

## **SD VOAD meeting 1/16/2020**

Those in attendance by phone or in person:

Phylliss Alexander – Adventist Community Services (ACS)

Ann Hanel – ACS

Tom Voorhees – Latter Day Saints Charities (LDS)

Matt Cedar – FEMA VAL

Mona McGee – Salvation Army Divisional Director (SA)

Alicia Roy – Lutheran Social Services (LSS)

Mark – Saint Vincent DePaul (SVDP)

Bob Blum – Lake Area Recovery Network (LARN)

Dennis Ries – Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)

Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen – (LSS)

Joe Reiter – American Red Cross (ARC)

Tonya Peterson– ARC

Joe Tyon – Partnership With Native American (PWNA)

Leon Lunders – Catholic Social Services (CSS)

Maynard Konechne – Knights of Columbus (KOC)

Lisa Adler – Adler Disaster Consulting

Bill – Mitchell SA

Richard Smith – ARC

Rebekah Gidden – ARC

Cari Logan – Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)

Jim Kinyon – CSS

Susie Rycks – Helpline Center

**Accomplishments:** Last year SD VOAD was able to finalize 501c3 paperwork and are now a recognized non-profit agency. Had Spring flooding that got an IA declaration with the help of data from SD VOAD. 2 IA declarations this year alone.

Finance: Susie was not able to be on the line but submitted a treasurer report. \$5000 of total is a grant for PRLTRC so will be passed through. Moved by Maynard to accept report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phyliss. Motion carried.

**Disaster Declarations:**

Randy reported out. Matt reported that Franchesca Gilbert FEMA VAL X is currently working with him at the JFO in Sioux Falls. Current disaster stats: 1888 registrants, have 2 max grants. Average award of IA grants is \$4200, Other Needs Assessment (ONA) \$892 average.

**LTRG:**

Pine Ridge LTRG: Has been active since 2015. Over 300 active cases. Have looked at doing a housing mission with DCM. Received grant money to purchase a spray foam machine and look to help with 300 homes to prevent more damage. Actively fundraising, and resource development, goal is \$2 million. SA has provided a cantina and training so can feed volunteers and provide refreshments for those working. Are working with MDS trying to get a shower trailer because of the limited housing for volunteers. Looking to finish up the volunteer service center/OEM. Hope to be done summer 2020.

Custer LTRG: Has 24 open cases. Has done DCM with 20 of them. LTRG has been able to provide for many immediate needs. Working with Watermark to do assessments of flood damage. Looking at mold remediation issues. Started fund raising drive and resource development around Christmas. Have raised over \$2700 locally and have applied for grants. Goal is to raise \$200,000 for unmet needs.

Cheyenne River LTRG: Has formalized group and is active, have secured a fiscal agent. Looking for more groups to work with LTRG. Have begun the process of resource development with grant writing.

Rosebud LTRG: Has formalized group and working on a MOU with tribe. Have been working with a potential fiscal agent.

Burke LTRG: DCM is looking to be done by the end of January. Will have LTRG meeting on January 30 at 6:15 to decide where to go next.

Lake Area Recovery Network (LARN): Bob Blum reported that have been active since 1993. Have been addressing unmet needs in the area. Currently have 45 cases where have provided financial assistance. Work with Interlakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP) (they are a 501c3). Received \$14,000 from LSS, \$10000 from UMCOR, \$14000 from DSU football game. Continue to address any new applications that will come in. Preparing for possible spring flooding.

Sioux Falls COAD: Continue to meet regularly. There will be an unmet needs committee meeting next week. Currently have ICAP and LSS doing DCM for them. Between the 2 organizations they are working on around 80 cases.

Yankton COAD: Will meet next Wednesday to discuss how to move forward.

Current status of disasters: ready.gov to learn more about preparedness. The Joint Field Office (JFO) is open in Sioux Falls. If you or your organization would like to visit the JFO we can arrange to do that. If you are traveling you can arrange to work out of the JFO as well.

#### **LTRG Summit:**

With all the new LTRG in SD, SD VOAD will be looking at hosting a LTRG Summit. This is a good opportunity for the groups to meet and can focus on the challenges of the 2019 disasters, learn what went well, what can be done better, how to better communicate with SD VOAD and will need to look at how we can set up more LTRGs in SD VOAD so we can better respond to disasters in our state. Lisa Adler will be taking the lead on this to see if we can organize and find possible funders.

#### **Discussion on Responses:**

Richard reported that had meeting with Cari and Randy with SD OEM in Pierre. Richard reported that are trying to set up better capacity so SD VOAD can respond more quickly. Richard asked each organization to determine their organizations main strengths in disaster response. Richard encouraged groups to take a lead on specific request for referrals. Richard reported that SD VOAD was asked to help in the DRCs set up to help gather information. He asked that groups prepare to engage your volunteers. SD VOAD is looking to membership and identify specific areas of expertise such as volunteer management, DCM, etc. Also asked each organization to determine what areas of the state their group would be most able to assist in.

#### **Communications:**

Randy discussed the upcoming EM conference which will be held September 14-17, 2020. Randy stated that SD VOAD will have an opportunity present to the general session on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5p. SD VOAD will also have their quarterly meeting during the conference.

Richard led a discussion around sending out communications to SD VOAD. Discussion was had about the amount of information going out. Could communication sent out be posted to the website? Email notices that go out sometimes have meeting time issues (MT vs CT), but time will be stated in the email. Any information that is valuable please send to Randy. If state gets a constituent letter, please respond to Randy as soon as possible because is always time sensitive. Need to get an answer to the governor's office within no later 48 hours. Talked about the website. Bob Blum agreed to work with Lisa about ideas for the website. SD VOAD may need to consider whether you have an executive director or staff support.

#### **National VOAD Capacity Building Program:**

National VOAD will be hosting a capacity building conference for members of 10 state VOAD's from the Midwest area. Conference is in Omaha February 5-7. Richard and Tom with SD VOAD will attend. National VOAD is funding for travel for 2. Would like to have Lisa go to meeting as well. Looking to see if SD VOAD would fund Lisa's travel to Omaha. Maynard made a motion that SD VOAD pay for Lisa's expenses. Tom offered a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Spring Flooding Outlook:**

Information regarding the spring flooding outlook will be coming out January 30<sup>th</sup> from NWS. Richard will send out to SD VOAD. Greater than a 50% chance of flooding in SE SD. This outlook will help us plan for the spring. If attending flood planning meetings, please let the rest of the SD VOAD know information that you have gathered.

**National VOAD meeting in May:**

SD VOAD has historically sent the SD VOAD president to the meeting. The meeting is in Phoenix this year. Maynard moved that SD VOAD pay for expenses for president to attend the National VOAD conference. Dennis 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed.

**Web Page design and information storage:**

Looking to have a repository for information to be stored in. Lisa and Bob will begin to look at website and offer suggestions to upgrade.

Next SD VOAD meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in Sioux Falls at the Helpline Center beginning at 11a CT.

The July 16<sup>th</sup> SD VOAD meeting will be held in Rapid City at CSS beginning at 11a CT.