Kansas City Regional VOAD

# Meeting Minutes

# November 15th, 2016

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Kansas City Regional VOAD was called to order at 1:35 PM on November 15th, 2016 at United Way Plaza Office 801 W 47th Street Kansas City MO 64112, by Chair Gary Thurman.

**Present**

Mike Bellinger Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Nola Bienhoff Medical Reserve Corps

Chris Carroll KCMO OEM

Rhonda Charboneau Jackson Co Health Dept

Chad Crispin United Way 211

Pat Cundiff KC VOAD

Mike Curry Jackson Co EM

Laura Dominik Jackson Co Emergency Prep

Dante Gliniecki Independence Emergency Manager

Cory Fast FEMA

Aren Koenig Catholic Charities MO

Megan Lynch Johnson Co KS EM

Mike Pickerel FEMA DHS

C. L. Webb Wyandotte Co Public Health

Kristen Womack United Way 211 (UWGKC)

Dominic Italiano Olathe CERT

Gary Thurman United Way 211

William Rosehiem MIDRO

Lorie Snyder KCMO Health Dept

Diane Fodness ARC

Geoff Hinkle Independence EP

Ann VanZee Harvesters

Julia Pedrosa Catholic Charities MO

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions Gary Thurman
   * Called meeting to order at 1:35 PM
2. Approval of Minutes Submitted by Kristen Womack
   * + Approved by Pat and Dante
3. Treasurer’s Report Pat Cundiff
   * Current balance is $10970.10
   * Bank is Commerce Bank in Prairie Village
   * Purpose of funds is for resources to assist the community (as a last resort) after a disaster. Maximum per family is $500 if no other options remain.
4. Introductions/Operational Reports
   * Mike Curry – Jackson Co EM
     + Roeland Park grant program for parks was approved. Parks will be in Blue Springs and Lee’s Summit – Landil park
     + Debris plan in place to take care of debris at 9 different locations
   * Ann – Harvesters
     + Organizational Disaster plan has been revamped
       - will include the contacts and other relevant information from VOAD
     + AmeriCorps state members completed CPR training
     + Jennifer Fales, from KCMO Office of Emergency Management provided a training on personal preparedness to approximately 70 AmeriCorps members from the KC area. As a reminder, all AC state members are required to complete some type of disaster/emergency training and are often seeking opportunities to practice these skills or volunteer for related events.
     + In addition to AmeriCorps state members, the KC region has numerous VISTA and national direct/other programs members serving – there are probably over 300 total (a correction to what I stated at the meeting in response to Dante’s question).
   * Dominic – Olathe CERT
     + Revamping training structure and adding new dates
     + Recently graduated a new large class
   * C.L – Wyandotte Public Health
     + POD trainings have gone well
   * Megan – Johnson Co EM
     + Went to conference in GA
     + Planning workshop for next year in city government
   * Dante – Independence EM
     + Scheduling exercises for next year. They include: VRC, Mass Care, badging, how to support MAC. Looking for volunteers and partners
     + State is wanting to pilot faith based initiative project in our region
   * Gary T – United Way 2-1-1
     + Community Service Project Network is winding down
   * Pat – KC VOAD
     + She and Dante did a presentation to Community Service Network regarding long term recovery
   * Chris – KCMO OEM
     + Business presentations regarding disaster preparedness are now being offered. Booked till December
     + 2 deaf CERT members graduated recently
       - Learning ASL to assist with communication
   * Mike P – FEMA
     + They were deployed recently to help in the south
   * William - MIDRO
     + Restructuring to get more involved in disaster relief. Determining funding for long term programs for folks who have fallen in the cracks of other services.
     + Presented VOAD to inter-faith community recently
     + Looking for connections or to assist more with Spiritual/Emotional care programs.
       - Red Cross mentioned they have a small program
       - KC Med Corp is looking for help on those grieving through their mortuary support
       - Ministry Alliance in Independence wanted to more involved through this means
   * Chad – United Way 2-1-1
     + First time. Serves as Veterans Navigator at 2-1-1. Explained role as well as goal to help coordinate resources/assistance to vets in need during a disaster
   * Rhonda – Jackson Co Health Dept
     + Operating flu clinics
     + Working through “capabilities” for the operational readiness review
   * Diane - Red Cross
     + Working on fiscal year metrics
     + Successful pillowcase presentation
     + Fire alarm program is going well
   * Mike B - HAM
     + Did a simulated task based off the mass care exercise in September
     + HAM class (entry level license) will be on Jan 14th and 21st at Central Jackson County Fire office. Passed out flyer. Information will be shared on VOAD website.
   * Laura D – Jackson Co EP
     + Focusing on badging and accountability. Designing a test
     + MO state meeting on badging next week
     + Went to a “Presenting to the Presenter” counter terrorist training which helps train individuals identify terrorist and “radicalization” (especially to teens).
       - If someone is interested, presentation is about 1-1.5 hours long
       - Geared towards those who work with youth
   * Lorie – KCMO Health Dept
     + Awarded Code For America grant which will allow twitter and texting capabilities for clinics and emergency information
   * Erin – Catholic Charities
     + AmeriCorps limited English Emergency Preparedness program has launched. Mostly focused on Spanish speaking households.
       - Survey will be going out soon to agencies and the community regarding needs
     + Sunny Jones is the interim CEO till new hire at St Jo Catholic Charities
     + Finishing long term projects
     + In Texas, 500-700 people a night are crossing the board seeking citizenship through Catholic Charities organization
       - Working to connect KC citizen program here to help with the need
       - KC Refugees is also helping
5. Mass Care (Dante):
   * Aug 24th was the date of the event
     + Still reviewing after hour reports
       - Meeting to do a final review with all leaders will be announced soon
     + Areas to work on in the future (or add):
       - Finish the evacuee plan
       - Integration of all aspects of the health related functions. Maybe a FAST team.
       - VRC
       - Need to regionalize the complex shelter planned
     + Successful Points:
       - The time/duration it took for evacuees to go through the simulation
       - NMETs for reunification has merit to it
       - Volunteers
         * 80 functional need volunteers went through the simulation
         * 240 volunteers were transported successfully to shelter locations
         * 800 volunteers total
       - 6 different heal departments assisted w/ food handling
       - 5,000 main hours from Aug 1st – Oct 1st
       - Other organizations recognizing the successes of this exercise. Has been contacted by New York EM.
6. Roundtable with Governor (Dante):
   * Governor did a tour through the state
     + Record number of EM since Governor took office
     + Each leader shared what they are doing and great spotlight on the faith based and non-profit agencies
     + Governor posted press releases after each one
7. Elections (Gary):
   * Went through the roles of each position
     + Decision was made to turn Chair into Co-Chairs: Diane Foster and Deb Abner
     + No nomination for Vice Chair
     + Secretary: Kristen Womack
     + Treasurer: Pat Cundiff
     + Membership: Laura Dominik
   * Nomination for Vice Chair to be continued. Vote from Laura D to move forward with changes of Chair to Co-Chairs. Mike B Second. Motion Passed.
   * New executive staff takes office Jan 1st.

## Adjournment: 3:25 PM

Next Meeting: 10 AM, March 8th, 2016, American Red Cross 211 Armour Blvd, Kansas City MO 64111

Minutes submitted by: Kristen Womack, United Way 2-1-1

Approved by:

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