



## ORVOAD Newsletter

May/June 2020

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### **Solidarity**

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge that while the COVID-19 pandemic is consuming a lot of our attention, it has not stopped the violence and injustice that exists in the world, and this is very much true for the deep injustices that the black community is facing in the United States.

We stand in solidarity with our colleagues who are feeling the pain of violence and injustice in our state and in our country.

We welcome any input as to how we can ensure that ORVOAD acknowledges, listens and **acts** to make meaningful change around systemic racism.

### **Transitions**

The time between June and July will mark a transition of leadership for ORVOAD. Michelle and Susan are so happy to welcome Rashad Bauman as the new President of ORVOAD. They are also so appreciative of Robert Worlock, Laura Pascoe, and Wendy Colvin who have served on the leadership committee with them over the past two years. A special thank you also to Alexis Fleming, the Mercy Corps VISTA from MCNW and Jim White of the Non-Profit Association of Oregon (NAO) and the NAO team who are helping to support ORVOAD.

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## A note from the outgoing leadership

As most of you know, we stepped into a leadership role to ensure some continuity of ORVOAD during a difficult transition. Our hope was to provide a new, more focused direction for the network. To that end, a strategic visioning took place, new members recruited and former members were successfully brought back to the network. A mapping of stakeholder capabilities was developed and outreach and visibility of the network and new direction increased with the State, NVOAD, and COADs. Coordination and contributions around the Umatilla flooding and COVID were started and continue. Most importantly, relationships were strengthened so that the 4 C's - cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration could begin to happen again. As new leadership now moves the ORVOAD from a place of rebirth to a place of real engagement, we hope all the members will support and do their part to make ORVOAD an effective network that fosters more effective delivery of services to communities affected by disaster.

Thank you for all the support during these two years, Michelle and Susan

## **Welcome new ORVOAD President Rashad Bauman!**

Rashad Bauman is the Director of Emergency Disaster for the Salvation Army in Oregon. Through that work, he collaborates with local, regional and national partners in order to coordinate disaster relief, response and recovery efforts in disasters. He attended the University of Oregon and then played for the NFL for 6 years before becoming president of a nonprofit and eventually moving into disaster work. The Salvation Army is represented in most counties in Oregon and has coordinated with ORVOAD members after the Umatilla flooding and during COVID-19.

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## **Your input needed: New Initiative to help with Oregon's Recovery**

ORVOAD is proud to coordinate with the Nonprofit Association of Oregon and Portland State University on a survey that will be used to advocate for the resources needed for nonprofits' long-term recovery after COVID-19. You can expect to receive an email from ORVOADLeadership this coming Tuesday, June 16th with a link to the survey. Thank you in advance for helping us represent the needs of ORVOAD members!

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## **Umatilla Long-Term Recovery**

ORVOAD Members Charlene Larsen and John Colvin have been serving on the Blue Mountain Region Long Term Recovery Group as partners on the Executive Committee, Housing Committee, and the Unmet Needs Table. The BMRLTRG decided on an outbound calling campaign to survivors of the flooding in order to reach the most people and allow outreach to those who have not yet applied for FEMA Individual Assistance. **The final date for FEMA applications is July 2nd, 2020.** This process will also help to find people with unmet needs in both Oregon and Washington. They have also created bylaws, Release of Information Forms, Policies and Procedures for BMLTRG, as well as creating a website and identifying two fiscal partnerships.

There was an additional flood on May 20th, 2020, which will have a different

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recovery process, but partners at CAPECO reported they were better prepared to respond to immediate needs than in the past.

There is a need for a Disaster Case Manager to be headquartered with CAPECO in Pendleton and Case Managers for clients in all affected areas who work virtually with clients during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are interested in helping the long term recovery work, please contact Charlene Larsen at [crl.larsen@charter.net](mailto:crl.larsen@charter.net). As they find more unmet needs,

The full Blue Mountain Region Long term Recovery Group update is linked [here](#).

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## **COAD Corner**

Informal meetings between ORVOAD Leadership and COAD representatives are continuing and the next meeting is June 26th at 10 a.m.

If you are interested in attending, please contact [ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com)

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## **Upcoming General Meeting**

The next ORVOAD General Meeting (virtual) will be July 21st from 1 pm - 3 pm. If you missed the meeting notes sent out from the last general meeting, they are linked [here](#).

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## Additional Resources

- SNAP [Online purchasing pilot](#): SNAP recipients in Oregon can purchase goods online through Walmart and Amazon.
- [SNAP](#): USDA wants people to know that if they are recently unemployed SNAP is available and they should apply through their state to get the longer-term support they may need
- [Summer Food Program](#): The Summer Food Program is up and running early to ensure that kids continue to receive meals since schools are closed. USDA is working with states on waivers to allow parents to pick up meals without the child present and allow for food outside of traditional times
- [GIS Corps has mapped locations](#) of testing sites across the US. People can enter their address and find the location closest to you
- [ITDRC projectConnect](#)
- ["Supporting Your Emotional Well-Being During the Covid-19 Outbreak"](#) with information & resources for coping from Vibrant Emotional Health

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**Have a Great Week!**

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