



ORVOAD General Meeting

Tuesday | 21 May 2019 | 13:00

In attendance: Jim White (NAO), Laura Pascoe (ACS), Nate Davidson (Multnomah County OEM), Steve Sirkin (Jewish Federation Greater Portland), John Colvin (MDS), Wendy Colvin (MDS), Joseph Murray (OMD-OEM), Michael Riedy (USDA), Geoffrey Hickox (CNCS), Robert Worlock (Church of Scientology), Melissa Swenson (CEDR), John Legler (Portland NET), Sophie Miller-DeSart (OHA-SERV-OR), Alita Ostapkovich (Washington County EM), Grace Chikoto-Schultz (PSU), Michelle Hamrick (Red Cross), Larry Johnson (UMCOR OR-IDUMC), Dave Hillison (Southern Baptist), John Klosterman (Oregon Food Bank), Justin Ross (Multnomah County EM), Dan Moseler (OR-IDUMC UMC), Kate Castenson (Mercy Corps), Susan Romanski (Mercy Corps), Alexis Fleming (Mercy Corps), Vanessa Jones (Mercy Corps), Alice Busch (Multnomah County EM), Jamie Poole (Clackamas County EM)

Sign-in sheet attached at end of minutes

On the phone:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Michelle Hamrick opened the meeting and shared the vision, mission, and leadership of ORVOAD.

Susan Romanski introduced the agenda for the day which includes a presentation of the Mt. West and National VOAD Conferences.

2. Presentations

Laura Pascoe and Vanessa Jones took the lead on reporting out on the Mt. West Conference.

There were presentations on Long Term Recovery from Hurricane Maria, Children's Disaster Services, SAFE Neighborhoods, and youtube disaster messaging that is closed captioned.

It was stressed that people with disabilities still learn differently highlighting that someone with sight impairment may still be a visual learner and we need to adapt to this.

Michael Riedy shared that the focus was not on hurricanes, which made it more relevant as they could focus on fires and other disasters. He also shared that it was good to know partners are participating in Mt. West that are not from Oregon who could help after Cascadia.

Link for the meeting's presentation:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1PTWyLhtAhFdzsbWUP8WbizojQaVmkAk-fsgqbEKy0Ao/edit?usp=sharing>

NVOAD

Susan Romanski led a report out for the NVOAD conference and many other attendees added to the discussion.

Some take - aways:

- Exercising with non-profit organizations is a priority for FEMA and they are encouraging VOADS and COADS to request exercise in their areas. It was noted that there are many trainings that are also available for Emergency Managers to work with NGOs and see things from other perspectives.
- The NJ and NYC COADs were discussed, which are relatively active. NJVOAD has a history with Sandy and a paid ED. They are very active in COAD development and had ideas including:
 - Trying to get grant funding for COADs
 - Having VOAD be a co-sponsor with State Emergency Management for conferences
 - Getting a VISTA at ORVOAD to help develop COADs
 - Pushing the variety and mixture of people in VOADS and COADs and increasing equity
 - Having a fiscal manager
- There was a useful session by Global Giving who is in charge of the Facebook Donate button. There is an Increase of disaster funding going to resilience (now, 8% goes to resilience and 5% goes to preparedness) of the 30 billion spent each year
- Millennials want to give regularly, not one large sum
- There was a Red Cross presentation on Disaster Partners Hub. Question – does partners hub allow for spontaneous groups that find funding on their own and organize as needed?
- There was an excellent presentation on climate change. The link is here:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1N66YkczcC-uMgWpo09gcn0w6jju2ExcCbScKhWVD-rM/edit?usp=sharing>
- There was a legal aid discussion focused on how low-income communities are not receiving the resources they need after a disaster because of the challenges of navigating the FEMA system. It was noted that many times there are cultural differences and someone might not understand the implication of inspections or have trouble with FEMA forms. It is also tricky understanding the insurance industry. One group was suggested that helps to navigate the insurance system is **uphelp.org**.

- NVOAD also had a series of working group meetings. Christian B will update ORVOAD on the Disaster Health Committee as things move along. Of particular interest are the 2015 points of consensus which are being adapted to give guidance on spiritual care.
- Michael R is working with ESF 11 which is having a dialogue on pets and what it takes to run a pet shelter and rescue shelter based on NARSC.

ORVOAD ACTION PLAN

Susan Romanski highlighted some of the points that have come out of the development of the Action Plan for 2019 - 2020.

- Increase membership engagement
- Effective communication tools
- Increase response rate
- Capacity mapping and support
- Increase support for COADs

Committee News

There is a request that all ORVOAD members serve on at least one committee which will likely meet during the months when there is not a general membership meeting. Please complete the ORVOAD survey so we know which committees you would like to serve on. Mike Reidy suggested that Terri Gilles participate in the membership and nominating committees. Alice volunteered for the bylaws committee and suggested that other emergency management representatives should be on this committee.

Additional Announcements:

Terri Gilles is moving offices. Lots of jobs are posted with FEMA if anyone is interested.

Dues are due by July 1st

The next meeting will be held at Oregon Food Bank in North East.

