



NC VOAD Quarterly Meeting, 7/21/2020 –WEBEX

- **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by NC VOAD president Ann Huffman.

- **President's Message**

Ann Huffman opened the meeting by talking about all the work that has been going on with the planning for volunteer safety in COVID-19 as well as the new NC REBUILD program. She stated that today's meeting will help shed some light on these issues as we prepare and plan for the current hurricane season.

- **Minutes from July meeting**

Gene Ziembra moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Laura Block. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer Gene Ziembra gave the treasurer's report.

Current Financial Summary

\$10, 267.03	Combined Checking and Savings 6/29/2020
\$300.00	Deposit Dues
\$261.20	Liability Insurance Premium (US Liability Insurance Company)
\$10, 305.83	Total on hand 7/21/2020

Training / Topics of interest sessions

❖ **NCORR**

presented **REBUILD NC the Community Development Block Grant -Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) program overview**. This program is up and running. They are taking application for Hurricane Florence and Matthew cases mainly online at Rebuild.nc.gov or by phone 1-833-275-7262. The Power Point presentation will be posted on the NCVOAD web site (ncvoad.org). He noted that as volunteer organization have learned once the contract with Rebuild-NC is signed by the survivor there is a stop work order which prevents no-emergency (safety) work from being completed.

❖ **NC State EM**

Sheri Badger presented **Sheltering and feeding in a disaster**. The presentation focused on the plan for congregate and non-congregate care during a disaster in the COVID-19 world. The planning can be found at <https://www.ncdps.gov/documents/hurricane->

[season-2020-guidance](#) . The power point presentation will be made available on the NC VOAD web site (ncvoad.org).

❖ Team Rubicon

Laura Block presented **Staying Safe in COVID-19** She began with the disclaimer that as COVID-19 is a new disease and things are constantly being discovered and changing the policy therefore this presentation is what we knew up until yesterday (July 20, 2020). The presentation was a tutorial of how to safely and with military efficiency conduct volunteer operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The power point presentation will be made available on the NC VOAD web site (ncvoad.org).

❖ NC State EM

Keith Acree and Katie Webster presented **Preparing for Hurricane Season** Mr. Acree began the presentation focused on having your agency put together an information plan now so when an event happens the message can be easily managed. He referred to the State EM plan for messaging, which they would like you to use, that provides a simple consistent message about the different issues that arise during events (i.e. shelters, road closure, immediate treats). This type of social media messaging can hold off the unsupported social media messages that become an issue during the events. Ms. Webster picked up on the “know your zone” messaging campaign that the state is currently involved with. She noted the importance and the need to reach as many residents that are covered by the zones. The power point presentation will be made available on the NC VOAD web site (ncvoad.org).

Old Business

❖ By-Laws posted

Ann Huffman reported the by-laws as voted on in the January meeting have been published to the Nc-VOAD web site. There is a new application as well. She also noted a new improved application (typos refinement of questions) will be posted soon.

❖ New NCVOAD Members

Ann Huffman warmly welcomed the newest members of NCVOAD

- Alliance of Disability Advocates
- Centre for Homeownership
- Christian Responders Ministry
- Diaper Bank of North Carolina
- Endeavors
- Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders
- Hearts with Hands
- Navicore
- Operation Renewed Hope
- Peletah Ministries
- Sandhills Community Action Program
- The Second Episcopal District African Methodist Episcopal Church

New Business

❖ Nominating committee

- ❖ The nominating committee chair Gene Ziemba Noted that due to the recent resignation of John Robinson a vacancy was created on the board. Several people were recommended, and one person was selected to fill the slot. Gene motioned nominating Dawn Baldwin Gibson to fill the vacancy. Laura Block seconded. A call for nomination was made by Ann Huffman. No other nomination passed forward. Laura Block motioned the nomination period be closed. Dan Altenau seconded. No discussion. Motion carried with a unanimously vote.
A vote for the nomination of Dawn Baldwin Gibson was called. The Vote carried with a unanimously vote.
Dawn Baldwin Gibson was welcomed to the board.

Ann Huffman is proposing the formation of a Committee to explore the expansion of the board of directors and a Diversity Committee. If you would be interested in being part of either of these committees, please contact Ann Huffman at ncvoad.pres1@gmail.com

Ann Huffman is asking for members to sign up to be par of the Membership committee. This is an ad-hock committee that the president forms to process the membership application vetting the applicant and providing feedback to the board.

Committee Business

➤ LTRG Committee

George Strunk LTRG Committee Chair gave the report. He attended the Organization meeting in Buncombe county as they try to form a LTRG/COVAD. They are moving along and putting together a plan to address disasters weather, non-weather related and manmade. Anyone with helpful information or insight that is willing to share please contact George at ncvoad.ltrg@gmail.com

➤ Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee

Dawn Baldwin Gibson Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee & Child Wellbeing Committee Chair gave the report.

Weekly reports from federal, state and local partners continue to be made by FEMA, NC Governor's Office, NC Emergency Management along with the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, The Salvation Army, Inclusive Disaster to name a few

We have Emotional partners including Managed Care Organizations like Trillium Health Resources and other Mental Health Providers

We have Spiritual partners including state denominations such as United Methodists and AMEZ along with local churches throughout North Carolina

Over the past months, we have welcomed speakers such as

Dr. Diana Silimperi, an international public health pediatrician, epidemiologist and global health thought leader who is currently a visiting professor with the Duke Global Health Institute, Jil Christensen with Day One Disaster Relief who discussed about getting supplies and PPE to marginalized, low wealth, rural and communities of color

and Dr. Annie Hardison Moody is an Associate Professor at NC State University Dr. Hardison-Moody works in the emerging field of religion and health, with a focus on health and food. She specifically discussed Faithful Families Thriving Communities which works directly in communities of faith across the country to promote health for individuals, families, and local communities. The practice-tested program is open to all faith and religious traditions and engages faith communities in health education, environmental changes to support health, and community-wide health initiatives. In April, a request for assistance came from the New Hanover County Emotional and

Spiritual Task Force about providing resources for Houses of Worship financially impacted by COVID 19 – specifically around since many had to go online virtually or were doing outside services. This request has become a significant issue as sustainability and viability of so many of these Houses of Worship has been questioned.

We have also had a director of the NC Council of Churches address the Partners in Health and Wholeness collaborative and mini grant program for faith-based organizations.

The Rural Center has also provided information for resources.

Dr. Danielle Laborde is President and Senior Epidemiologist at HERMES and provides technological and managerial direction for public health initiatives. She has secured tens of millions of dollars for public and mental health. She shared information for applying for federal funding.

Dr. Dawn is currently meeting with Duke Endowment about this issue.

This Task Force continues to work on connecting Houses of Worship with needed PPE – currently on getting masks in our rural communities.

As we have entered the hurricane season, the Emotional and Spiritual Care and Wellness Task Force continues to urge preparedness. We are urging Houses of Worship to encourage congregants to plan and prepare NOW.

Currently we have asked partners to participate in -- The Hurricane Preparedness and COVID19 series on Wednesdays at 11 a.m during the month of July. Hurricane Season and COVID-19.

Lastly, there are several funding opportunities that were shared in our last meeting and they include:

- 1) The NC Community Foundation- The NC Healing Communities Fund (more information can be found at <https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/>)
- 2) NC Council of Churches- Partners in Health and Wholeness mini grants (closing July 31)
- 3) Duke Endowment funding (<https://www.dukeendowment.org/grants/apply-grant>)

The committee has information calls on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm 1-800-320-4330 731855

➤ Communications Committee

Jay Henderson and Dan Altenau co-chairs for the communication Committee gave the report. They are happy to announce that they have the application for membership is fully online. The committee is seeking assistance from the entire NCVOAD community sit on this committee and move the committee forward in messaging and reaching the whole community. If interested please contact Jay Henderson (jayhendersonvrep@gmail.com) or Dan Altenau (Daniel.Altenu@cccharitiesdor.org)

➤ Membership Committee

Will be forming in the near future if interested contact Ann Huffman to be appointed

North Carolina Office or Recovery and Resiliency

Laura Hogshead the Chief Operating Office at NC Rebuild was given time to remind the group of NC Rebuild. The [Rebuild.nc.gov](https://rebuild.nc.gov) website is up and accepting application. They have 18 centers spread out across the region affected by hurricane Matthew and Florence. Remember start the process early as there is a lot of red tape. The process can seem very slow if not submitted correctly.

Organization Reports

Reports are presented as submitted

• NC Baptist on a Mission

Tom Beam reported they currently are in week 2 of their 8 weeks mission to feed NC. They concluded their 6 weeks mission to feed three weeks ago. Had one week off and were given a contract for 8 weeks. They have 17 locations strategically stationed across the state. They receive two tractor trailers a week of food/ products for distribution. They are currently in planning with the State EM and Red Cross on how to safely, effectively and efficiently feed people if we were impacted by a hurricane.

Long Term Rebuild in Lumberton, Wilmington, New Bern, Duplin County, Pender County 100's of homeowners still coming forward for assistance

• World Renew

Bill reported they are still trying to figure out how volunteers can stay safe with COVID-19. They hope to be operating in Aug 2020 but have not confirmed any dates.

• Fuller Center

Emily reported they continue to receive requests for rebuilds. They are still in need of volunteers. They have had some local volunteers. They are excited that need week a group of 10 volunteers will be coming in town.

In 2019 FCDR rebuilt 22 storm damaged homes due to hurricane Florence in Craven County. Through the end of June 2020 FCDR has rebuilt 31 storm damaged homes due to hurricane Florence (15 in Craven County and 16 in Pamlico County) We continue to work with the Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance (CCDRA), the Pamlico County Disaster Recovery Alliance and other non-profits to identify unmet needs. Presently we have 5 homes we are working on, 5 higher priority homes on the backlog, and 6 homes that are lower priority on our backlog. We have 6 homes scheduled so far in July that we will be assessing for possibly taking on a repair for the homeowner

• Church World Services

Daniela, reported they are still assisting family with cash assistance in areas that have been classically underserved (immigrants, migrant workers and refugee communities). They are working with grass roots organization with-in these communities. They are also still involved with disaster services. For Hurricane Florence, provided CWS grant to one partner, and facilitated linkages for two local partners to access ARC funds. Both of these supports were for immigrant and refugee survivors in more than 10 counties helping to replace lost household items including clothes, shoes, bedding, and children schoolbooks. For another LTRG (Cumberland) CWS provided technical support to strengthen operational and staffing systems that facilitated the implementation of a large project in partnership with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. CWS is currently facilitating linkage of the LTRG (Robeson) with one of the donors in our CWS network for survivors of Florence.

CWS provides support to vulnerable communities to prepare for and recover from disasters, especially immigrant and refugee households including the undocumented. We collaborate with LTRGs, grassroots and other organizations. CWS provides disaster preparedness work that is carried out through webinars, in-person trainings and a host of printed and web-based resources (accommodating culture-centric needs accordingly).

With our Kits & Blankets Ministry, CWS makes available for immediate assistance following a disaster our Kits (hygiene, school, and buckets) and Blankets. Any organization can request these items using the CWS Online Request form (@ <https://cws.tfaforms.net/437165>). For long term recovery assistance, when funds are available, CWS works through local organizations to provide material assistance for long term recovery support. Our goal is to increase resiliency of vulnerable refugee and immigrant populations affected by domestic disasters through disaster preparedness and early and long-term recovery efforts.

- **Samaritan's Purse**

Keeth Willingham reports New construction and homes repaired – 94 New Bern and Whiteville/Lumberton sites are utilizing Day volunteers with limited overnight volunteer opportunities.

- **Christian Responders Ministry**

Joe George reported assisted NCCUMC approximately 2.5 years in Lumberton with restoration, donations, clothing, materials, equipment and supplies. Assisted the local Catholic Church and made donations to Robeson County Church and Community Center as well as to the Lumberton Christian Care Center. Currently working on training in construction to increase our availability to different projects and increase our efficiency. Additionally, training in the safest ways to do this work during the era of COVID as well as training in having proper waivers on file for all volunteers.

- **Sandhills Community Action Program INC**

Nina Walker reported as of July 1, 2020, Sandhills Community Action Program began accepting applications from individuals and families that have unmet needs, as a result of Hurricane Florence. Funding is available in counties that were Presidentially declared disaster areas (Anson, Moore and Richmond County), for the Sandhills CAP service area. However, similar assistance is available in all 100 counties of NC and sponsored by each counties Community Action Agency.

- **The Salvation ARMY -North & South Carolina Division**

Mike Patterson reported for Hurricane Matthew: Response summary for NC only (does not include service delivery in SC): 296,313 meals, drinks and snacks; 7,629 hours of Salvation Army officer, employee and volunteer service; Emotional and spiritual care to 6,620 individuals; Emergency aid to more than 928 households with assistance such as gift cards, clean-up kits, food boxes, vouchers to TSA Family Stores, and referrals for a variety of services. Service delivery in recovery included coordination with other disaster case management agencies and organizations to leverage available resources and mitigate the duplication of efforts in addressing unmet needs; worked in collaboration with other community organizations and long term recovery groups to address unmet needs, particularly in the areas of Utility Bill Payments (Electric, Gas, Water) for those households reporting moderate to major property damage or disaster related loss of income; Home Repairs/Rebuild/Construction, coordination with other local providers to determine remaining unmet needs; Housing (Rent/Mortgage/Security Deposits) Assistance with housing stability costs when not covered by any other source.

Hurricane Florence: Response summary for NC only (does not include service delivery in SC): 652,533 meals, drinks and snacks; 74,504 hours of Salvation Army officer, employee and volunteer service; emotional and spiritual care to 17,744 individuals; emergency aid to more than 25,704 households with assistance such as gift cards, clean-up kits, food boxes, vouchers to TSA Family Stores, and referrals for a variety of

services. While providing disaster relief in impacted communities, some Salvation Army facilities were also directly impacted by the storm. In other areas, The Salvation Army continued to operate its regular programs and services, providing meals, emergency shelter, clothing, and energy assistance to residents in need who were not affected by the disaster. Service delivery in recovery included: Coordination with other disaster case management agencies and organizations to leverage available resources (including grants from the American Red Cross and Golden Leaf Foundation) and mitigate the duplication of efforts in addressing unmet needs; Working collaboratively with other community organizations and long term recovery groups to address remaining disaster caused unmet needs.

Current services being offered

1. Because human needs differ from state to state, city to city, and person to person, we find local solutions through support from the local community. Together, we feed, we shelter, we mentor, we rehabilitate, we rescue victims of human trafficking, we help disaster survivors, we provide hope. Meeting the needs of people in the name of Jesus Christ is the heart of The Salvation Army's work. We open our arms to serve people who are most desperate for physical, emotional, and spiritual care.
2. For a listing of local Salvation Army contacts, please visit us online at: <https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/command-list>
3. Local service delivery continues as modified based on State and Local Orders; implementing CDC protective measures; adjusting programs as necessary.
4. Planning efforts remain ongoing regarding response during hurricane season and the challenges presented by COVID-19.

- **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh**

Dan Altenau of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh reports.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh is responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic through our five food pantries in Raleigh, Durham, Greenville, Fayetteville, and Wilmington.

Catholic Charities continues to assist survivors of Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Matthew with financial assistance for their recovery. In person meetings are not taking place, but work continues over the phone and via email.

- **Meeting Schedule:**

Quarterly Meetings:

TBA date and time to coincide with the State Association of Emergency Management

The new Thursday NC VOAD & LTRG call

NC VOAD holds call every second and fourth Thursday. The calls assist LTRGS and partners connect, get updates and learn of resources. Get all the information at one time and on one phone call (1-800-320-4330 ext. 992589#)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ann Huffman and seconded by Alfred Foote

The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Alfred Foote
Secretary
NC VOAD



Quarterly Meeting
July 21, 2019

Welcome

Call to Order

Roll Call

Record your name, organization, email address, and phone number in chat box.

President's Message

Ann Huffman

North Carolina Emergency Management Status

Philip Triplett, Volunteer Agency Liaison

FEMA Status

Louis Carrow, Region IV Volunteer Agency Liaison

Governor's Office, VolunteerNC Status

Caroline Farmer

Minutes

January 21, 2020 Quarterly Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Gene Ziemba

Hurricane & COVID Topics of Interest

Rebuild NC (Community Development Block Grant – Florence Disaster Recovery), NCORR:

Sheltering and Feeding Disaster Evacuees: Sandy Bridges

Staying Safe in COVID-19: Alfred Foote, Laura Block

Preparing for Hurricane Season: Keith Acree, Katie Webster

Old Business

Bylaws approved at January Annual Meeting published and attached to meeting invitation

Introduction of New NCVOAD members

NCVOAD Task Force Reports

Volunteers & Donations: Caroline Farmer

Emotional & Spiritual Care: Dr. Dawn Baldwin Gibson

LTRG (Long Term Recovery Groups): George Strunk

Child Well-Being: Ann Huffman

New Business

Nominations and Election of Board of Directors Member: Gene Ziemba, Nominations Committee

Diversity Committee

Committee to Explore Expansion of Board of Directors

New Member Recruitment Committee

Organizational Reports

Announcements

Meeting Schedule:

Quarterly Meetings: Fall Quarterly Meeting: TBD

Adjournment

The purpose of NCVOAD shall be to foster more effective service to people affected by disaster through communication, coordination, cooperation, and collaboration.