

SD VOAD Meeting Minutes

Date | Time: 01/21/2021

Facilitator: Richard Smith

Secretary: Kristyne Duffy

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Type: Quarterly

Topic: Business Meeting

Attendees:

Member Agencies:

Adventist Community Services	Ann Hanel, Phyllis Alexander	American Red Cross	Tim Klein, Richard Smith, Rebecca Giddons
Better Business Bureau	-	Catholic Social Services	Colleen Gustafson
Child Care Aware	Holly Nett	Church World Services	-
Civil Air Patrol	Myra Christensen	Diamond Willow Ministries	-
Feeding South Dakota	-	Headwaters Relief Organization	Ashley Emry
Helpline Center	-	Knights of Columbus	Maynard Konechne
Latter Day Saints Charities	Tom Voorhees	Lutheran Social Services	Kristyne Duffy, Rebecca Kiesow Knudsen
Mennonite Disaster Services	Dennis Ries	Nechama	-
Orphan Grain Train	-	Partnership with Native Americans	-
The Salvation Army	Monalisa McGee	Sleep in Heavenly Peace	Dave Miller
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Joe Butkovich	Team Rubicon	Rick Sego
United Methodist Committee on Relief	-	World Renew	-

Government and Private Partners:

Adler Disaster Consulting	Lisa Adler	FEMA	Matt Cedar, Brooks MacRoberts, April Lipinski, Elizabeth DiPaolo
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SDOEM Randy Hartmann

Other Attendees:

Center for Disaster Philanthropy	Heidi Schultz	Lake Area Recovery Network	Bob Blom
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Meeting began: 11 AM CT/ 10 AM MT

1. Business Meeting

a. Approval of minutes

- Motion by Maynard K. to approve September's minutes & Treasurer's report, Seconded by Tom V.
 - Motion passed.

b. Financial Review

- Current balance is \$32,495.33 – see attached
- UPS grant is still available
 - Looking for brief 1 page proposals from VOAD members/LTRGs as to how they could use \$1,000 to meet food related needs in SD (Tribal related if possible)
 - Submit applications to Exec. Committee

c. Year in Review

- Focus for much of last year has been on the CDP grant for **LTRG development**.
 - Next steps are to strengthen LTRGs and facilitate expansion into rural areas.
- Lots of work and support by VOAD members around **COVID**.
 - Lots of unique things done
 - Tribal areas are still struggling with food resources
 - Special shout out to Feeding SD for the Herculean task of serving during COVID
 - Additional thanks to Adventist Community Services for helping fill the need between FSD shipments
- Richard Smith and Tom V. met with other VOADs and NVOAD in Omaha for discussions around **growing and strengthening Midwest VOADs**
- Thanks to Susie R. and Kristyne D. for all their work behind the scenes with the Exec. Committee.
- Special thanks from Joe B. (SVDP) to all members of VOAD.
 - Without this group, we would not have been able to bring food to Tribal Communities in Black Hills which also led to work with tribes in many other states.

2. LTRG Assessment and Summit Update

a. Status

- Had great turnout/participation from LTRGs across the state
- FEMA, OEM, others provided information to LTRGs on how to access resources
- Next steps are to develop basic trainings and how LTRGs can be included with VOAD
 - Suggestion from Heidi S. (CDP) – Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) and Midwest Consortium have developed trainings in many of these areas; contact them to prevent duplication of work.

3. SD VOAD Website Update

a. Development

- National VOAD rolled out their new platform for all the States and Territories to use

for their VOADs

- Web address is: www.southdakotavoad.org
- Kristyne D. has been working on updating the site and transferring the important documents/information to the new website.
- Hope is to truly make the site a place where South Dakotans can go for help.
- Also the hope is that the VOAD can utilize the site for organization and better communication.
- Question is what does the VOAD want to see on the website?
 - Resources?
 - All minutes or just Quarterly meetings
 - What historical/governing documents should be available?
 - Provide suggestions and guidance to Kristyne

b. Action Items

- **Provide your agency's logo and correct website address to Kristyne**
 - Logo should be in JPEG or PNG form.
 - <https://www.southdakotavoad.org/current-members/>
- **Review VOAD matrix for accuracy – see attached**
- **Share any historical information and/or documents with Kristyne**
- **Provide suggestions for information you'd like to see on the website**

4. New Business

a. Elections

- Executive Committee serves 3 year terms
 - 2022 President and Treasurer's terms will end
 - **If interested in any role** (President, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-at-Large), **please contact any member of the Executive Committee**
 - If no volunteers, we will start asking individuals to step up.

b. Inviting more organizations to VOAD

- COVID has shown us that there are many groups/organizations/people who will answer the call of disaster.
- However, no coordination between groups leads to duplication of services
- Like to make a list of organizations/groups to ask to be part of VOAD to aid in communication and coordination
- Some agencies have no continual disaster programming and so they lose the information on who to contact and end up redevelop the wheel.
- 2021's focus can be on how to get the message to SD that VOAD is a place to go in times of disaster and blue skies.
- **Make list of groups in your community that could/should be included**

5. Member Updates

a. Report Out

- **Adventist Community Services (ACS)**
 - Continue with the Food Pantry in Black Hills
 - Also do Personal Items, Winter wear
- **American Red Cross (ARC)**

- Responding to apartment fire in Pierre SD.
- Things are going well – community has really stepped up to serve the residents.
- Watching news of civil unrest
- COVID restrictions are beginning to relax, less virtual, more in person
- **Catholic Social Services (CCS)**
 - Keeping busy with COVID relief
 - Receive lots of calls for help with resources
 - Small lull right after stimulus check but numbers are rising again.
 - Work centers on coordinating with multiple organizations in the Black Hills to serve them.
 - Work still continues in Black Hawk to help those with unmet needs.
- **Child Care Aware (CCA)**
 - Focus currently is around Mental/Emotional Health of children and caregivers
 - \$10,000 grant to Right Turn (Pierre area) for Read for Resilience program.
<https://info.childcareaware.org/blog/how-storybook-reading-helps-children-cope-after-a-disaster>
- **Civil Air Patrol (CAP)**
 - Work has been with Dept. of Health (DOH) to get vaccine to hospitals
- **Headwaters Relief Organization (HRO)**
 - No update at this time
- **Knights of Columbus (KoC)**
 - Councils did a lot of work around food drives and donations to help with FSD and food banks
 - As COVID restrictions lift, more fundraising will happen which will help the councils continue their work.
- **Latter Day Saints Charities (LDS)**
 - New organizational changes – addition of Regional teams rather than one National office.
 - Hopefully makes responding faster
- **Lutheran Social Services (LSS)**
 - Crisis Counseling is continuing – www.605strong.com
 - Staff are working on some [webinars of support and education](#)
 - Still managing the Recovery Center for COVID individuals. Numbers are quite down from November/December.
 - Work has begun in White Swan for damage/clean up from the 2019 flooding.
 - Coordinated with CDP to get funding LSS had access to, to the community.
 - Excited to see movement in that community
- **Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)**
 - No update at this time
- **Salvation Army (TSA)**
 - No update at this time
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)**
 - Work is happening in Pierre for the apartment fire

- Can provide bedding, beds, pillows, etc. for kids
- Contact Dave Miller dave.miller@shpbeds.org
- **St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)**
 - Through opportunity presented during a VOAD coordination call, we were able to work with 12 tribes in SD to provide shipments of food
 - That lead to additional states and tribes
 - Shipment comes every 2-3 weeks
 - Worked with FEMA to get shipping costs covered
 - Food is refrigerated and/or near expiration date.
- **Team Rubicon (TB)**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Adler Disaster Consulting (ADC)**
 - Nothing to report
- **FEMA**
 - Working with partners in Colorado on declaration. Partial PA awarded
 - New administration means new senior level positions will change
- **SD OEM**
 - Not much disaster related legislature in Congress right now
 - Thanks to Civil Air Patrol for assistance with vaccine distributions
 - Focus of staff is on local development for continuity and strengthen resilience
 - Staff is in/out of office. Call Randy's cell if you need to get ahold of him.
- **Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP)**
 - 3 active grants in SD right now, much focused on COVID
 - Lots of work going on with Yankton Sioux Tribe
 - Hard to separate pre-flooding, flooding and COVID needs
 - Thanks to coordination with LSS to get funding for repairs and clean up for the White Swan community.
 - The WSC LTRG is so close to meeting their funding goal for unmet needs. Will be working on additional things soon
 - Want to connect with SHP for help with beds in that community
 - Work is starting in Cheyenne River community, hope to broaden reach to neighboring communities and build a coalition
 - Looking at regional grants and assistance around vaccines and tribes
- **Lake Area Recovery Network (LARN)**
 - We are now under Inter-lakes Community Action Partnership (ICAP)
 - Last year we were bracing for flooding that didn't come
 - ICAP is assisting with COVID relief

b. NVOAD update

- Head of NVOAD, Greg Forrester is no longer at NVOAD
- Still lots of back and forth about allowing state VOADs to have voting rights
- NVOAD has worked directly within some states without including the VOAD in conversations and coordination.
- Executive committee's decision is to focus on SD and not engage in the fighting

6. Action Items

- **Send ideas/priorities of trainings for LTRGs to Exec. Committee**
- **Develop list of potential VOAD members – Send to Exec committee/Kristyne**
- **Send Logo and website to Kristyne**
- **Review Matrix and send corrections to Kristyne**
- **Send any Forms/documents/history to Kristyne**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:28 PM CT/ 11:28 AM MT.