



**Sacramento Region
Voluntary Organizations
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General Membership COVID-19

Minutes

Friday, May 1, 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 Mihanivich, Regional Center for Volunteerism – HandsOnSacramento, Sacramento

Region VOAD Executive Member, Sacramento Region Emergency Food & Shelter Program

Holly Brown – JustServe, Volunteer support to Valeri Mihanivich, Lynn Pesely

In attendance on Call:

Mika Guevarra, HandsOnSacramento, VOAD Secretary

Tami Hayes, Child Life Disaster Services

Linda Smith, Church of Scientology and Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

Mary Lynn Perry, City of Sacramento

Susan Taylor, Dignity Health

Joan Cardellino, DOVIA

Molly Patterson, Elk Grove Police Department

Mika Guevarra, HandsOn Sacramento

Linda Smith, Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

John McCormick, St Mark's United Methodist Church

Sonja Edd-Bennet, Nor Cal/Nevada United Methodist COR

Sandra Yahya, Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

Linda For, Sacramento Metro Fire CERT

Trish Lindvall, SMUD

Dave Halen, Team Rubicon

Sue Ramsden, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

Bruce Anderson, Interfaith VOAD, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

Yolo County

Holly Brown, JustServe.org

Sonja Bingaman, State Council Developmental Disabilities Dept.

Nyed Sayed, SALAAM Center, Al Misbaah Food Bank

WELCOME: Lynn Pesely

- 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
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

- 1,090 cumulative positive tested in Sac County, 42 deaths
- Sac Public Health Officer ordered effective May 1 – 22nd reinforces direction to-stay-home & extends social distancing
- COVID-19 FREE testing w/ appt at CalExpo 18 yrs+. Must have car (no UBER, no LYFT)
<https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/>

KEY CHANGES

- Preventative health care now implemented (immunizations, dental care, elective surgeries)
- Non-contact recreation facilities including shooting, archery, disc golf, boating, etc. as long as people maintain physical distancing while disinfecting equipment
- Residential viewings for home-sales & home Leases
- Food trucks now in operation implementing social distancing
- Places of Worship, indoor concerts, etc will not open May 22. Large indoor groups will be later - last phase

1. 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

- Continuing large distribution sites: Encina High School & Christian Brothers High School with increased produce and dry goods services
- 22 pallets sent to Paratransit to distribute senior food boxes to residents
- Partner agencies/food pantries meeting needs serving 225,000 people with a fraction of operating agencies in operation (normally 150,000 people served by 230 agencies in non COVID-19 times)

TEAM RUBICON: Dave Halen

- Teamed with Sheriff team at Sacramento Food Bank. 195 emergency boxed meals.
- Serving at CA Emergency FoodLink helping distribute 54,000 meals to statewide providers

2. SENIOR SERVICES & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

City of Sacramento: Mary Lynn Perry

Local COVID-19 program for seniors to receive 3 meals per day from restaurants in Sacramento County featured on the 2-1-1 web page.

- Age 60 if High Risk or COVID-19 positive & quarantined
- 65+ for Seniors who are financially eligible

<https://engagesac.org/blog-civic-engagement/2020/4/29/learn-more-about>

State Council on Developmental Disabilities: Sonja Bingamen:

Dis-connect with Food Access in the new FEMA restaurant food deliveries to people with disabilities. Working for resolve

Sac Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya

- Paratransit continues to distribute boxes for seniors at their homes

3. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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

Update on the Interfaith Subcommittee within VOAD Faith Based Orgs (FBOs).

- 1st All Interfaith VOAD sub-committee mtg: May 3, 3pm. CalOES guest speakers Derek Thomas, Charles Craig & Karma Hackney (Help educate & Coordinate FBOs)
- Contact Holly Brown Brown.hollyk@gmail.com for Invite Logistics/RSVP
- FEMA hosted a call this week for FBOs including re-opening for operation (Reconstitution) plans from New York & NJ. Will include sample Reconstitution plans in the minutes

4. MASS CARE/HOMELESS

St Mark's United Methodist Church : John McCormick

- Encampment Outreach Zoom Meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 pm.
Focus: Homeless persons in encampments, Homeless persons / group wanderings
Contact Tamu Green; Encampment Coord at Sacramento Steps Forward
- Tamu administers Federal funds. Contact tgreen@sacstepsforward.org to join zoom mtgs:

Google sheet network of volunteers for the unsheltered population:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fPX0PPgORnOGNjed1aEuhq0FTIScOAEgjrSn3kE1EHI/edit?usp=sharing>

5. IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Sacramento Food Bank: Sandra Yahya

Oak Park office providing immigrant services – All interviews conducted via phone calls

6. MEDICAL – no new updates

7. VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

Valeri Mihanivich –HandsOnSacto

- Submit your COVID-19 Volunteer and DONATION needs to Mika Guevarra for updating volunteer posts on HandsOnSacto.org. Extend your expiration date with Mika mguevarra@communitylinkcr.org We blast out volunteer needs regularly (media, newsletter, social media)
- Send in your volunteer hours at sacregionvoad@gmail.com to help with FEMA reimbursements to offset county charges associated with COVID-19 crisis
- All Sacramento Food Bank partner agencies have received Mask 4 Millions handsewn masks delivered from HandsOnSac. HandsOnSac received additional handsewn masks supply for frontline volunteers. Contact brown.hollyk@gmail.com to be put on waiting list and delivery.

DOVIA: Joan Cardellino

National Association for Hospital of Volunteers has been disbanded

- Joan attempting to access hospital volunteer programs and align with local DOVIA
- Contacted Sterling Volunteers to determine if they can release any volunteers assigned to agencies
- DOVIA reviewing board members. Looking to expand board members representing different sectors.

TODAYS REFLECTIONS

We are so thankful for all of the great work you continue to do to serve people who need help in our community. Big day of giving is May 7th. Many of our VOAD members are participating in the online fundraiser. I encourage you to get involved and support the agencies that are close to your heart and learn about new agencies that you might want to support.

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 calls to communicate & coordinate each Friday.

Adjourn: 11:49am