



**Sacramento Region
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster**

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

General Membership COVID-19

Minutes

Friday, April 10, 2020 | 11:00am

Conference Call

Presiding: Lynn Pesely, Sacramento Region President of VOAD, Coordinator, Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps. Meeting facilitated from the Sacramento County offices of Emergency Services. Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Present in EOC facility with Lynn Pesely conference call:

Valeri Mihonivich, Regional Center for Volunteerism – HandsOn Sacramento, Sacramento Region VOAD Executive Member, Sacramento Region Emergency Food & Shelter Program
Holly Brown – JustServe, Volunteer support to Valeri Mihonivich, Lynn Pesely

In attendance on Call:

Tami Hayes w/ Child Life Disaster Relief

Trish Lindvall: SMUD

Sacramento Rescue Team

St Vincent de Paul

Molly Patterson Elk Grove Police Department

Bruce Anderson: Interfaith for VOAD Exec team; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Evette Elizaga: BOSS Church

Mary Lynn Perry: City of Sac Volunteer Coord., Vice President Sac Region VOAD

Linda Smith: Church of Scientology, Disaster Response Sac Region Citizen Corp, Sac LEC

Sandra Yahya: Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

Derek Thomas: Cal OES

Sonya Bingaman: Cal State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Joan Cardolino: DOVIA Sacramento

June Bevan Marquez: Church of Scientology, Sac LEC Chaplain Hotline

Sue Ayers: American RedCross

Anthony Fejardo: Ca State University Sacramento

German: A4AA

WELCOME: Lynn Pesely

Welcome and thank you for follow up emails regarding additional info during the week. Sac Region VOAD practices the 4c's: Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration. Common ground: serving community. All-inclusive atmosphere w/ all partners

1. County Situation Report from Office of Emergency Services and EOC: Lynn Pesely
653 confirmed positive tested in Sac County, 24 deaths

Cases by zip code posted Saccounty.net >click red COVID banner for access

- We represent VOAD, meeting with partners to share resources and needs
- Please follow up with an email at SacregionVOAD@gmail.com with your contact information and your agency needs regarding impacts of COVID-19. We will share with the EOC Logistics resource.

2. Cal OES VOLUNTEER AGENCY LIAISON & FEMA PRIVATE NON-PROFIT GRANT

Derek Thomas State Cal OES: Derek Thomas

Daily Airline passenger planes decreased 95% from last year. Reduces "just in time" cargo may delay incoming food delivery.

3. FOOD ACCESS & DISTRIBUTION:

(all agencies providing COVID-19 emergency services please submit info to 2-1-1)

SAC Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya

April 7: first direct food distribution at Encina highschool (500 boxes @ 20 lb) in 1.5 hrs
Walk up with social distancing protocol

Tuesday Distribution: Encina Highschool 1,000 boxes

Thursday Distribution: Christian Brothers Highschool 2-5pm drive-thru model

Looking for food access: sacramentofoodbank.org > Click on Red COVID-19 banner : Emergency Response agencies (list of all agencies offering food).

4. SENIOR SERVICES

(all agencies providing COVID-19 emergency services please submit info to 2-1-1)

SAC Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya

Partnering with Paratransit to distribute residential senior food boxes. A list of partner agencies distributing Boxes for Seniors on sacramentofoodbank.org

Cal State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Sonya Bingaman

Low supplies of distilled water for CPAP machines. Looking for 2 gallons per week per person

5. FAITH-BASED

VOAD Sacramento Executive member, Interfaith (LDS): Bruce Anderson

- Forming Interfaith sub-committee within VOAD of Faith Based Orgs (FBOs). Concerted effort to include FBOs that have not participated in VOAD previously. Agencies & Faith

Based orgs providing Call lines/Hotlines to support emotional, spiritual and mental health during COVID-19 included.

- Purpose: Provide coordination/communication between Interfaith and the emergency response agencies & VOAD
- Identify FBO's needs & talents during disaster
- Content Experts from previous EOS will participate to convey Information critical for Congregations & Faith Based Orgs.

Linda Smith – Church of Scientology : To provide website URL for her videos, secular booklets in 17 languages for hygiene protocol for distribution to business, faith based orgs and agencies

Sacramento COVID-19 Hotline (spiritual, emotional & wellness support)

Sacramento Chaplains: Linda Smith: <https://www.sacchaplains.com>

Reached out to Interfaith communities offering constitutional chaplain training

- Over 100 Interfaith with more training to come. Training going well

5. MASS CARE/HOMELESS – *no representative on this call*

6. MEDICAL

Lynn Pesely - Coordinator, Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps

Supporting Public health during COVID-19

- Providing over-night Phone triage & assessments for healthcare providers, Laboratory couriers, Drive-thru Clinic

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- 1 FDA approved a “pulling of care” test for COVID-19 allowing testing in office setting determining results w/out sending out to a lab. Not available in SAC yet
- Dr George Haan Santa Clara Deputy Health Officer requests virtual Easter gatherings.

7. IMMIGRANT SERVICES – *no representative on call*

8. ANIMAL WELFARE – *no representative on call*

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

Holly Brown – JustServe [JustServe.org](https://www.JustServe.org)

County Volunteer Donations Warehouse

9680 Conservation Rd, Sacramento

9am-12noon

Monday-Friday (pls share this info)

- Receiving donated PPE's at warehouse from anyone within community. Volunteer at Warehouse on [HandsOnSacto.org](https://www.HandsOnSacto.org)

Handsewn Cough & Comfort Masks provided for the frontline volunteers of your Agency

- 1,500 pre-washed (prevent shrinking), handsewn, washed again/ironed masks donated by Masks 4 Millions w/in 5 days to EOC
- Contact Valeri Mihonivich if your agency needs 1 mask per volunteer

Positive Take-away:

- A congregation/group can provide volunteer opportunities for members at home. Non-sewing volunteers may join different steps of the “supply chain” to make masks (pre-wash, iron, cut patterns, wash, package, etc) Mask 4 Millions, Karen Wilkes shares methods & 3 patterns FREE to any group. Contact Karen @ bkwilkes@gmail.com [Days for Girls Rocklin CA Team - Home | Facebook](#)
- Good Communication model within a Faith Based (faith member utilized communication channels pre-laid reaching hundreds within a church congregation with a 24-hr turn-around response).

City of Sac Volunteer Coord: Mary Lynn Perry

Sacramento Eastern Star Chapter: Needs a pattern from Mask for Millions – please send.

Valeri Mihonivich – HandsOnSac HandsOnSacto.org

The County portal for Volunteer opportunities for COVID-19.

- Submit your COVID-19 Volunteer and DONATION needs and we’ll post to HandsOnSacto.org. We are here to help you.
- Keep track of volunteer hours. We’ll post the sheet so you can track the hours. Tracked volunteers equates to a reimbursement from FEMA with a savings to the County.

TODAYS REFLECTIONS

COVID-19 is impacting lives in many ways. Thank you VOAD partners for offering services in the community to help make life better during COVID-19. Please take time to take care of yourself to remain healthy, stay hydrated and enjoy the sunshine and outdoors. This week with the Jewish and Christian faiths observing Pass Over, Good Friday and Easter we wish all VOAD partners a nice weekend with friends and family. Although hard, it is essential to observe social distancing for the health of you, friends, family and co-workers. Thank you for all of your service.

Adjourn: 11:34pm

Follow up:

DISTILLED WATER for CPAP machines: Raley’s Grocery store is a good source for purchasing distilled water. Raley’s has not had a shortage of bottled Distilled Water during COVID-19 (as of current).