

CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD

Meeting Minutes – February 11th, 2016

PRESENT:

Dan Knauft	Margery Marshall	Damian Morales	Chris Bugbee
Daniel Geraci	Lucio Meza	Jessica Vermilyea	Taylor Walter
Christine Reyes-Paiz	Irene Sonnen	Shantelle Brannon	Katya Howard
Emily Knox	Michelle Acevedo	Courtney Goss	Clarisa Marcee
Anna Tangredi	Cathy Norman	Olivia Johnson	Dick Perrone
Betty Learned	Kevin Christensen	James Gabriel	Sheila Lowe
Shannon Cronin	Stephen Irwin	Rich Bradley	Alan Ford
Joe Canfield	Roger Wines	Michelle Acevedo	Jim Street

A meeting of the CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD was held on February 11th at the *Austin/Travis County Emergency Operations Center* at 5010 Old Manor Road in Austin.

President, Chris Bugbee called the meeting to order at 10:00.

- Introductions were made by all attending.
- Attendees reviewed and approved the meeting agenda.
- Attendees approved December Meeting Minutes.

Presentation

Emergency Planner Shantelle Brannon delivered an overview of the *Emergency Operations Center* and its role as a command center during emergencies in Austin and Travis County.

NEW BUSINESS

- Update on Flood Recovery
 - Bastrop County
 - Memorial Day Floods -repaired 20+ homes between Elgin, Cedar Creek, Bastrop, McDade and Smithville.
 - Hidden Pines Fires - we are in the process rebuilding 10 homes.
 - Halloween Floods - we've been able to assist 2 families to date.
 - Groups that have assisted: AmeriCorps Conservation, Texas Baptist Men, Samaritans Purse, Alert Academy
 - Mennonite Disaster Services and Apostolic Christian Harvest Call volunteer groups are here now doing rebuilds for Hidden Pines Fire.
 - Travis Austin Recovery Group
 - New Executive Director, Dick Perrone
 - New Case Manager, Michelle Acevedo
 - 10 Open Cases (October 2015 Flood)
 - Coordinating a neighborhood "flood debris" cleanup event in Thoroughbred Farms.
 - Considering a World Renew "needs" assessment survey.
 - Blanco River Regional Recovery Group
 - 375 Intakes; closed 193; 182 Remain Open
 - Developing a Fund Raising Campaign

- Funding for case managers is needed.
- Accommodations for skilled volunteers is needed.
- Vista Volunteer is a great asset especially with creating spreadsheets for tracking volunteer hours.
- Williamson County
 - UMCOR is providing two case managers and a supervisor.
 - 50 plus homes need repairs or rebuilding.
 - Taylor has a large need for help with recovery.
- UPDATE From Local/State/FEMA Partners
 - TDEM conference first week of April at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Information on discounts to attend for VOAD members will be emailed.
 - FEMA Individual Assistance teams are demobing after an 8 month stay.
 - Reminder: it's important to track your volunteer hours and submit them to your City or County Emergency Managers.
 - ADRN has closed 200 cases. A charity race to raise funds for Central Texas Floods is being planned for June.
 - May 22-25: 2016 National VOAD Conference will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota; 2017 National VOAD Conference will be in Houston.
 - Long Term Recovery – Great work being done with limited resources because of the support and guidance provided by FEMA & State VALS.
 - CTXVOAD Board elections will be in April. Do some soul searching so we have fresh faces to be part of the leadership. Will need to send out a tentative slate prior to the April meeting.
 - Next meeting will be April 14th at Disability Rights of Texas offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.
 - Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Acevedo
Secretary/Central Texas VOAD

CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD
Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2016

PRESENT:

Shantelle Brannon	Anita Janke	Damian Morales	Chris Bugbee
Aimee Drake	Joe Canfield	Shay Mooney	Roger Wines
Daniel Geraci	Roger Wines	Katya Howard	Denise Treadwell
Sara Record	Michelle Acevedo	Jill Smith	Alan Ford
Anna Tangredi	Charles Baker	Courtney Goss	Cathy Norman
Betty Learned	Jiann-Ping Loh	Chris Cordova	Scott Rowe

A meeting of the CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD was held on April 14th *Disability Rights of Texas* offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.

President, Chris Bugbee called the meeting to order at 10:00.

- Introductions were made by all attending.
- Attendees reviewed and approved the meeting agenda.
- Attendees approved February Meeting Minutes.

Elections:

2016 Officers and Standing Committee Chairs were nominated and voted upon. A move was made to accept the nominations and was seconded.

2016 Officers

Chairperson – Damian Morales, OneStar Foundation
Vice-Chairperson – Dan Knauft, American Red Cross
Secretary – Michelle Acevedo, Texas Search and Rescue
Past President – Chris Bugbee, OneStar Foundation

2016 Committee Chairs

Communications - Anita Janke, Shoreline Church
Membership and Growth – Cathy Norman, Church of Scientology Disaster Response
Education & Training - Anna Tangredi, Texas Department of Emergency Management
Long-Term Recovery – Betty Learned, Texas Department of Emergency Management

NEW BUSINESS

- Update on Flood Recovery
 - Blanco River Regional Recovery Team-BR3T
 - Texas Baptist and ADRN brought in over 400 people from outside of area for home cleanup and construction. They continue to work on projects that have permit and foundation issues.
 - Warehouse location is moving and help will be needed to move the supplies.
 - Actively searching for an Executive Director.
 - H.E.A.R.T.9/11 has provided 30 Rebuild Team members.

- Need places to house recovery volunteer groups for this summer. If you know of available sites, contact the BR3T at 512-677-9701, or, blancoriverregional@gmail.com
 - Austin Disaster Relief Network
 - 2016:
 - 60 Cases: 55 Repairs; 5 Rebuilds
 - 11 repairs completed
 - 1 home demolished with rebuild pending
 - 29 Cases Closed Totaling \$169,178.00 in funding
 - 2015:
 - Sponsored 750 families
 - Gave away over \$1.2 million in disaster funds for recovery from Memorial, Bastrop Fires and CTX Floods. This includes trailer/mobile homes, car repairs, car replacements, utilities/rent/deposits, furniture through Austin Couch Potatoes, repair/rebuilding of homes, emergency housing, emergency funds through gift cards, clothing/bedding/household items/linens/undergarments, etc.
 - Funded into 4-5 rebuilds and 15+ repairs through CAM and several home repairs in Taylor.
 - Closed over 200 cases.
 - Christian Compassion Center (C3) through GOOD 365 has connected with World Vision. They want to provide major building supplies. They have supplied/shipped siding, shingles to homes in the Martindale area.
 - Travis Austin Recovery Group
 - 15 Cases
 - 6 Repairs
 - 2 Trailer Replacements
 - 8 Cases Closed
 - Williamson County
 - Case Management of 60
 - Repair 55
 - 5 total rebuild
 - 29 have been closed
 - Continue to work on fund raising.
- UPDATE From Local/State/FEMA Partners
 - TDEM
 - Thank you to LDS for providing the massive manpower numbers to clean up East Texas homes. Being an affiliated organization resulted in great coordination efforts.
 - Crisis Cleanup has proved to be invaluable when it comes to the communication and coordination of recovery efforts among many organizations. Please encourage your EMC to use this program to manage their recovery effort so that duplication of effort is minimized.
 - Anna Tangredi may be able to provide data entry support for those who use Crisis Cleanup.

- Team Leads are needed to for volunteer groups in East Texas to keep volunteers safe and on task.
- Travis County
 - After Action Review for the 2015 floods has been completed and corrective action items should be completed over the next couple of weeks.
 - City of Austin Mega Shelter is planning an exercise is in early June.
 - Rio Grande Valley Hurricane Full Scale Evacuation exercise is planned for early June.
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- City of Austin
 - Has hired a team of Disaster Case Social Workers who are working with local partners to improve the intake process at assistance centers for case management.
- Chair Update
 - Education
 - G-775 EOC Management and Operations class is being offered in Bexar County June 15-16. Register through preparingtexas.org.
 - May 19-20 Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit in Joplin Missouri.
 - Membership
 - An application for Partnership has been received from Capital District United Methodist Disaster Response. The CTX VOAD membership voted on and approved this partnership application.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50. Next meeting will be June 9th at Disability Rights of Texas offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Acevedo
Secretary/Central Texas VOAD

CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD

Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2016

PRESENT:

Dan Knauft	Roberta Rogue	Damian Morales	Taylor Wolter
Aimee Drake	Betty Learned	Roz Gutierrez	Jill Smith
Daniel Geraci	Chris Bugbee	Roger Wines	Scott Rowe
Karsten Darden	Michelle Acevedo	Shantelle Brannon	Thomas Monahan
Christine Reyes-Paiz	Alan Ford	Shay Mooney	Alessa Adams
Cathy Norman	Jiann-Ping Loh	Jim Street	Sheila Lowe
Jason Yancey			

A meeting of the CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD was held on June 9th at *Disability Rights of Texas* offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.

President, Damian Morales called the meeting to order at 10:00.

- Introductions were made by all attending.
- Attendees reviewed and approved the meeting agenda.
- Attendees approved April Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Update on May 2016 Flood Response**
 - Bastrop County(BCLTRT)
 - 128 homes affected
 - Registered 54 of these families and more than half do not have insurance. Most had repaired or almost repaired when this flood hit.
 - 50 families have had assistance with cleanup due to great volunteer support.
 - Due to many survivors cleaning up on their own, out of town or unavailable, we are calling the survivors and using media coverage urging survivors to call us so we can determine the resources that are still needed.
 - Catholic Charities, ADRN and Bastrop Pregnancy Center are helping women who have special sheltering needs.
 - Volunteers are being registered through Crisis Cleanup
 - There is a need to coordinate with other agencies to better determine assistance that has been provided.
 - Travis Austin Recovery Group, TARG
 - Still assessing the needs at this time.
 - Austin Disaster Relief Network
 - 140 homes have been mucked out.
 - Working with LDS to mobilize volunteers to complete the remaining muck-outs(5) this Saturday.
- **Updates on Flood & Wildfire Recovery Effort**
 - Bastrop County(BCLTRT)
 - Hidden Pines completed rebuilds at the end of April
 - In July, we will be hosting a Camp Noah at the Church of Christ in Bastrop.
 - September 5th will be a 5 year commemorative program at the Bastrop Convention Center
 - Travis Austin Recovery Group, TARG

- Volunteers from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Youth Group will be arriving in June from Kansas to help finish out a home.
 - Volunteers from City Reach Austin brought skilled labor to finish interior construction and repair.
 - Meals On Wheels Rehab has accepted an application from an October 2015 flood survivor and will begin home repair in July.
 - Blanco River Regional Recovery Team(BR3T)
 - Expecting 400 volunteers in July
 - Looking for agencies who can provide funding for Unmet Needs Table.
 - Williamson County
 - 26 homes with unmet needs.
 - \$394,000 needed to repair/rebuild.
- **Updates from Local/State/FEMA Partners**
 - Travis County
 - Travis County was included in the State's request for FEMA Individual Assistance.
 - New Campaign for CAPCOG's Regional Notification System. This system uses the "reverse dialing" method to notify residents in the 10 county region of emergency situations. Residents/Businesses can register at WarnCentralTexas.org
 - Planning another Community Outreach in August for the North/Northwest area.
 - Red Cross
 - 177 open cases.
 - Mobile Red Cross is providing bulk distribution to shelters.
 - Providing short-term financial assistance.
 - Survivors who have short term needs can call Client Case Work at 855-224-2290
 - Only one shelter in Lee County and it will need to be open for a while. May train locals to manage this shelter long term.
 - Lee County has very little affordable housing
 - No plans to set up Flood Assistance Center/MARC at this time.
 - Central Texas Food Bank
 - Have received one order of disaster products for Lee County.
 - UMCOR
 - Has volunteer teams in Bastrop
 - Need more volunteers
 - 2-1-1 Texas
 - Call volume has been steady but not high.
 - Travis County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)
 - Travis County ARES is the communication backup when all else fails.
 - Currently supporting agencies with amateur and commercial radios.
 - Any organization can request ARES assistance.
 - Latter Day Saints
 - Said they were thrilled to be able help ADRN on Memorial Day.
 - Will help provide VOAD agencies with volunteers through Crisis Cleanup.
 - Presbyterian Church
 - Reminder about Camp Noah

- Was developed by Lutheran Social Services in 2007
- As campers, children will go through intentional activities to help them process their disaster trauma and help them build resiliency skills.
- Five days can host 50-60 children with a cost of \$20,000.
- We like to have partners to match donations to meet this cost.
- There are 3 camps scheduled in Blanco County.
- Catholic Charities
 - Working in 25 counties.
 - Lee County:
 - Families are still unable to get to their homes.
 - Homes are not able to have electricity turned on until inspectors have access to homes to perform inspections.
 - Septic tanks are overflowing (county will condemn those that are not tightly sealed.)
 - Many unmet needs with the largest need being for affordable housing.
 - Not many local resources.
- St. Vincent de Paul
 - Biggest demand is for the “House in the Box”.
- Austin Disaster Relief Network
 - 140 homes have been mucked out.
 - Working with LDS to mobilize volunteers to complete the remaining muckouts(5) this Saturday.
 - Still active in Bastrop and Williamson County.
 - Continuously working with the BR3T with repair/rebuild.
 - June Del Valle ISD Summer Community Outreach – was an important event that brought the community together and provided a great dialogue opportunity with many of the flood survivors and supporting agencies.
- **Identify Unmet Needs**
 - Lee County – long term housing, mobile homes, trailers, funding, skilled volunteers
 - BR3T, BCLTRT, TARG and Williamson County Long Term Recovery Groups are finding it difficult to raise additional funds to continue the repair and rebuilding of survivors’ homes. There is a need for additional agencies who are able to provide funding to help these LTRG continue to meet the needs of their communities.

UPDATES

- Education - June 14th in Houston -TDEM Class with Anna Tangredi and Damian Morales
 - G489 – Management of Spontaneous Volunteers

DISCUSSION

- Announcements:
 - ADRN - Race4ATX will be June 12th – 5k charity race to benefit flood survivors.
 - June is Amateur Radio month and Travis County ARES will be celebrating through community events that will simulate emergency testing and exhibiting disaster communication operations on June 25 & 26. Contact Roger Wines for more information, w5wia@arrl.net

- Open Discussion
 - Local fundraising is becoming difficult.
 - National VOAD is experiencing volunteer fatigue and fundraising difficulties, too.
 - VOAD agencies need to work collaboratively to collect the hard data needed to prove the funding need and to prevent duplication of benefits.
 - Damian asked VOAD members to send him ideas on fundraising and how we can better engage philanthropic resources.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be August 11th at Disability Rights of Texas offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Acevedo
Secretary/Central Texas VOAD

CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD

Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2016

PRESENT:	Denise Treadwell		
Dan Knauff	Anna Tangredi	Damian Morales	Anissa Saoudi
Bob Andrews	Betty Learned	Charles Baker	John Andoe
Bryan Sneed	Scott Rowe	David Stone	Courtney Goss
Daniel Geraci	Michelle Acevedo	Shay Mooney	Taylor Walter
Christine Reyes-Paiz	Alan Ford	Irene Sonnen	Lars Anderson
Cathy Norman	Joe Canfield	Clarisa Marcee	Sheila Lowe
Sara Record	Roger Wines	Aimee Drake	Jeanne McClellan

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- Introductions were made by all attending.
- Attendees reviewed and approved the meeting agenda.
- Attendees approved June Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Update on May 2016 Flood and Wildfire Recovery Efforts**
 - Bastrop County
 - 374 Registrants from the Memorial Day floods
 - Working with 30 of these families on repair estimates, FEMA appeals, insurance issues
 - Mennonite Disaster Services may be able to help with repairs in October
 - Commemorative lunch for the Bastrop County Complex fire will be September 4th
 - Camp Noah Summer Camp had 50 disaster-affected children participate. Each day the children had activities that were designed to help them process their disaster experience. All involved found this to be an extraordinary experience.
 - Blanco River Regional Recovery Team
 - Volunteers were experiencing burnout so they took a break until September.
 - Judge Brady's wife will be the new Volunteer Coordinator.
 - UMCOR will be providing a construction manager for Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties.
 - Barnabas Connection will hire an additional construction manager for Wimberley
 - Emails have been sent to local churches for funding and skilled volunteers.
 - Thank you to those who have provided funding and volunteers.
 - Need more people at the Unmet Needs Table
 - Discussion needed on the vetting of clients. It is really hard on the clients to go through the case management vetting and then another vetting process with the Funders.

- Williamson County Long Term Recovery
 - Started with 95 homes registered since Memorial Day 2015.
 - 18 homes remain with 6 being actively worked on.
 - Many volunteers from out of state and some local.
 - LDS has committed a monthly volunteer team.
 - Teams from Kohl's and Keller Williams have helped.
 - Working with State Technical College for more volunteers.
 - \$275,000 in money donated. This does not include in-kind items such as furniture, sheet rock, and floor tiles.
 - Thanks to UMCOR for their support.
 - Goal to raise \$350,00 to complete projects.
 - Plan to finish the non-full rebuilds by end of the year.
 - The Flood of Hope Fundraiser Campaign kicked off with the Taylor Ministerial Alliance sending off a letter to every church in Taylor and has received \$20,000 already. The City is providing collection centers for donations. Presentations have been made to HOAs yielding \$1000.
- **Updates from Local/State/FEMA Partners**
 - Travis County
 - State – Registration closed yesterday.
 - Case managers have 60 days to appeal. If case managers feel they need help with appeals, let Anna know.
 - Three DRC locations are still open for appeal assistance. Survivors can also call the Help Line for assistance.
 - A Community Outreach is planned for the North/Northwest counties in August.
 - Anna recognized the State VALS for their tireless dedication to traveling across the State missing holidays and important family events to help Texas communities recover.
 - Anna recognized LDS as a dependable and important partner to response work. They provide volumes of volunteers who instill hope to survivors that they can recover.
 - If you are a VOAD, please stay connected to the LTRC and support them as long as possible. Thank you for all that you do for the LTRC across the State of Texas.
 - Texas Baptist men have put out 7000 volunteers since December 2015. 121,000 meals, 24,000 boxes, mud-out in 1000 homes, 200 chain saw jobs.
 - LDS is encouraging local organizations to provide more volunteers through JustServe.org

UPDATES

- Education - go to preparing texas.org to see what is available. Reimbursement is available for classes outside of Austin area.
- Membership – let Cathy Norman know of important membership changes.
- Long Term Recovery – continuing to find ways to pull together city and county representatives for meetings to problem solve.

DISCUSSION

- Thank you to Anna for your service and training everyone in this room. You are a spirit of collaboration and communication. Your fearless passion and tireless advocacy has changed the role of TDEM as it relates to disaster services. You have made a difference, impacted lives and have been a change agent with government agencies. Thank you for always being available when we needed you.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55. Next meeting will be October 13 at Disability Rights of Texas offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, and Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Acevedo
Secretary/Central Texas VOAD

CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD

Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2016

PRESENT:

Dan Knauft	Karsten Darden	Cathy Norman	Sara Record
Betty Learned	Scott Rowe	Mark Minick	Damian Morales
Anita Janke	Joe Canfield	Roger Wines	Charles Baker
Jiann-Ping Loh	Shay Mooney	Aimee Drake	Sylvia Bhuiyan
Thomas Monahan	Jill Smith	Jim Street	Cheryl Small
Nelson Andrade			

A meeting of the CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD was held on October 13th at *Disability Rights of Texas* offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.

President, Damian Morales called the meeting to order at 10:00.

- Introductions were made by all attending.
- Attendees reviewed and approved the meeting agenda.
- Attendees approved June Meeting Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Presentation: Community Development Block Grant
 - FEMA responds to short term funding
 - HUD long term recovery 50.1 million funneling into GLO 22 million shared with 4 impacted counties Hays, Hidalgo, Harris, Travis County
 - Responsible for Method of Distribution of 5.5 million (TC & COA)
 - Recommended TC dollars can be used outside of TC jurisdiction
 - GLO give local control – counties to determine how funding to be shared
 - Partnering with COA, county is responsible for method of distribution
 - Using GLO damage assessments, as well as low to moderate income 80% - higher than poverty guideline
 - Utilizing average income of 5 county area
 - More people to tend qualify under this metric
 - Can't determine how much money for TC or COA yet
 - Public Hearing October 25 to receive feedback on Method of Distribution
 - First Method of Distribution, then forward to GLO, then they will say yes
 - Then TC & COA will know how much money they will get – they will submit project application by FEB? Local jurisdiction determines how to spend funding – not open to public discussion
 - Drainage, buy out , elevation work, what is the best way to spend money for maximum impact
 - Ensure to hear the public voice of the community impacted – 6 prioritized needs
 - Listed project types – housing: elevation, home repair, reconstruction, mobile home swap and buyout
 - 55 ppl attended meeting, 52 residents, 3 represented agencies
 - 14 residents filled out surveys & handful of governing agencies
 - Public engagement is a priority at TC – they choose to make their projects available to smaller communities outside the jurisdiction

- COA is doing buyouts, TC is not – the focus was not people’s issues with buyouts – there are issues with rodents, peoples properties are not being maintained, people who shouldn’t be there – drinking & doing drugs,
 - Disaster Recovery money has to be tied to 2015 Flood
 - CDBG – other funding doesn’t have to be tied to flood, low to moderate income can help alleviate some of the conditions people are experiencing.
 - There are people who still have unmet needs
 - The decision was made to not have services available at the meeting. This meeting was very specific and targeted feedback.
 - One of the challenges is that Hispanic community may connect with Spanish speaking social workers and leaders
 - Sign in sheet requested name of neighborhood, not everyone did that – not everyone has a neighborhood name. Lots of people from Del Valle.
- **Updates from Local/State/FEMA Partners**
 - TDEM State VAL interviews have been pushed back
 - Damian will be part of the interview process
- **Update on Long-Term Recovery Efforts**
 - Bastrop County (BCLTRT)
 - Bastrop Long Term Recovery won Governors Volunteer Award
 - Travis County (TARG)
 - Partners Apostolic Christian Church, UMCOR, MOW,
 - 6 rebuilds, remodels
 - Purchased 2 mobile homes
 - 10 homes left to be started in November
 - Education Committee team of 5 working with Austin’s watershed and secure building permits
 - Harvest Call Church Group
 - Sustainable Development
 - Purchased lawn care machinery to re-employ business
 - Blanco River Regional Recovery Group (BR3T)
 - Late last month relaunched website BR3T.org
 - Volunteer groups – World Renewed and Nomads are phenomenal
 - Secured funding for two
 - Unmet Needs table got up & running
 - How many cases are open? Researching, potential of 500 cases San Marcus/Hays County
 - Volunteer is building a case management database
 - ADRN
 - Fundraising efforts taking place
 - Collecting data for Williamson, Hays & Caldwell
 - October & May flood funds have dried up
 - People of Travis Co are experiencing permitting issues. Educating the people on the importance of permits is needed to alleviate fear around rebuilds & new construction.

- Williamson County
 - Flood of Hope Event at Texas Beer Company was a success
 - Story on KXAN
 - Raised \$5,500 in two hours that allowed people to “buy” 36 sheets of sheetrock, 10x10 flooring, 3 ceiling joists, 2 floor joists, 3 inside doors, and 5 lengths of PVC
 - Have raised \$27,500 for Flood of Hope Campaign that began in July
 - 7 homes require repairs, and 1 home requires total rebuild
 - LTRC will close as of 2.28.17, which is when UMCOR grant for case & construction managers ends.
- COA
 - Case management coordination efforts with TC
 - Front end of an event, share case management help between City, County, agencies – this group would become a subcommittee of LTR
- **UPDATES**
 - Chair
 - 2017 Texas Emergency Management conference May 16-19 San Antonio
 - National VOAD conference is in Houston, Texas
 - A committee of TXVOAD members will be meeting to discuss the creation of a universally adopted registration form for MARCs.
 - Education & Training
 - Anna will remain engaged, she will serve on the Texas VOAD board
 - TDEM Trainings, www.preparingtexas.org
 - G608 –Disaster Recovery Workshop
 - 288 – Donations Management Course
 - 489 – Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disaster
 - Membership & Growth – none
 - Communications –none
 - Long Term Recovery
 - Working with TARG to see if they can be more recognized, more vibrant existence – there is a huge amount of need in the community, they need more involvement and resources
- **DISCUSSIONS**
 - Buyout/Permitting what is the condition of the process in TC compared to other counties? Consensus – every city has its own zoning issues with different answers, it’s all over the board
 - Zoning process is long and arduous and solution is to invite COA and Travis County Permitting and Zoning to a future meeting.
 - Bastrop was great at giving proactive information on how to protect the families in the rebuild process that addressed zoning and permitting
 - FEMA increased federal declaration threshold to \$36.1 million for a public assistance declaration & 800 under/uninsured homes for individual assistance declaration.
 - Texas Baptist Men
 - Heading to North Carolina – concern for disaster fatigue
 - There is a shift in reporting responsibilities
 - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
 - Representing manpower

- Visit www.justserve.org website
 - Wooten Elementary beautification project
- Presbyterian Church
 - Honorable mention: Bastrop has dealt with serial disasters – they are doing great!
 - Consolidate internal organizations from Copperas Cove – Harlingen
 - Resources they can tap into are volunteer hosting, spiritual & emotional care and Long Term Recovery
- OneStar Foundation
 - The 1 millionth AmeriCorps member was recently sworn-in
 - Focus Conservation Corp programs
 - Deployment is costly – long term goal is get more disaster focus resources locally (Texas)
 - 3 AmeriCorps NCCC teams will be working with Texas Baptist Men and Long-Term Recovery Groups in Brazoria and South East Texas
- Austin OEM
 - CERT 3 day course, 8am-5pm <http://www.austintexas.gov/event/g-317-community-emergency-response-team-cert-course>
 - G-317 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Course
 - Friday, November 18, 2016 - 8:00am to Sunday, November 20, 2016 - 5:00pm
- Amateur Radio
 - Monday, amateur radio classes are continuing – for five more Mondays and one Saturday, to get a federal license 24 hour course
 - GPS course hosted by Austin CERT Nov 5th
- TZU CHI Foundation
 - Provided debit cards & blankets in Baton Rouge
- Central Texas Food Bank
 - Collaborated with FEMA to provide food products to Baton Rouge in response to the recent flooding
- 211 United Way
 - Provide year around information for basic needs
 - Provide seasonal information for holiday meals, blue santa, brown santa, tax prep, flu shots
- Texas Baptist Men
 - Providing portable water filtering systems to Haiti
- American Red Cross
 - North Carolina the impact is huge – still dealing for the effects of Hurricane Matthew – initial response
 - Changing gears – American Red Cross focus for Oct is ‘Home Fire Preparedness’ Campaign, installing smoke alarms – in partnership with community, church groups and Austin Fire Department
- Shoreline Church
 - Raising resources for Danita’s Children Haiti so they can respond to the humanitarian crisis left by Hurricane Matthew
 - Danita's Children are providing emergency food, medical treatment, malnutrition care & temporary shelter until they can help the families rebuild their homes.

- ADRN
 - Deployed in Denham Springs Louisiana and North Carolina in response to flooding
 - Registered 400 to provide data to Long Term Recovery Committee
 - Daniel spoke to mayor, city officials to establish LTRC
 - Shepherding program to church leaders
 - Will send donations to North Carolina, but will not be deploying
- Next Meeting: Zoning Presentation

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be December 8th at Disability Rights of Texas offices located at 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Janke
Communications/Central Texas VOAD

CENTRAL TEXAS VOAD
Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2016

A meeting of the Central Texas VOAD was held on December 8, 2016 at Disability Rights Texas offices located at 2222 W. Braker Lane, Austin, TX.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

PRESENT:

Dan Knauff	Jill Smith	Valerie Pacheco
Bryan Sneed	Sara Record	Dick Perrone
Aimee Drake	Damian Morales	Roger Wines
Karsten Darden	Taylor Wolter	Jiann-Ping Loh
Cathy Norman	Christa Lopez	Blake Clampffer
Nelson Andrade	Anissa Saoudi	Richard MacMath
Sheila Lowe	Jim Street	Scott Rowe

President, Damian Morales, called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Introductions were made from those in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION:

- Minutes were reviewed.
 - Correction on Page 4: Provided debit cards & blankets in *Baton Rouge* (not Houston).
- With this change, minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update from Local/State/FEMA Partners

Christa Lopez - TDEM:

- No FEMA VALs left in the area. Only one VAL left in Houston for 1.5 more weeks.
- The Human Services Branch is still trying to fill the State VAL position. Anticipated to be filled by February.
- Traci Brasher has moved on and has a new position with FEMA Region 6.
- Please filter all issues related to the VAL position through Damian until position is filled.

Anissa Saoudi - HHSC:

- DR 4223: Meeting with CDBG-DR in Corpus Christi to discuss resources for DR 4223 and building capacity for DR 4272.
- DR 4266: Family Endeavors Team finished training this week and should meet with Carol Greenslate (HHSC) and VOADs to transition cases by next week (probably on 12/14). Moved into Sharing Station in Orange, TX and will be operating from there.
- DR4269 &4272: Undergoing procurement process.

Blake Clampffer - Travis County OEM:

- CDBG – meeting with General Land Office. Final distribution of funds from October 15 flooding was divided into housing and non-housing. Travis County was most impacted county - \$651k. City of Austin: \$3.1M. Travis County has \$875k in housing. City of Austin \$896k.
- They will be working together on future projects. Will move quickly so funds aren't reallocated. City of Austin has projects in mind, as well as Travis County.

Damian asked if there a role for VOAD to play in the process? Blake said he wasn't sure. If so, they will come back and let us know.

Jill Smith - City of Austin Public Health:

- Health Department changed name to Austin Public Health.

Nelson Andrade - Austin CERT:

- Training coming up January 28-29.

Update on Long-Term Recovery Efforts

Sheila Lowe – Bastrop County Long-term Recovery Team (BCLTRT):

- In September, 10 unmet needs cases were funded for \$53k. Ranged from simple roof repair to replacing flooring and walls. Mennonite Disaster Services is doing repairs.
- Winter group will come back in January – March.
- One house needs to be redone, but has flooded several times. Working with County to maybe do a swap with this owner. If it doesn't move quickly, may have to find another group.
- Office is helping 3 long-term recovery committees (Caddo Lake, Wharton and Denham Springs)
- In October, we received the Governor's honor award.
- November: Started end-of-year giving campaign – will go through December.
- We are also working with local Chamber business committee. Creating a sustainability ad resiliency program. More in February.

Dick Perrone – Travis Area Recovery Group (TARG):

- Gave update on their efforts. Still finishing up a few projects.
- Meet quarterly with watershed department. Should be finished with lower Onion Creek purchases soon. Up to 20 that may not want to sell.
- CDBG \$: Have been following since Spring – hoping to have influence on that.
- Have been working with people in Thoroughbred Farms – about 9 people. They don't have resources to relocate and can't sell what they have. Trying to get them permits to get back into homes.
- Upper Onion Creek study should be complete in March. Found \$1.25 million that they set aside to purchase 2 homes in upper Onion Creek. Estimate \$75M to buy all the homes there.
- TARG is dealing with 9 cases at this time. Have to use money by February.

Amiee Drake – Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN):

- No updates on Long term recovery in Travis County
- Not actively working with Bastrop LTR.
- Have one more scheduled in Williamson County.
- Habitat for Humanity is able to take on 2 rebuilds after February.

- ADRN has funded about \$130k, including \$20k to help with construction manager. Working with Hays County as well.
- Low on funds, so have been conservative. Working on getting some grants to bring in more funds.

UPDATES:

Chair Updates – Damian Morales

- Texas VOAD – meeting on Tuesday at Camp (Salvation Army Camp). Voting on a new slate of officers.
- National VOAD Conference is May 15-18 in Houston. You can book hotel at this time, but can't register yet. Workshop proposals for conference are due by COB tomorrow. Encourage people to submit.
- Greg Forrester is new National VOAD President, used to be with UMCOR.
- Working to get someone from Travis County to one of our meetings to answer questions related to flood plains.
- Meetings: Damian asked how the group would feel about moving our meeting schedule to quarterly. Thoughts?
 - Discussion:
 - Could we do teleconferencing in between if needed? Possibly.
 - Suggestion to send out an email survey.
 - Quarterly meeting, with teleconferencing provision just in case. Could figure out in advance.
 - For some organizations, it's good to get more frequent updates. Maybe create a dashboard to see monthly updates? Others thought face-to-face best.
 - Could we submit updates to Damian to create a newsletter for monthly updates? People liked that idea.
 - As long as we continue face-to-face and newsletters are a fill-in, that would be great.
- Newsletter – Damian asked what people would you be willing to submit, and what they needed.
 - Major activity going on
 - Updates on operations
 - Needs section
 - Educational/Training Opportunities
 - Chair Updates
 - Deadline for Updates and when it will be sent out.
 - No objections from anyone. Damian will send out an update on this.

Education & Training – Damian Morales:

- Anna Tangredi has retired as VAL, but will continue to serve as subcommittee chair.
- National VOAD Conference.
- TDEM Conference is same week as VOAD Conference.
- If you have multiple volunteers and budget, send someone to each one.
- Damian will be at National.
- No G489 – Management of Spontaneous Volunteers courses scheduled. if anyone is interested, contact TDEM.
- Donations Management Class upcoming.

Membership & Growth – Cathy Norman:

- No new members at this time.

Communications:

- No updates.

Long-Term Recovery:

- Betty is sick.
- Would anyone like a LTR Webinar by National VOAD? We could perhaps extend next meeting to do this. 60-90 minutes webinar. Damian will get more info and send out.

DISCUSSION:

- Anissa Saoudi – HHSC:
 - Still looking to fill Program Specialist positions. Damian will send openings to the group when he receives.
- Richard MacMath - Austin Community Design and Development Center:
 - Specializing in affordable housing. Would like to explore working with VOAD. Gave an overview of what they do. One of the unique projects they are working on is shipping container houses. Most of work is currently within the City of Austin, but could go outside.
- Roger Wines – Amateur Radio:
 - Trying to add more classes because of demand.
- Nelson Andrade – Austin CERT:
 - Ramping up community outreach in 2017. Partnering with other organizations.
 - Have a newsletter that goes out monthly. Go to austintexas.gov/AustinCERT
- Christa Lopez - TDEM:
 - If you need any resources, feel free to contact Christa. Hoping to have someone to replace Anna by February. Moving offices to La Posada.
 - Number of classes starting to offer – 205 class for local government to learn pre and post disaster plans.
- Taylor Wolter - Texas Conservation Corps:
 - Just hosted National Americorps Disaster Response Team (A-DRT) training in Austin for a week. It was great. Will make A-DRTs stronger.
 - No current responses. Just returned from Baton Rouge which was in rough shape.
- Jiann-Ping Loh – Tzu Chi Foundation:

- Involved with several activities. Nov. 29 started Blue Santa. Yesterday had Breakfast with Santa at Rosedale School. Today have volunteers involved in Coats for Kids with distribution on Saturday.
- Scott Rowe -LDS:
 - Function on this board has been to be available with volunteers on bigger projects. Have an image problem where people feel like LDS only comes for big projects.
 - Have a website called JustServe.org where people can go and sign up for local projects to get involved in community. Available to all. It's a matching service where you can post or serve. Free.
- Jill Smith – City of Austin Public Health:
 - Have had a group meeting since early summer that does case mgmt. in Travis County. Pre-planning for future disasters. If anyone else does case management, you are welcome to join.
- Dan Knauft - Red Cross:
 - The Central Texas American Red Cross is planning a smoke alarm weekend on January 14th in Montopolis neighborhood. If you know of scout troops that could help, let Dan know.
 - State of Texas has 3 regions. Red Cross has several openings. Go to Red Cross website to see positions.
- Damian Morales – OneStar Foundation:
 - At the A-DRT training, there was a new initiative unveiled. Go to <http://www.RVDisasterCorps.org> to learn more. Senior Corp is a place-based program, meaning they have to stay in their county. Working to develop a new program where people over 55 who have an RV can travel throughout the country to volunteer. Very innovative, just getting off the ground. Putting together a curriculum.
 - NCCC soliciting applications for programs to host teams.
 - Held another Texas VOAD Disaster Case management meeting. Working through how the DCM process can be streamlined.

Announcements:

- Roger Wines: Asked if minutes could be distributed after the meeting instead of before the next meeting. This would give us the info we need to act upon thing. Damian said we will take this into consideration and send out as soon as possible.
- Damian will look at new meeting schedule and send out new dates. We will still block 2 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03.