

# Indiana VOAD Meeting

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*June 13, 2013 – American Red Cross – Indianapolis – 1:00pm*

## **Attendance:**

Larry Cassange – IDHS

Lane Sims – Friends Disaster Service

Steve Cain – Purdue Extension

Abhijeet – Purdue University Grad Student

Mary Jones – United Way of Greater

Indianapolis and Marion Co. COAD

Kathy O’Day – March2Recovery and LCMS

Kim Rogers-Hatfield – Madison Co. COAD and  
United Way

Carl Lamb – Indiana HonorBound

Jane Crady – Catholic Charities

Emily Weikert-Bryant – Feeding America’s  
Hungry

Bert Williams – Salvation Army

Chris Gilbert – American Red Cross

Bob LaGrange – IDHS

Julie Miller – IN K-9 Assisted Crisis Response

Ken Miller – American Baptist Men

John Tracy – Feed the Children

Lucinda Nord – Indiana Assoc. of United Ways

Leah Cody – I-CART

Mandy Stirratt – ISDH/Medical Reserve Corp

Jim Byerly – UMCOR

Tammy Simendinger – Tri-State COAD

## **Minutes:**

Chris Gilbert, Indiana VOAD President, called the meeting to order at 1:08pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Steve Cain moved to approve the minutes, Jane Crady seconded the motion, motion carried.

***Treasurer’s Report:*** Bert Williams reported the account holds \$54.75.

## ***Disaster Updates:***

### *North Central Indiana Flooding*

- Carl Lamb reported that a week after the flooding in Elwood, IN a trailer of goods was delivered and distributed to roughly 150 families. Indiana HonorBound brought roughly 60 volunteers on the distribution day.
- Lucinda Nord reported on behalf of Abby Smith that Howard County has established a long term recovery committee. They will be holding a meeting soon.
- Kim Rogers-Hatfield reported that the Madison County COAD and United Way of Madison Co are assisting Anderson with setting up a long term recovery committee to assist residents

recovering from recent floods. This will be a small committee, but Kim requested assistance from anyone that has LTRC experience.

- Bob LaGrange reported on the Disaster Assistance applications for the affected areas.
  - 135 applications have been received
  - 46 have been processed for payments (most receiving max grants)
  - As of right now, \$209,903 will be paid out

#### *Oklahoma Tornado Response*

- ARC sent a handful of volunteers to the area in response.
- Indiana HonorBound sent volunteers in on May 31 via Convoy of Hope.
  - Carl reported his volunteers assisted in maintaining the Volunteer Reception Center.
  - The volunteers worked on 10-12 homes during the week the volunteers were in the area.
  - Catholic Charities USA is in the area volunteering.
    - Requests have been made for case managers – any available will be doing 2 week rotations
  - Chris Gilbert reported on behalf of Kevin Cox with Hope Crisis Response Network reported that while he and his volunteers were in the area responding that the area was volunteer saturated. There is a need to look long term and not only at the immediate response.
- Salvation Army has received requests for spiritual and emotional care.
- John Tracy reported that he responded and worked on the donation management side.

#### *Agency Updates*

**FEMA** – Seth Gardner has taken a position with American Red Cross and will soon be leaving FEMA Region V. At this moment no replacement has been hired for his position, until further information is received Ian is our only FEMA Region V VAL.

**IDHS** – No further report beyond Bob's update on the Disaster Assistance Funds.

**Indiana Department of Health** – Mandy reported that the state is up to 33 Medical Reserve Corp Units. Chris Gilbert spoke at the last meeting.

#### *Member Updates:*

**Salvation Army** – National Salvation Army announced today that the General is retiring effective immediately.

**Indiana HonorBound** – Recently acquired a heavy duty truck with debris trailer.

**Friends Disaster Service** – Still working in the Henryville area.

**American Baptist Men** – Nationally responding in Oklahoma, but local groups have not responded.

**I-CART** – Crisis Response Training is being offered this Saturday (June 15) at 831 N. Edmondson Ave, Irvington.

**UMCOR** – On the state level the organization, volunteers are looking to wrap up projects in the Henryville area. Nationally, UMCOR is responding in Oklahoma.

**American Red Cross** – Joe Wainscott has started as the Division Disaster State Relations Director, working in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Joe will share his new contact information as soon as that is available.

**Purdue Extension** – Abby deferred until the COAD section of the agenda.

### **COADs**

**Madison Co. COAD** – Madison is working with other local counties and the respective COADs that are associated and discussing the option of a regional meeting outlook to include in the area, on an occasional basis. Madison, Grant, and Delaware are working on a applying for a grant together as well.

**Tri-State COAD** – Chris informed everyone that the Tri-State COAD encompasses three states. Ohio River Valley has one home left to complete before closing their LTRC. August 24<sup>th</sup> the COAD, working with Cincinnati Red Cross, will be holding a Disaster Preparedness Fair at the Cincinnati Red Cross. ***Handout attached at the end of these minutes.***

**Purdue Extension** – Abby and Steve reported that in recent months the travel requirements on them have increased for attendance at COAD meetings. Jane Crady has agreed to help attend COAD meetings as well. The division of counties was shared in a map that was distributed. The striped counties indicate the division among Abby (Red), Steve (Green), and Jane (Blue). Pastel counties are in development of a COAD. Please be advised that the map is a DRAFT. ***Map is attached at the end of these minutes.***

Abby also shared a brochure that has been created giving the brief description of what a COAD is and why COADs are beneficial to local communities. The brochure is also a DRAFT. The document will eventually be made available to COADs to aid in their recruitment of members, and it will be customizable for individual COADs. ***Brochure is attached at the end of these minutes.***

### **Long Term Recovery Committees**

**March2Recovery** – Kathy reported that skilled laborers are still needed, and that 5 more rebuilds still need to be done. A lessons learned meeting is being held on June 18. Carolyn King was unable to attend, but sent an update; ***it is included at the end of these minutes.***

Catholic Charities was able to get a grant to build up to 21 barns for the farms in the Henryville area.

**Holton Long Term Recovery Committee** – Jane reported on behalf of the committee that progress is still being made, but skilled laborers can still be used.

*Other Business:*

**Annual VOAD Conference** – Steve reported that he, Abby, and Mandy attended the 2013 National VOAD Conference in Portland, OR. Indiana has agreed to host the 2014 National VOAD Conference in Indianapolis, May 13-15 at the JW Marriott. More updates will be going out as details are firmed up by the planning committee. Volunteers will greatly be needed. We will need roughly 40-45 volunteers daily.

**Higher Ed Initiative** – Chris would like to extend an invitation to “other” Indiana universities. Purdue has been involved for several years, and other universities would add great resources to the Indiana VOAD.

***Next call will be July 10, 2013 at 4:00pm eastern.***

***Next face-to-face meeting will be August 8, 2013 at 1:00pm eastern at American Red Cross of Greater Indianapolis, 441 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN.***

***Steve Cain moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ken Miller. Motion carried at 2:54pm.***

***Respectfully submitted by Abby Hostetler, Indiana VOAD Secretary.***



# Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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## Meeting Agenda

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Thursday, June 13, 2013, 1-3 pm ET  
American Red Cross Building  
441 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Indianapolis, Indiana

### Welcome & Introductions

### Prior Call/Meeting Minutes Review Approval

(The regular Indiana VOAD call in May was canceled because of ongoing flood related calls so there are no call minutes for this meeting. Flood call minutes were sent out after each call and available upon request.)

### Financial Report

### Disaster Updates

- North Central Indiana Flooding
- Oklahoma Tornadoes

### Agency/Organizations Updates

- Agencies
  - FEMA – Seth Gardner transitioning to Red Cross
- Member Organizations
- COADs

### Long Term Recovery Updates

- Holten LTR
- March2Recovery
- Gibson County
- Elwood
- Kokomo
- Tipton

### Presentation – Annual VOAD Conference – Steve & Abby

### Indiana VOAD Business

- Annual VOAD Conference - May 2014

### Other Business

### Next Call/Meeting

- Call: Wednesday July 10, 4:00 – 5:00 PM EDT (odd months, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)
- Meeting: Thursday August 8, 1:00 – 3:00 PM EDT (even months, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)



# COAD

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

The Tri-State COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters) is a network of community organizations: faith-based groups, voluntary organizations, civic clubs, social service agencies, emergency management agencies and governmental agencies. The goal of a COAD is to enhance **communication, cooperation, coordination, and collaboration** before, during and after a disaster.

**3rd TUESDAY of Each Month  
At 10 a.m.**

**American Red Cross  
2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, 45207**

Where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle—preparation, recovery, and response—to help disaster survivors and their communities

For More information e-mail  
[Tammy.Simendinger@redcross.org](mailto:Tammy.Simendinger@redcross.org)





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](mailto:cking@march2recovery.org)

## June 13, 2013 Update

### Activities:

**Volunteer Reception Center:** We have registered 12,210 volunteers! They have served 118,986 hours to a dollar value of \$2,592,705. 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. We also accepted three additional cases that did not register for FEMA. (Clark: 298, Jefferson: 26 and Washington: 103). 80 cases currently are open. 347 cases have been closed. 40 families have received Rental Assistance. Thirty families have been assisted with furnishings and /or appliances only or other special needs.

**Unmet Needs Committee:** The Unmet Needs Committee has met thirteen times to review 121 cases referred by case management and construction. Twenty-seven partner funders have allocated 33.94% of the total cost of \$ 2,165,971 approved for the cases presented so far.

### Construction:

100 estimates are complete or are in process. Thirty-eight sites are completed. Thirty-four are in process. Five of 9 rebuilds are completed. Ten of 14 mobile home replacements are complete. The rest are repair/rehab. **Skilled volunteers are still actively recruited.** (502-599-8557.) The application process closed on June 1. A few new projects were discovered after the deadline was announced.

### Spiritual and Emotional Recovery Committee:

The Spiritual and Emotional Recovery Committee coordinates our “**Collecting Our Stories**” project which creates a repository of memories of the impacts and experiences of the March 2, 2012 storms. We are working with Purdue Technology Center for a website to host archival information related to the March 2 storms. The committee also assists with house blessings for families restored to their homes.

### Other:

We are working with various partner funders to complete the **Marysville Community Center, community playgrounds and rebuild barns destroyed** in the tornadoes. March2Recovery is having a “Lessons Learned” session June 18 and will share the results with our COAD and others.

**Locations:** Case Management, Construction and Executive Director offices are located at 105 E. Hwy 160 in Henryville. Volunteer Center is at the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Dept 1. 315 S. Ferguson (Hwy 31S).  
**Website:** [march2recovery.org](http://march2recovery.org). Please “like” our Facebook Page! [www.facebook.com/march2recovery](http://www.facebook.com/march2recovery).

**Funding:** March2Recovery was awarded \$2,080,300 from the Indiana Natural Disaster Fund, funded by Lilly Endowment through Indiana Association of United Ways. The official grantee is our fiscal sponsor, Metro United Way. M2R policies and procedures guide all funding allotment decisions. Partner funders average 1/3 of funding needed to date.