



**Sacramento Region  
Voluntary Organizations  
Active in Disaster**

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

**General Membership COVID-19  
Minutes  
Friday, April 17, 2020 | 11:00am  
Conference Call**

Presiding: Lynn Pesely, Sacramento Region President of VOAD  
Coordinator, Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps.  
Meeting facilitated from the Sacramento County OES. 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:  
Child Life Disaster Relief: Tami Hayes  
SMUD: Tricia Lindvall  
Elk Grove Police: Molly Patterson  
Sac Region VOAD Exec team, Southern Baptist: Dawn Dwyer  
City of Sac Volunteer Coord, Vice Pres Sac Region VOAD: Mary Lynn Perry  
Church of Scientology, Disaster Response Sac Region Citizen Corp, Sac LEC: Linda Smith  
Methodist: John McKormick  
Sacramento Rescue Team  
St Vincent de Paul: Judy Dietlein  
Sac Public Health: Karen Olsen  
Interfaith for VOAD Exec team; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Bruce Anderson  
2-1-1: Caroline Chase  
DART: Zachary  
Dignity Health: Susan Taylor  
American Agency: James Griffin  
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya  
Cal OES: Derek Thomas  
DOVIA Sacramento: Joan Cardellino  
Life Assembly: Pastor William  
NorCal Resist: Jane Dinnington  
Elk Grove Food Bank: Mark Janssen

WELCOME: Lynn Pesely

- Thank you for follow-up emails with updates during the week.
- Sac Region VOAD practices the 4c's: Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration. Common ground: serving community. Striving for all-inclusive atmosphere
- Send your agency needs regarding impacts of COVID-19 to [SacRegionVOAD@gmail.com](mailto:SacRegionVOAD@gmail.com)  
We will share with the EOC Logistics branch
- Please share new info during VOAD mtgs

**County Situation Report from Office of Emergency Services and EOC:** Lynn Pesely

- 875 confirmed positive tested in Sac County, 32 deaths
- Cases by zip code posted [Saccounty.net](http://Saccounty.net) >click red COVID banner for access
- Cal Expo: COVID-19 testing scheduling 1-3 days in advance at <https://www.projectbaseline.com/free/COVID-19>  
Create account for eligibility (need prescription from provider), all tests performed within your vehicle. Limited to age 18+ yrs of age at this site

#### 1. ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal sub-committee forming within VOAD. If you are associated with groups assisting animals in disaster & recovery email: [sacregionvoad@gmail.com](mailto:sacregionvoad@gmail.com)

#### 2. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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

Update on the Interfaith Subcommittee within VOAD (FBOs).

- The planning for structure/distribution list/agenda for Interfaith Sub-committee is gaining traction.
- "All Interfaith VOAD sub-committee" mtg: May 3
- Purpose - Interfaith sub-committee to enhance 2-way communication within VOAD and FBOs
  - Create an asset database identifying talents/resources of FBO's during disasters
  - Sub-committee mtgs may include guest speakers as content expert (Dept of Health, previous EOS, etc) to convey information pertinent to FBO's
- Email Bruce Anderson @ [BruceA4promo.com](mailto:BruceA4promo.com) with Interfaith contacts currently not VOAD members that can be added to invitee list for sub-committee calls
- Any resource within FEMA or CAL OES interested as a guest speaker: Contact [BruceA4promo.com](mailto:BruceA4promo.com)

### **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

- List of current Agencies distributing food with operating hours at <https://www.sacramentofoodbank.org/emergency-response-agencies>

Additional weekly direct food distribution

- Encina highschool: served produce & dry goods to 957 families
- Christian Brothers Highschool in Oak Park: served 500 families 2-5pm drive-thru
- Partner agencies/food pantries have dramatic increased distribution each week
- Natl Guard and Cal Conservation Corp assisting

### **4. IMMIGRANT SERVICES**

NorCal Resist: Jane Dennington

- \$61,000 allocated to 400 families with rent assistance
- Distributing to 300 asylum seeking families
- State and county links supporting Immigrants at <https://www.norcalresist.org>  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/guide-immigrant-californians/>  
<https://asianresources.org/>

### **5. MASS CARE/HOMELESS**

American RedCross: Patricia Davis

- Identifying hotels/motels that can assist those displaced by disaster (not to conflict w/ Dept of human assistance)
- ARC placed victims of Tornados/storms hitting southern states
- Addressing how to shelter safely during COVID-19
- Blood Drive location: HQ on May 10th

### **6. MEDICAL**

Sacramento Public Health: Karen

- Access additional info (age, gender, etc) of positive COVID-19 at <https://www.saccounty.net/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>
- HOTLINE (includes Spanish language)
- Kudos to Lynn Pesely, Volunteer Coord for Division of Public Health bringing volunteer support answering phones @ medical testing site, couriers – great help!

Lynn Pesely - Coordinator, Sacramento Medical Reserve Corps

- Delivering masks to skilled nurse providers

## **7. SENIOR SERVICES & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

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

DOVIA: Joan Carrollino

- National Volunteer caregiving Network; group of Volunteer orgs providing healthcare & shopping errands for seniors homebound.
- Volunteers have background checks. Can be utilized during non-disaster
- 2-1-1 will feature the network group when ready to “go LIVE”.

Sac Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya

- Paratransit continues to distribute boxes for seniors at their homes

## **8. VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS**

Valeri Mihonivich – HandsOnSac HandsOnSacto.org

- Submit your COVID-19 Volunteer and DONATION needs to Mika Guevarra for posting to HandsOnSacto.org. We are here to assist. We blast out each day for volunteers for your agencies (media, newsletter, social media)
- Distributed approx. 1,600 handsewn masks for your frontline volunteers. Need more? We'll put you on the waitlist.
- Please share any background-check list of volunteers with sacregionvoad@gmail.com

## **OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

- DOVIA will inform/educate 501c3 agencies on volunteer management after disaster
- National Volunteer week/month of April. Find ways to acknowledge for morale
- SMUD: no penalty for late payment. No shut-off. Re-instating recent shut-off's. Lower rates where needed w/ broader eligibility. Community Aid projects assigned to employees to work for non-profits (data entry, Spanish translation, online tutoring)
- SMUD is not going door-2-door. This is fraud.
- Online volunteer sites include VolunteerMatch.com
- Paratransit taking lead on vetted background checked volunteer calls for YMCA

Derek Thomas State Cal OES: Derek Thomas

- Project “Room Key”. Hotel/motel for homeless (9,800 statewide/ 3,600 in use)
- Needing volunteers to assist project “Room Key”. Contact Derek Thomas directly  
Derek.Thomas@caloes.ca.gov
- CalOES purchased \$1.2 million of PPEs (3 million glove count, 360 million mask count; 42 million delivered)
- Hospital program: 1,100 beds to accept patients. Significant number of beds available
- 3 alternate care facilities (Orange County Porterville, SleepTrain Sacramento)
- Scammers taking advantage “fishing” for payment info or email lists
- Long-term recovery groups may work for years after a disaster is over. Very likely VOAD will continue to be active longer than disaster appears to be a threat

**TODAYS REFLECTIONS**

Acknowledgement for all of the great work each partner is doing to serve our community. We are all in this together. The services your organizations provide has positive impact on lives. Your work is valued and you are making a difference. Take time for self-care.

We will continue to have weekly calls to communicate & coordinate each Friday.

Adjourn: 12:00 noon