

CENTRAL VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

Mass Care & Human Services Committee



Thursday, February 2, 2017 1:30 pm | RRPDC | 9211 Forest Hill Avenue Suite 200 Richmond VA 23235

Minutes

In attendance:

TaMisha Bascombe, Richmond HD

Beverly Brandt, Colonial Heights

David Calkins, Henrico HD

Gray Corbett, CVHC

Lori Dachille, VDEM

Ginny Ferguson, Hanover DSS, Vice Chair

Tracy Giles, Chesterfield

Paul Hundley, Richmond, Chair

Jasmin Johnson, Henrico Health District

Kate McHugh, Richmond Health District

Anthony McLean, Richmond

James Moss, VDH Central Region

Ben Nicely, VDEM

Cathy Pemberton, Powhatan DSS

Kathy Robins, RRPDC

Ben Ruppert, Hopewell

Ken Ryals, Emporia

Steve Rykal, Chickahominy HD

Samantha Stanley, MRC Intern

Altise Street, 211 VIRGINIA

1. **Welcome and introductions.** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and welcomed all. He announced an adjustment to the Agenda: after approval of the Minutes, the Committee will hear a presentation from Aaron Lee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.
2. **Approval of Minutes** from the 1/5/17 meeting. James Moss moved approval of the minutes as presented and Anthony McLean seconded. Motion carried without further discussion.
3. **Special Presentation: Aaron Lee, Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV), Disaster Response Coordinator**
 - VCA VOAD partner for many years. Glad to see it re-invigorated
 - In 2016 BGAV had 2,300 volunteers from 1,400 churches across Virginia, plus 18 other states and some other countries.
 - Territory expanding. In 2016 responded to disasters in Louisiana, Missouri, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.
 - Services: flood clean-up, mass feeding, shower trailers
 - Have started to provide statistics on the value of their services to the communities they help
 - Improving their services
 - 15 recovery units across the state, some in Richmond region, including flood clean-up, chain saw clean-up, temporary roofing, 4 shower trailers, 4 feeding units (2 largest have capacity to prepare 15,000 meals/day), disaster spiritual care (enhancing this year), Disaster Children's' Response Team, Communications Unit.
 - VCA VOAD Meeting: Wednesday, 2/15/17 from 9 to 12 at Feedmore (1415 Rhoadmiller Street Richmond VA 23220) Ms. Robins will forward this meeting invitation to the MCHS Committee. Agenda includes:
 - Salvation Army Director from NC/SC
 - Digital Tool for tracking individual homes needing assistance (used in Hurricane Matthew response)
 - Ben Nicely, VDEM will talk about Volunteer and Donations Management from the state perspective
 - VCA VOAD Make-up:
 - Voluntary Organizations: Red Cross, Salvation Army, Hands On Greater Richmond, Tool Bank of Richmond, Catholic Charities, and others.

- Business partners include, electrical unions and other trades. Working to get other businesses, including Dominion Virginia Power.
- Localities
- VCA VOAD has plans to meet quarterly.
- Contact Aaron for more information: Aaron.Lee@BGAV.org
- The committee went out to the parking lot to get a look at one of the BGAV shower trailers.

4. Old Business

- **FY15 Shelter Supplies and Equipment Grant updates | Deadline: 3/31/17** The Chair asked if there were any questions or issues with completing this grant in the 41 days that remain before the deadline. Localities reporting:
 - **Hopewell** – meeting with Finance tomorrow morning
 - **Hanover** – done
 - **Richmond** – should have no problem completing.
- **FY16 SHSP Grants:**
 - **Shelter Supplies & Equipment** (\$66,150 | FA: Hanover) Deadline for these grants is 3/31/18. The Chair reported that 2 localities will be purchasing sheds and they are prepared with quotes to go forward as soon as Hanover is ready. One locality will not be making the purchase they had requested. Other localities may take advantage of these unexpended funds. They can also be returned to VDEM to reallocate to the Regional Planner position. Contact the Chair if you wish to purchase shelter supplies & and equipment from this funding.
 - **Shelter Training** (\$57,775 | FA: Richmond) Deadline: March 31, 2018 The Chair reported the following scheduled trainings:
 - 2/24 City of Richmond (currently 6 spaces left – will open up to region 2/10)
 - 4/10-4/11 City of Richmond
 - 4/12-4/15 Hanover
 Tentative:
 - Hanover & Richmond deciding who will host Pet Sheltering exercise.
 - Sussex County has expressed a desire to schedule but have not yet decided when.
 - VA SART Pet Sheltering – Mobile pet sheltering exercise – recommends hosting training in different areas of the region. Class capacity: 50. Partner with your neighbors.
 - Powhatan plans to partner with Amelia, Cumberland, and Goochland.
 - Emporia will partner with Sussex, needs to reach out to DSS to coordinate timing.
 Remember to check the CVEMA Calendar (<http://www.richmondregional.org/CVEMA/CVEMA-Home.htm>) before scheduling. Request and roster forms are there too.
 David Calkins asked what is best for Public Health Nurses with shelter responsibilities? The Chair recommends Shelter Fundamentals. And recommends partnering with other organizations (MRC, CERT, etc.)

5. New Business

- **Possible partnership with The Community Foundation (TCF).** CVEMA Chair, Ben Ruppert reported that he and the RRPDC Executive Director, Martha Shickle, have discussed working with TCF to develop a partnership that would allow CVEMA to receive funding from private sector partners and others with these contributions being tax-deductible for them. As a 501(c)3, TCF would manage and report on the funding. CVEMA would be responsible for determining how funds are expended. This partnership could also provide CVEMA member localities with an existing account into which donations could be directed in the event of a local disaster and people wish to make donations to that locality. Will keep the committee updated on this initiative.
- **Project Ideas for 2017.** The Chair invited anyone who proposed a project at the January meeting.
 - **Renter's/Homeowner's Insurance.** Work with Public Outreach Committee about a campaign to educate the community on the importance of renter's insurance (and homeowner's insurance). Lori Dachille recommended inviting SBA or SCC Bureau of Insurance to speak. Have Survivor Day hosts cover this? The Chair proposed looking into handing out information with smoke detectors.

- **Transitional Housing Resource Card.** The Chair will reach out to Kelly King Horne/Homeward to invite her to speak to this committee and advise on this.
- **Narcan for Sheltering Operations.** David Calkins explained the background on this. In view of the current public health emergency of opioid overdoses, it may be beneficial to keep Narcan as a resource for Public Health Nurses in shelters. It is on most EMS vehicles and is also an over the counter item. James Moss reported that VDH Central Office may not support this. They are in the early stages of planning to contend with the opioid epidemic. Will keep the committee informed on status. Proposal was table for the time being.
- **Regional Coordination for Mental Health and Social Services.** The Chair reported that he will explore the possibilities in this area at the Virginia Emergency Management Symposium (VEMS) in March which has a session planned covering disaster behavioral health resources in the Commonwealth.
- **Regional FAC Team.** Beverley Brandt reported that this may be discussed at the Region 1 Improvement Planning Workshop on February 16. There is also a session planned at VEMS 2017. Discussion deferred until after these events.
- **Regional Shelter Training**
- **FY17 SHSP Grant Applications.** Lori Dachille reported that the Region 1 FY17 Grand Stakeholders' Briefing has tentatively been scheduled for March 6 at Eanes-Pittman. Mr. Ruppert reported that he will be participating in the FY17 SHSP Grant Stakeholders Workshop on February 22. An invited group of stakeholders will review and adjust the current ranking process. If you have any concerns/comments on this process, please convey them to him prior to February 22 so he may bring them up at this workshop.

6. Open discussion, comments, announcements

- **Anthony McLean/Richmond & CVEMA Public Outreach Committee.** Survivor Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 from 8 to noon. There are 11 localities hosting this year. Have added a Weather Awareness Webinar with Bill Sammler.
They have also scheduled a regional NWS Sky Warn class for Saturday, May 6 from 1 pm to 2:30 at the Science Museum of Virginia. More information is available at <http://www.weather.gov/akq/SKYWARN>
- **Tracy Giles/Chesterfield.** Chesterfield is hosting the NDMS exercise on April 29.
- **Cathy Pemberton/Powhatan.** She asked about General Assembly H.B. 2077 which would prohibit localities from forbidding carrying guns in emergency shelters. Ms. Brandt suggested she approach their County Attorney about drafting an ordinance. There was some discussion, including that guns are already allowed in emergency shelters and that the Stafford Act prohibits the prohibition of guns in shelters. The bill, if passed, could effectively reduce sheltering capacity in localities. VEMA met with leaders from Senate and House about the impact the law would have on local shelter operations and is against the bill in its current form. The Governor would likely veto. Will keep the committee up to date on this. Current law says that shelters in schools are not subject to existing restrictions on what can be brought on school property because the facility is not being used as a school.
- **James Moss/VDH.** VDH has started updating their Mass Care Plan.
- **Jasmin Johnson/MRC Coordinator Henrico and Chickahominy Health Districts.** They did get their MRC Challenge awards.
- **Ginny Ferguson/Hanover.** They are in the process of planning some grant training which will run 2 to 4 days.
- **Ben Nicely/VDEM.** He is Voluntary Agency Liaison working for Amanda Reidelbach in the Recovery Division. He has been working with VOAD to rebuild their network and developing a capabilities assessment of volunteer organizations and resources across the state.
- **Kathy Robins/CVEMA/RRPDC.** CVEMA has submitted the regional Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack grant application. Among the elements of the project is a gap analysis of the region's capacity to handle an MCI and stand up a FAC. Curt Nellis wrote the application and did a great job.
- **Paul Hundley/Richmond.** Reminded all of the upcoming VEMS in Williamsburg in March and also encouraged all to participate in VCA VOAD meetings. Please also send him any suggestions for programs for this committee.

7. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 2 pm at the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Robins