



## **ORVOAD General Member & Partner Meeting - PENDING APPROVAL**

**Date & Time: June 15, 2021 1:00-2:00 PM**

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### **In attendance (20) -**

Ann Geyer (Red Cross, regional lead for non governmental organizations, OR and S. WA),  
Barry Braden (UMCOR Jackson Co LTRG, United Methodists Committee On Relief),  
Bethany Boatman (FEMA VAL and Mass Care),  
Bianca Bell (Lane Co. EM Mgmt),  
Christian Burgess (Director Disaster Distress Helpline, Vibrant Emotional Health),  
Jan Wierima (OR SYNOD Disaster Prepare and Response Team, Co chair Clack Unmet needs table),  
Jessica LeBerge (Catholic Charities DCM Regional Program Director work),  
John Legler (Portland neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)),  
Judith Grigsby (FEMA Volunteer agency liaison, Jackson, Lane and Lincoln Co LTRG),  
Karen Layng (OEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison),  
Kate Szrom (Portland Area Voluntary Coordinator PBEM),  
Kenton Johnson (Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Northwest),  
Kim Vogel (United Church of Christ, Disaster Ministry Team Coordinator OR, SW WA, Eastern ID),  
Kori Nobel Felix (Team Rubicon),  
Mark Dodge (Bolante.net Psychological first aid, medial reserve Corps, Linn Co),  
Raiza,  
Terry Wood (FEMA Vol Agency Liaison, Group Supervisor for VALs),  
Robert Worlock (Churches of Scientology Disaster Response),  
Robin Young (FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison Klamath, Douglas, Marion and Linn Co),  
Sophie Miller-DeSart (Or Health Authority, manage ServeOR, Medical reserve Corps state coordinator)

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- 1. Welcome & Introductions** – Kori Nobel started the meeting, Rashad not able to lead meeting today due to Salvation Army duties.
  - 2. Treasurer Report** - No treasurer report today. Funds remain the same as last meeting, no expenses or income, holding at \$9,183.89. Will have project funding discussion during this meeting
  - 3. General Reports**

**Kori Nobel Felix** - Meeting notes will go into subsequent newsletters. The minutes were made available shortly after the last meeting and no comments/changes were submitted. To our members, please review these and a vote will take place later to approve them. [LINK to Meeting Minutes May, 2021](#).

**Kori** - Evaluating ORVOAD meeting frequency. In recent history it has been monthly but in the past, every other month. With continued meeting craziness, asked for comments on what is needed and wanted.

**Jan Wierima** - as LTRGs are just now ramping up, and in the depth of last year's fire response, and until functioning fully, recommend we continue to meet monthly.

**Karen Layng** - If we do meet every two months, we could hold an unmet needs call as needed. LTRG chairs starting to have conversations between themselves and cover things at a local level but we need to be sure that things are working correctly as we move "need" requests up to a state level. Do throw ideas out on helping with this.

**John Legler** - Looking forward to meetings in person - appreciate things we learned about various organizations when we had presentations and tours of facilities as part of the meeting.

**Kori** - looking to have in-person meetings but with distant partners, virtual components are valuable and looking to continue supporting this. Members agree that they are seeing things open up with different communities.

**Kenton Johnson** - Frequency - Fire season has apparently started and over the next two months, let's watch this and keep up the frequency to know who all the players at the table are.

**Kori** - Membership. Defined loosely as everyone who is at the table. Our membership application link is now live on the website but this doesn't include PayPal yet.

**Robert Worlock** - On [www.orvoad.org](http://www.orvoad.org), link is in upper right corner, three bars, select "Contact Us - Become a Member", scroll down to find link to download ORVOAD membership application and dues form, which is next to Membership Inquiry form. [DIRECT LINK](#). We are still looking to get a digital method for membership payment.

**Kori** - Membership benefits include training and support in attending conferences and we're looking for other ways to best utilize our funds. FEMA provides training as do organizations within ORVOAD. What would be valuable to this group, targeted needs? And with different perspectives post-wildfire and COVID. What training do your organizations offer (add in chat) that you may need help in funding?

**Ann Geyer** - Psychological First Aid very valuable. Having conversation with those experiencing disaster but also how to deal with your own response and stress when responding to disasters as a team member. We encourage our community to do yearly

**Kenton** - Seconds that, always recommends Psychological First Aid from the Red Cross, specifically from Carol Gross.

**Jan** - Lutheran Disaster Response does training in connection with VOAD. Disaster Case Management, Construction and Volunteer Management available. Not much advance notice required for presentations.

**Kori** - Construction management is an area we may be unfamiliar with but possibly getting pushed in this direction.

**Ann** - In-kind Donation Management/Unsolicited Donation Management also available. Key is getting ahead of the game here.

**Kori** - ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800 etc. Beneficial in EOC environment, elsewhere too?

**Kate Szrom** - Yes, instructor-led presentations for volunteer management are really needed vs. online training which can be very dry, hard to connect to, without experience for voluntary organizations.

**Ann** - Shelter Transition activity training would be helpful. Very challenging this last year.

**Kori** - IS-505 Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency would be helpful. With eventual every-other month meetings, we could do training on the alternate months and highlight ORVOAD organizations.

**Karen** - As Training Officer at OEM, I can help provide some of the training of interest.

**Kori** - In addition to trainings, there are conferences, such as NVOAD, Oregon Emergency Management Conference

**Kenton** - NW Baptist Disaster Relief opens up Roundtable meetings and training on mass feeding, to chaplaincy to chainsaw teams. Usually in April.

**Kori** - Third item for the meeting, as we bring local contacts into LTRGs, being able to know what services are available from other organizations is important, along with being able to easily list the services provided from your organizations. Creating a database. Brainstorming - what would be a useful menu of items offered and needed?

**Jan** - An example would be architectural needs - design services in particular.

**Bianca Bell** - OR Resiliency Network is mapping resources in fire-impacted areas and this is useful. Will track the URL, web-link down for this.

**Kori** - As LTRGs grow and more Unmet Needs Tables are set up, more needs will be identified.

**Karen** - leadership for the various LTRGs does have a chance to meet around a table and hash out needs and resources. Working on getting some of the bigger asks up the chain, for example increased instruction costs and contractor scarcity, both severely impacted recently.

**Barry Braden** - In Jackson Co, just now getting Unmet Needs Table set up and doing needs assessment surveys. Disaster Case Managers (DCM) are getting in there and looking for resources. Database of resources through ORVOAD would be very helpful!

**Kenton** - Business often provides the majority of supplies during disasters but understanding how these tie in with ORVOAD or local COADs would be useful. Liaison / tie-in with business community for ORVOAD

**Karen** - There is a public / private sector program manager at OEM, Sonja McCormick. This needs to be explored for benefit to our members.

**Ann** - We also maintain a broad directory of organizations that have been active in a response but not as much in recovery. This could be a mailing list but this area needs to be further discussed. Interested in and have been working on awareness building on how business community can become active in disaster response in advance of needs. We could talk on this also.

**Kori** - We could create a position to work with Sonja to develop those business resources for ready action. It is important they know who we are when we need to call on them. Great ideas! To wrap up, we'll keep meeting frequency monthly for now and start getting in-person meetings scheduled with Zoom option and roll into a training calendar for the group and for meetings. As LTRGs develop, we can look back at responses also to see what may be needed in the future as far as recovery. Volunteer and donations management was huge in the early days. Also, a big part is the public / private partnership piece, to start with Karen.

### **Updates on State and FEMA**

**Karen - OEM** - Still supporting LTRGs in their various stages of development. If your group isn't tied in at a local level, please push this forward into action. Karen can make introductions. We are moving into fire season and encourage everyone to look at improvements to be made from last year's response.

***Please also update your group's leadership contact information and capacities with ORVOAD.*** That will help speed up responses, know who's where.

Will be doing a presentation with OHA and Oregon's Faith Based Community Organizations in July and will send an invite out to all. Covers little of everything, how response and recovery and how do they tie in with VOADs, and LTRGs. Non-denominational congregation focused as we don't have as strong a tie to them yet.

**Bethny Boatman - FEMA VAL** - Four VALS still deployed supporting Karen. Supporting LTRG. FEMA Funeral Assistance is still open, no end date set yet. Call 844-684-6333, M-F, 9-9P EDT. Link in the chat (see below).

### **COADs**

**Kate** - Portland COAD - In process of getting COAD website up and running and our email is now [coad@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:coad@portlandoregon.gov). Please send our way any organizations in Portland or Multnomah County that might be interested.

### **General**

**Kim Vogel** - United Church of Christ Disaster Team is partnering up with agencies in Talent, OR, where 50% of students lost their housing. Horrible ripple effects. Talent Urban Renewal

Agency is working on temporary housing with RVs. Providing fees to get folks hooked up to utilities with funding available. Move-ins next month, 53 families getting utilities paid. Happy story.

**Jan** - Lutheran Disaster Response worked with Camp Noah (first emergency manager;) Trauma informed work with young people in day or sleep-over camp. Two funded along MacKenzie and working on a third in Lane County. 50 kids. Local needs are identified, typically . About \$54k for sleep-over camp, but so valuable.

**Kori** - These stories need to go on Facebook.

**Kenton** - For Emotional and Spiritual Needs Committees, LTRGs, working with Lane Co. sharing ideas in this area.

**Kori** - Collaboration is so important and needed. 2 PM and we will adjourn the meeting now. See you next month.

### **Meeting Chat**

00:05:56 John Legler: John Legler, Portland NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) representative. john.legler@gmail.com

00:06:53 Kim Vogel UCC CPC Conference: Kim Vogel, United Church Of Christ, Central Pacific Conference Disaster Ministries Coordinator

00:07:14 Barry Braden: Barry M. Braden, Jackson County Community Long-Term Recovery Group, bearbraden@aol.com

00:07:57 Bethny Boatman- FEMA Region 10 IA: Bethny Boatman, FEMA Region 10 Individual Assistance | bethny.boatman@fema.dhs.gov

00:08:20 Bianca Bell: Bianca Bell, Lane County Emergency Management  
Bianca.ramnarace-mckinley@lanecountyor.gov

00:09:52 Jan Wierima: Jan Wierima, OR Synod, ELCA, Lutheran Disaster Response, Clackamas LTRG/Unmet Needs, ORVOAD beprepared@oregonsynod.org (503) 318-8145

00:09:53 Chaplain Kenton Johnson: Kenton Johnson, Chaplain for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (Northwest), Clackamas Fire and Mountain Wave SAR. Board of Dir and Team Lead for Emotional and Spiritual Care for Clackamas County LTRG. 503-516-2375  
road2damascus@gmail.com

00:10:38 Karen Layng: Karen Layng, Oregon Office of Emergency Management, State Voluntary Agency Liaison, karen.layng@mil.state.or.us, 971-719-0865 (work cell)

00:11:16 Jessica LaBerge, Catholic Charities: Good Afternoon everyone! Jessica LaBerge here with Catholic Charities, I'll be doing DCM Regional Program work. jlaberge@ccoregon.org 503-839-7440

00:12:31 Judith Grigsby: Judith Grigsby 202-368-9046 Judith.grigsby@fema.dhs.gov

00:12:33 Kate Szrom (she/her) Portland COAD coordinator: Kate Szrom, Portland area COAD coordinator (with PBEM) coad@portlandoregon.gov

00:14:11 Robin Young: Robin Young 202-394-4968 robin.young@fema.dhs.gov

00:14:20 DDH Zoom: Christian Burgess, Director of the Disaster Distress Helpline for Vibrant Emotional Health cburgess@vibrant.org / Learn more about the DDH @ <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

00:18:27 Sophie Miller-DeSart (she/her): Sophie Miller-DeSart, Oregon Health Authority, SERV-OR and MRC State Coordinator, Sophie.Miller-DeSart@state.or.us 971-291-2033

00:31:41 Chaplain Kenton Johnson: IC 101 and 102 but I assume most folks here have had that FEMA training

00:33:18 Christian Burgess He/Him/His Director, Disaster Distress Helplin: The National Child Trauma Stress Network (NCTSN) offers Psych First Aid Online, free, 6-hour course, however it is offline for the summer as they perform maintenance. NCTSN offers a related/similar course, Skills for Psychological Recovery, that is also online & currently available: <https://learn.nctsn.org/course/index.php?categoryid=11>

00:33:47 Bianca Bell: I may be able to help with that.

00:34:14 Chaplain Kenton Johnson: another ICS course I recommend is IS-505 "Religious and Cultural Literacy and Competency in Disaster"

00:34:16 Mark Dodge: Encourage everyone to get a Student ID number from FEMA. Go to [cdp.dhs.gov](http://cdp.dhs.gov) after the meeting.

00:36:56 Christian Burgess He/Him/His Director, Disaster Distress Helplin: Mental Health First Aid offers free in-person courses- MHFA teaches people how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older, how to offer and provide initial help, and how to guide a person toward appropriate care if necessary. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, psychosis, and addictions. <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/population-focused-modules/adults/>

00:37:51 Christian Burgess He/Him/His Director, Disaster Distress Helplin: ^ You can search for course offerings by city/ZIP code. MHFA also has courses for recognizing MH/SA concerns in faith & spiritual communities, fire/EMS, older adults, and teens.

00:45:52 Bianca Bell: Something just came up and I've got to hop off but please feel free to reach out to me! Bianca.ramnarace-mckinley@lanecountyor.gov

00:53:10 Kim Vogel UCC CPC Conference: I am wondering if VOAD suffers from low PR in the state. I suspect many communities/businesses have never heard of it. TV stations do feature reports all the time. I suggest VOAD contacts the Portland stations and local stations in affected areas and offer to do an educational segment.

00:53:51 Chaplain Kenton Johnson: Kim, to that point I would suggest some good "almost" PIO training could be really helpful for many of us as well

00:58:02 Kim Vogel UCC CPC Conference: Good Point Kenton. Not everyone is accustomed to interviewing and giving bullet points with a camera or microphone in their face

00:58:19 Bethny Boatman- FEMA Region 10 IA: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

00:59:51 Christian Burgess He/Him/His Director, Disaster Distress Helplin: The Disaster Distress Helpline recently launched a dedicated Online Peer Support Community for Healthcare Workers impacted by Covid (from anywhere in the U.S.) The private, members-only community is on Facebook, with trained Peer Supporters available for mutual aid & support. Members can also access 24/7 Crisis Support Over Messenger with DDH Crisis Counselors. Communities

dedicated to Parents and Caregivers of Children & Youth impacted by Covid + Survivors of Mass Shootings coming soon. Learn more & join @  
<https://strengthafterdisaster.org/peer-support/>

01:00:57 Karen Layng: I have to jump off for another meeting. You all are doing a great job. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or need anything, karen.layng@mil.state.or.us and 971-719-0865 (work cell).

01:03:00 Mark Dodge: Happy 50th Birthday NVOAD! Best wishes everyone.

01:05:28 Jessica LaBerge, Catholic Charities: Gotta jump off, thank you for a great meeting today! I look forward to engaging with you all real soon!

01:05:49 Christian Burgess He/Him/His Director, Disaster Distress Helplin: Thanks for all the work everyone is doing! See you next time, stay safe & well.

01:05:50 Judith Grigsby: Name of RV Park in Talent?

01:06:29 Kim Vogel UCC CPC Conference: Not a new RV park. It is property owned by the City of Talent