



**Sacramento Region
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster**

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**General Membership COVID-19
Minutes
Friday, April 24, 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 – HandsOn Sacramento, 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 Guevera: HandsOnSac, SacRegion VOAD executive secretary
Child Life Disaster Relief: Tami Hayes
SMUD: Tricia Lindvall
The Salvation Army: Steve
Paratransit: Erin Harding
Elk Grove Police Department: Molly Patterson
TEAM Rubicon: Dave Halen
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
St Vincent de Paul: Judy Dietlein
Sac Public Health: Karen Olsen
VOAD Exec team; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: Bruce Anderson
Dignity Health: Susan Taylor
American Agency: James Griffin
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya
Cal OES:
DOVIA Sacramento: Joan Cardellino
Life Assembly: Pastor William
NorCal Resist: Jane Dinnington
Yolo County: Ms. Morales
Metro Fire CERT: Linda Ford
Team RUBICON: Dave Halen

WELCOME: Lynn Pesely

- Sac Region VOAD practices the 4c's: Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration. Common ground: serving community. Striving for all-inclusive atmosphere with all valued partners
- 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. If you miss role call – email SacRegionVOAD@gmail.com so we can include your attendance in minutes

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

- 1,019 confirmed positive tested in Sac County, 41 deaths
- Birth-17yrs (12), 18-49 yrs (446), 50-64 yrs (252), 65+yrs old (309)
- Caucasians largest demographic testing positive COVID-19 in Sac County
- Alternative care site: Sleep train arena for patients transported via ambulance
- Cases by zip code posted 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. 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 ongoing basis

- TUES Encina highschool: served produce, dry goods & frozen meats
- THURS Christian Brothers Highschool in Oak Park: (same staples as above) 2-5pm drive-thru
- Partner agencies/food pantries have drastic increased distribution each week
- Natl Guard & Cal Conservation Corp assisting, sheriff, police. Thank you Team Rubicon!

The Salvation Army: Steve

Food boxes distributed from all locations:

- Sacramento: Drive thru only no deliverable meals.
- Multi-locations ramped up for Homeless feeding not housed or the food insecure.

2. SENIOR SERVICES & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

Sac Food Bank & Family Services: Sandra Yahya

- Paratransit continues to distribute boxes for seniors at their homes

The Salvation Army: Steve

- partnering w/ meals on wheels in Placer County delivering food boxes to seniors (90 homes delivery w/ capacity to 150) homes every other week.
Volunteer support thru handsonsacto.org

3. MENTAL HEALTH – no representative present

4. FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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

Update on the Interfaith Subcommittee within VOAD (FBOs).

- Preparations for May 3rd, 3pm: First Interfaith sub-committee meeting is in place.
- Gaining a robust list of invitees.
Guest speakers from Cal OES and FEMA: Discuss the roles of govt agencies and expectations with faith based groups and how they work together during emergency response in disasters
- Email Bruce Anderson @ BruceA4promo.com with Interfaith contacts currently not VOAD members that can be added to invitee list for sub-committee meetings

5. MASS CARE/HOMELESS

American RedCross: Sue

Blood & Plasma Drive May 12th 9am-3pm

1565 exposition blvd

Sign up redcrossblood.org Sponsor code: GOLDCOUNTRY

6. MEDICAL

Linda metro fire CERT: Linda

CERT group offering assistance at covid-19 testing site Cal Expo. CERT volunteers are from Elk Grove, Folsom, Sac City

7. IMMIGRANT SERVICES – no representative on call

8. ANIMAL WELFARE – no representative on call

9. VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

Valeri Mihanivich – HandsOnSac HandsOnSacto.org

- Submit your COVID-19 Volunteer and DONATION needs to Mika Guevarra for posting to HandsOnSacto.org/covid-19. We are here to assist. We to drive volunteers to your agencies (media, newsletter, social media)
- Within this month HandsOnSac distributed approx. 1,600 handsewn masks to your frontline VOAD partner agencies (Food banks, Food pantries, meals on wheels, paratransit, hospice, etc.) Send requests at sacregionvoad@gmail.com we'll ad you to the wait-list as masks come in.

- Please share your list of volunteers already background-check compliant with sacregionvoad@gmail.com and we'll assist connection where there is need
- County Donations warehouse closed for receiving PPE items. HandsOnSac receiving donations – contact sacregionvoad@gmail.com

DISCUSSIONS

VOLUNTEERS

- DOVIA Trying to connect with Volunteer Administrators at Volunteer orgs to collaborate best practices in volunteer management
- Currently there is not a resource/website or data base that collects or hosts a list of volunteers that are back-ground check ready to be deployed that multiple agencies can access. Joan Cordellino willing to assist to bring to fruition
- Sterling Volunteers offers free background checks for volunteers
- Cal volunteer state website currently is not re-directing volunteers to the local county volunteer opportunities. Valeri with HandsOnSac has reached out to Cal OES to bridge the gap. Pending fix
- SacRegionVOAD covers counties: Placer, El Dorado, Sacramento, Yolo
- Please send all

VOLUNTEERS WAITING TO BE CALLED

- MetroFire CERT has “back-ground check” ready volunteers available for agencies
- Elk Grove PD has background-check ready volunteers waiting for work
- TEAM Rubicon has man power volunteer availability on weekends. Contact Dave Halen Dave.halen@teamrubiconUSA.org
- SMUD offering paid employees to volunteer at non-profit orgs. Contact Trish Lindvall Trish.lindvall@smud.org and identify your project. Matching volunteers to projects starting next week.
- Mask 4 Millions has pictorial instructions for handsewn masks on the FaceBook page https://www.facebook.com/Days-for-Girls-Rocklin-CA-Team-2024108954293134/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARDqEa8ZpF8Dfrutbz-OGfYI1mqoxcTfCUBo42-ijRF3jBZMtibvNceJzuEjz7xFfubDkxQ5Di3ZNVpb. Volunteers can to join any part of the volunteer chain of mask making process from home contact Karen Wilkes bkwilkes@gmail.com

COVID TESTING DISCUSSION

- Testing at CalExpo – available for people who has appointments online projectbaseline.com/free/covid19
Testing sites available nationwide
- Cal Expo not testing for anti-body tests yet

TODAYS REFLECTIONS

Gratitude for the great work all VOAD partner agencies are doing to serve our community. Volunteer appreciation month – give extra appreciation for all good work for COVID-19

Remember to self-care, stay nourished, hydrated. Wishing all a good weekend. Take a walk outside and soak up sunshine. Thank you for attending – we will continue to have VOAD mtgs each Friday at 11am.

Adjourn: 11:53am