

# Indiana VOAD Meeting

December 12, 2013 – 1:00pm – Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis

## *Attendees:*

Brent Read – LDS Emergency Response	Nina Evans – Feeding Indiana’s Hungry
Bob LaGrange - IDHS	Leah Cody – ICART
Mary Anna Speller –United Church of Christ	Beth Gazley – Monroe Co. COAD & IN Univ.
Kathy O’Day – March2Recovery	Eldon Studer – Friends Disaster Services
Carolyn King – March2Recovery	Bruce Pfeffer – Nat’l Org. of Jewish Chaplains
Lucinda Nord – Indiana Assoc. of United Ways	Steve Cain – Purdue Extension
Bert Williams – Salvation Army	Chris Gilbert – American Red Cross
Nina Evans – Bretheran Disaster Ministries	Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension
Brent Douthit – Gleaners Food Bank	

## *Meeting Minutes*

Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm by Indiana VOAD President, Chris Gilbert.

November 2013 Tornado Outbreak

- Largest outbreak in Indiana during the month of November

Steve Cain gave a brief update on behalf of the National VOAD Drought Taskforce.

### **Long Term Recovery Updates**

- March2Recovery
  - Offices will be closing shortly
  - Final rebuilds will be finished shortly
- Howard County
  - Still working to assess the amount of unmet needs in the area following the tornado outbreak
  - 211 is scheduling appointments with clients and case management will begin soon
  - Gaps of note: temporary housing and funding, no chair and officers set
  - Long Term Recovery Committee had been formed following the spring flood event
- Davies County
  - Jane Crady has been working in the area
  - Jane shared Case Management information and Davies Co will begin the case management process shortly

- West Central Indiana COAD – Fountain Co
  - Approx. 10 homes affected and will have unmet needs
  - Steve Cain is working with the Fountain Co EMA (Joe Whittaker)

### **Agencies and Organizations**

- Purdue Extension – Steve Cain
  - Purdue offered training for extension educators on food and agrosecurity disaster response on December 11.
  - Spencer County has expressed interest in forming a COAD
- National Organizations of Jewish Chaplains – Bruce Pfeffer
  - Submitted a proposal for the National VOAD Conference and are awaiting reply
- Friends Disaster Services – Eldon Studer
  - Eldon has joined the Owen County COAD – the COAD will be having a full exercise focusing on flooding in January
  - Eldon has a 30ft trailer that will be converted into a bunk trailer equipped with 8 beds; he will also be getting a shower trailer equipped with 4 stalls in January
- Monroe County COAD – Beth Gazley
  - If anyone has information on best practices for a COAD, COADs to look to for advice, etc. please email [bgazley@indiana.edu](mailto:bgazley@indiana.edu)
- Feeding Indiana's Hungry – Emily Bryant
  - Benefit Deposit Dates for SNAP benefits will change in 2014
  - [www.snap.in.gov](http://www.snap.in.gov) has information, please direct clients to the website
- Gleaners Food Bank – Brent Douthit
  - Expanding storage for FEMA – meaning if it is a FEMA declared disaster they will disperse meals and what from their Indianapolis location
- Brethren Disaster Ministries – Nina Evans
  - 4 week-long disaster ministry dates have been setup for members to assist with disaster recovery in the early part of 2014
- Salvation Army – Bert Williams
  - Dispersed \$32,000 in Walmart cards to Fountain County, Indiana
- Southern Indiana COAD – Carolyn King
  - Tools left over from March2Recovery will be stored for future use by the SIN COAD
- Lutheran Church Missouri Senate – Kathy O'Day
  - Kathy has been contacted by Noble County COAD and will be assisting them on getting trained and prepared for Case Management
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Recovery Division – Bob LaGrange
  - The Indiana Disaster Fund has been overspent for FY2013 by \$60,000
- Tzu Chi Organizations – via James Fung
  - Will be distributing gift cards; Howard County Long Term Recovery will be distributing the cards through Case Management

- Catholic Charities – via Jane Crady
  - Jane has some grants available; if there are unusual unmet needs contact Jane she may be able to assist.
- American Red Cross
  - 14,000+ meals and 18,000+ snacks have been served following the November tornado outbreak
  - Shelters were opened in Davies and Fountain Counties following outbreak, have since closed

**Other business**

- Steve Cain presented his presentation that he gave during the National VOAD board meeting last month. The presentation focused on the 2014 National VOAD Conference.

Next call Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00pm eastern.

Annual meeting will be Thursday, February 13 at 1:00pm eastern.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.