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

- **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.