

**Kern VOAD
Minutes
October 28, 2009
West Training Room
Mental Health Department**

FACILITATOR: Kerry Bulls

Agency Reports:

Red Cross:

- Lorraine Castro commented that donations continue to dive as is the case with the rest of the nonprofit agencies.
- Their Ride for the Red event last weekend included 55 riders which was amazing, considering the sheriff's department and another group had rides the same day. Next year they are going to coordinate the dates.

County Personnel

- Linda O'Neil introduced Jackie Denney, Kern County Treasurer & Tax Collector. Jackie has been assigned the role of collecting spontaneous donations during a disaster event in Kern. She reported going to San Diego County to learn how they handled donations during their recent disaster and returned with lots of great ideas. Jackie will continue to attend VOAD meetings.

Volunteer Center

- Brenda Ratliff told the group that she has been sending volunteers to Northern California to help with feeding.
- She offered any agency that needs volunteers to send her the requests by Wednesdays as Friday the requests will be listed on their website and in the newspaper.
- November 16 from 11:00-2:00 at CSUB there will be a Volunteer Fair. Those interested in participating should call Blanca Anderson in HR at 334-3363.

Public Health

- Barbara shared that Public Health is partnering with Bakersfield College with a drive thru Flu shot clinic Friday, October 29th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at Bakersfield College and CSUB for the H1N1 and seasonal flu shots. Each site only has 1,700 doses so people are encouraged to get there early before they run out. KMRC is helping out the clinics as supplemental help.
- On November 4th, the airport is holding a full scale exercise with a simulated plane crash. All partner agencies will be participating and KMRC staff will act as the victims of the crash.
- START Triage is a system used in mass casualty situations and KMRC is learning that system.
- A mass mailing will be sent out recruiting licensed medical staff to participate in KMRC. In particular there is a great need for volunteers in the outlying communities.

CAPK

- Laurie Sproule said many of their daycare staff and clients are out ill with the H1N1 flu. She is trying to get the daycare sites available in a disaster for sheltering.

KC DHS:

- Mike Nisser reported that DHS has to switch the ISAWS welfare systems to C4 effective November 2, which required extensive training of some of their staff. Applicants for services are lining up around the block and the workers have massive caseloads.

Victim Relief:

- Rich Smith said they have not been very busy so far this season. Not many received many requests for chaplains.

Checking Account Report:

- Current balance is \$2,127.77

New business:

- The SCVOAD is holding a summit meeting down South (January 12-14, 2010 at the Salvation Army Kroc Corps Community Center) and will provide all costs for 6 VOAD and 2 County partners to attend, including housing, mileage and meals. The members interested in attending thus far are: Tom Cunningham, Laurie Sproule, Joel Moreno, Kerry Bulls and possibly Mike Nisser. Kerry Bulls is taking the lead on this event.
- Members expressed concerns about not having a clear idea of how VOAD agencies would be contacted during a disaster and the roles they would play. They had the idea to meet with Georgianna Armstrong at OES for clarification.

Other:

- Kerry brought new member Doug Sala to the meeting. He is a pastor in Delano with a church called the Downtown Christian Fellowship.
- Lorraine asked for input for the Resource Directory for Kern VOAD and when she gets the updates, will provide members with a hard copy at the next meeting, thanks to Joel who will print them.
- James Brotherton was going to provide training on hazardous weather conditions but got the date wrong. His presentation is rescheduled for the January 27th meeting instead.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 25th, 2009 at 2:30 PM

Minutes Taken by: Lorraine Castro