PAVOAD Statewide Coordinating Call

April 12, 2024

* Introductions
* Heavy rains in Western PA
  + Salvation Army has been passing out flood kits
  + Assisting in Armstrong county emergency shelter and evacuation
    - One couple who were staying in county but not residents there at 4am
* Steve – municipal shelters for flash flooding, trailer parks (Woodale)
  + Flooding last week – opened a shelter but no one showed up
  + Some distribution of emergency supplies and kits, did open some cases
  + Unmet needs – nothing major at this time
  + Concern that weather patter will hold and there will be more flooding
* Allegheny, Lawrence, Butler Counties
* Julia to Nick: next steps damage assessments PEMA
  + Wait and see
  + Counties doing damage assessments still from last week, may have to redo with additional flood damage
  + SBA or FEMA declaration
  + On PAVOAD website – can input requests for unmet needs, on backend
  + Crisis cleanup is available
    - Adam would like to utilize
* Julia – July flooding 2023
  + DRAP program in Berks and Northampton
  + Long term recovery group Berks county and two case managers in Berks county
  + Lackawanna County – case manager 1 day per week (through UCC)
  + Nick – Scranton (at Westtown Field House DRAP) assistance open through Saturday
    - Invited SBA since DRAP eligibility depends on that
    - PA DHS benefit reviews
  + Tom Guth
    - Bridge work in Northampton County
  + Deadline for SBA application for Lackawanna county is April 24th
* Hurricane Ida recovery – Julia
  + UNR is still meeting
  + Case manager took over federal cases
  + Assisting survivors in Philadelphia
  + After wash – Hurricane Ida on April 30th in person and virtual at Chester County government building
    - Can also add comments to whitepaper on Canva
    - Either Teams or Zoom link will be avaiable
      * VOAD link can be used on zoom for unlimited time
* Isaias
  + Almost finished with recovery
  + No unmet needs at this time
* What is needed for crisis cleanup to be stood up?
  + No declaration requirements
  + Easy to open, hotline can be activated as well
* Denise -Eastwick
  + Needs for contractors, little work for volunteers
  + 5 projects pending
* Mid Atlantic VOAD was this past week
* National VOAD meeting
* National Mass Care exercise in May
  + PAVOAD meeting 23rd, participating on Thursday in distribution materials and case management
  + Shippensburg University
  + Registration for Keystone 6, National Mass Care Exercise Ends, Monday, April 15, 2024 Registration Link: https://dhs.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=838a569910db1c2e7e44200ec&id=dc6971dd17
* Steve Leauber – any help in getting facilities opened up for smaller disasters (ex: apartment fires)?
  + Thinking about putting together a Red Cross Training day / shelter fundamentals class / damage assessment class / open up to partner organizations