



# Indiana VOAD

June 12, 2014 – American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis – 1:00pm

## ATTENDEES:

Abby Hostetler – Purdue Extension

Jane Crady – Catholic Charities

Jim Byerly - UMCOR

James Fung – Tzu Chi

David Butz – IN/KY Conference of UCC

Mandy Billman – IN State Dept. of Health

Larry Cassagne – IN Dept. of Homeland Security

Bob LaGrange – IN Dept. of Homeland Security

Steve Cain – Purdue Extension

John Tracey – Feed the Children

Brent Reed – Bishop's Central Storehouse

Bruce Pfeffer – Neshama: Assoc. of Jewish  
Chaplains

Bert Williams – Salvation Army

Leah Cody - ICART

Mary Jones – United Way of Central Indiana

Emily Bryant – Feeding Indiana's Hungry

Lucinda Nord – Indiana Assoc. of United Ways

## MINUTES:

Jane Crady, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. The meeting started with introductions of all in attendees.

### Treasurer's Report:

\$561.95, \$19.75 in our normal operating account.

### Disaster Updates:

*Warrick County (May 8, 2014 event)* – Case Management is being led by Barbara \_\_\_\_\_. The local COAD is getting the word out about the Long Term Recovery Group. Southern Baptist did a great job of clearing trees in the area. Chair of the LTRG is Amanda Moseman, Purdue Extension. Roughly 100 homes were affected, this disaster won't be declared by either FEMA or SBA. The LTRG will keep the VOAD updated as to unmet needs in the area.

*Howard County (November 17, 2013 event)* – 93 cases, 58 open all others are closed. No rebuilds at this time, trying to cover insurance gaps and fixing work that was incorrectly completed by contractors. No volunteers are needed at this time.

*Davies County (November 17, 2013 event)* – UMCOR is working in the area, but more volunteers are needed for roofing, drywall, and siding. Some volunteer housing is available. If you are interested in volunteering please email: [dcoad.case.manager@hotmail.com](mailto:dcoad.case.manager@hotmail.com)

*Knox County (June 2014 event)* – Only one place was affected; a tree had fallen on a house. Scott Speedman (Helping His Hands) is in contact with the resident and will be assisting if needed.

*Monroe County (Ellettsville Flooding)* – Last house finished last weekend.

*Lake County (January Winter Wx & Flooding)* – (1) One individual in East Chicago has had flooding in her home since January; the water is still standing. Denny Smith from the Southern Baptist and Steve Cain from Purdue Extension will be going up to look at the structure and see what the VOAD might be able to assist with. (2) One individual in Gary experienced flooding in January that destroyed all items that had



been purchased for a newborn baby; 2-1-1 in Lake County as well as members of the Northwest Indiana COAD have assisted in replacing those items.

**National VOAD Conference:**

This will be discussed again August since Chris wasn't able to be here and offer is takeaways from the conference.

*What can the VOAD do for you and your organization? Discussion of what the Indiana VOAD can do to grow and become stronger.*

- Suggestion to start each meeting with an invocation, in the way that the National VOAD opens each day with an invocation
- Collect "job descriptions" from each organization – helps all of us know what each other do in terms of disaster
- Committee Structure - should the VOAD consider having committees or workgroups
- Creating or adapting the National VOAD point of consensus for the state VOAD
- Presentations on behalf of the Indiana VOAD to organizations that may be interested in becoming members or want to know what the VOAD offers to state – VOAD Officers are all willing to come and speak on behalf of the VOAD to any group that requests our attendance
- Better participation by VOAD members in their local COADs – a list of the COADs can be found at <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/eden/pages/coad.aspx>

**Disaster Situation Report:**

Jane shared copies of the Indiana VOAD Disaster Situation Report. The form will be attached to the end of these minutes. This form is for VOAD members to report events in your local areas. This will help us garner a better understanding of where a disaster is occurring or has occurred, and what needs might be impending.

**Organizational Updates:**

*Salvation Army* – Radio room is progressing and in the next 30 days will be operational. KLOVE will be sponsoring the Grief Following Trauma training in October.

*Feed the Children* – A summer feeding program for children in Oklahoma was started this year as a pilot program; John reported that next year he hopes to have the program available in Elkhart.

*Purdue Extension* – Steve Cain reported he is still spending about 40% of his time on the national drought response and the Drought Matrix.

*IN Dept. of Homeland Security* – Monday through Friday of next week IDHS will be exercising. The exercise will be a week long tabletop; Chris Gilbert and Bert Williams will be participating on Thursday and representing the VOAD. Larry reported that it is expected there will be a 20% turnover of state employees by this fall, so expect some changes.

*IN Crisis Assistance Response Team* – NOVA training on emotional and spiritual care will be offered in August (training is 3 days).



# Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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*Catholic Charities* – A groundbreaking for the new tool warehouse will be occurring soon near North Vernon. The warehouse is expected to take 2 months to complete. If anyone knows of individuals that are still in need of assistance following the storms of **spring storms 2011**.

#### **Other Business:**

- Bob LaGrange announced that he will be retiring from IDHS at the end of August. He did say that he hopes to stay involved with the VOAD as a representative of the Amateur Radio Association.

Call - Wednesday, July 9 at 4pm eastern.

Face-to-Face Meeting – Thursday, August 14, a location will be sent at a later date. It was decided that the August meeting will be a pitch-in cookout at a local Indianapolis park.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.