Of the original 1329 FEMA registrants, 427 had identified unmet needs when contacted by M2R: With the addition of a grant for barns only, the numbers are now at 1357 households. (Clark: 321, Jefferson: 28 and Washington: 108). 267 families have received direct services through M2R case management. We will remain available until the last home is completed!

The final Unmet Needs Committee was held June 11, 2013: Of approximately three million dollars in expenses, to date, over 1 million dollars has come from other funders and \$2,085,200 from the IND Fund.

Construction:

Thirty two projects remain to be completed. Four rebuilds are underway. One more rebuild will be started soon. **Skilled volunteers are still actively recruited!!!!** (502-599-8557.) Free Housing is available.

Spiritual and Emotional Recovery Committee:

The Spiritual and Emotional Recovery Committee continues the “**Collecting Our Stories**” project to create a repository of memories of the impacts and experiences of the March 2, 2012 storms.

Other:

- **The March2Recovery Steering Committee** is being honored with a **Governor’s Service Award** for their caring and committed work over the past 16 months.
- We continue to work with the **Marysville Community Center, community playgrounds in Clark and Washington Counties**. We hope to complete all projects by December 31, 2013.

Locations: Case Management, Construction and Executive Director offices are located at 105 E. Hwy 160 in Henryville. Volunteer Center is. 315 S. Ferguson (Hwy 31S).

Website: march2recovery.org. Please “like” our Facebook Page! www.facebook.com/march2recovery.

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