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DEVOAD Quarterly Meeting Meeting Minutes

January 26th 2021

Call to order

Chair Toby French called to order the quarterly meeting of the Delaware VOAD at 5:33PM on January 26th 2021 via a Zoom virtual meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Attendees

DEVOAD Board Members: Toby French (TR), Chris Hodgden (NCC OEM), Ron Templeman (OBR) and Ingrid Hansen (DMRC)

Salvation Army - MAJ Tim Sheehan

Team Rubicon – Pete Lee, BJ Cahill

ARRL – Marty Brett

Lutheran Disaster Response – Pastor Phil Huber

Food Bank of DE – Chad Robinson

American Red Cross – Jim Richmond

Baptist Conventions of MD/DE – Ellen Udovich

Adventist Community Services – Pastor Goya

Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) – Bill Deane

DEMA – Erin Norris, Josh Kelly, Kaitlyn Cashin, Tony Lee

FEMA – Amy Eden

DPH – Elle Hammond

Guests:

CCC4COVID – Danielle Swallow (Sea Grant, UofDel)

Note: The Zoom display mode I was in blocked me from seeing all the people on the call, so I am doing the above from memory on who I saw before sharing my slides, my apologies for anyone I missed.

Introduction

Toby provided a welcome and review of the Agenda for the Meeting

BUSINESS UPDATE

Chairperson's Report/Update

- Wrapped up the TS Isaias Response n last Quarter, now working on an After Action Report (AAR) for DEVOAD, pulled lots of info on the storm and State activity from the DEMA AAR. Sent out a draft last week for review/comment.
- Talked about vaccine effort across the State
- Financial situation has greatly improved, 2 grants received last quarter
- Emerging and improving economy, hopefully back to in-person events
- Expressed he would like to see the VOAD work on a tabletop exercise and continue collaboration, possibly with a 1-day conference with our emergency managers; improved understanding of our capabilities.
- Possible COAD added in Sussex County

The Minutes from the October 5th 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Election of Officers

Process - Vote email will be sent out Thursday 1/28/21 to members. There were no questions on the two positions.

Vice Chair

Marty Brett expressed willingness to take the position,

Treasurer

Ron Templeman can continue but welcomes anyone else that would like to take over.

Financial review

Ron Templeman reported on 2020 financial statements, starting balance on 1/1/2020

\$4477.25; Ron reviewed income from Member dues and the two grants, and reported our expenses; ending balance on 12/31/20 was \$8964.13.

Ron will be sending out invoices to member organizations by end of next week for 2021 dues.

OLD BUSINESS

Current Projects

- New Web site (Project Lead: Marty Brett)

Marty provided a first look at the new website to demonstrate capabilities and flow of the website. The web site will include a member portal section that will generally not be accessible to the general public. Marty stepped us through the many capabilities of the page, they will be built/populated over the coming weeks.

- After Action Review (AAR) from Tropical Storm Isaias (Toby French, Chair)

Toby is working on the DEVOAD's AAR and has pulled a lot of storm-related material from DEMA's AAR; a draft was recently sent out for review and comment.

- Progress on DEVOAD Guidebook (Kaitlyn Cashin) – Kaitlyn has sent out capability survey, and has heard back from quite a few Members. About 85% complete on the guidebook, hoping to finish up in the next several weeks.

Current Operations

- Vaccine support (Ingrid Hansen, DMRC and Elle Hammond of DPH). Assisted DPH this past weekend running 5 COVID PODS, 17 total events so far. Administered over 11,000 vaccines. Volunteers still assisting with Food Bank events, COVID Testing at Del State, and also the DPH Vaccine Call Center in Dover. Close to 100 volunteers engaged. Also starting planning for additional mass vaccine events. Over 85,000 registration requests in first 2 days. Ingrid mentioned that the surge (846) in new volunteers has been great but has also been a challenge.
- NCC testing & vaccine distribution (Chris Hodgden, NCC OEM); Chris gave an update on COVID-19 testing being provide by NCC, EMS assisting with PODs in the County. Reduced to 8 testing sites, people coming through has declined. Continuing testing through March.
- Drive-through food distribution (Chad Robinson, Food Bank of DE). Chad reminded members that the food need continues to be high, planning on 18-24 months of food impacts (from now!) in the long-term recovery that could take 7 years total, with Food Bank events to address at least part of the continuing need. Currently in 28th week of mass distribution events, no signs in that slowing down. Had to turn away some parties on Monday, so expanding on Wed and Fri. DELDOT and our volunteers are indispensable. Crisis totals: 36,771 families served, 15.2M lbs of food, additional 30,000 served at 2 FB pantry sites (Milford and Newark).

NEW BUSINESS

- CCC4COVID as potential new COAD, we were briefed by Danielle Swallow (Sea Grant). Cape Community Coordination for COVID-19 interested in becoming a COAD in Delaware. Danielle provided a slide show overview of the history, partners, priorities, and the next steps the group looks to take.
- NVOAD: representational voting for State/Territory VOADS. Phil Huber provided an update regarding a Dues and Representation Committee working with state VOADS to increased voting rights at the NVOAD.

PARTNER UPDATES

- DEMA: Erin Norris provided an update on DEMA activities since summer including the several programs in response to COVID-19 to include the Hope Line program, support for Lost Wages program, facilitating \$30M in assistance across the State, the huge TS Isaias Response and Public Assistance (PA) declarations and programs for NCC and Kent counties, and the DEVOAD Guidebook. Erin also mentioned the State vaccination web sites for registering, and that DEMA is hiring for a position in the Public Assistance area. She also thanked the Food Bank for all their efforts and the ongoing feeding events.
- FEMA: Amy Eden (Region 3 VAL) reported FEMA is working on support for funeral assistance related to COVID-19 deaths along with supporting states with vaccination clinic. Both of those programs are works in progress

MEMBER UPDATE AND OPEN DISCUSSION – Ran out of time, will do next time

WRAP UP

- a) Toby thanked everyone for their support and participation, and provided a look at the DEVOAD activity in the months and year ahead.
- b) Next Quarterly meeting will be Tuesday April 20th 2021.
- c) Chair Toby French adjourned the meeting at 7:07PM

Minutes submitted by: Christopher Hodgden (DEVOAD Secretary)

Minutes approved by: Ian (Toby) French, DEVOAD Chair

Items posted in the Chat area:

Posted by Erin Norris (DEMA) -

Vaccination statistics so far (data):

https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/vaccinetracker#vaccine_tracker

Vaccination sign up: https://vaccinerequest.delaware.gov/s/?language=en_US

More vaccination information: <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/>

Delaware Hope Line: <https://www.helpisherede.com/>

Kaitlyn's e-mail - kaitlyn.cashin@delaware.gov for info on DEVOAD Guidebook