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