

Nov 12:

November 12, 2012 – 9:30 Muck-Out Coordination Meeting – OEM North-South Conference Room

Call in number: 866.474.5177

Contact: newyorkcityvoad@gmail.com

Next meeting: Muck-Out Technology Wed 9:30 (same location and call in #)

On phone:

Rebuilding Together – Chelsea Miller (Jennifer Cherry on her way)

Salvation Army – Judith Hale (Ian Anderson on the way)

CNCS – Bill Crysanthos

Operation Blessing – Jody Gettys

Food Bank for NYC

Samaritan's Purse – Tim Hoss

Bill Driscoll

NY Cares – Suzan Cree

Volunteer Fairfax – Matt ____

Lisa

Team Rubicon – Technologies Discussion:

Mapping and resources for figuring out where greatest needs are and who's working where – Team Rubicon (Marvin); been at Rockaway on the ground. AO (area of operation) = 43 to 53rd st. Partnered w Palenteer. Palenteer provides data mechanisms (samsung smart phone) to organize and distribute work orders to teams. 5000 volunteers came through, signed in with waiver, were divided into small platoons and dispatched to where needs are. Palenteer provides free access to live updated intelligence from a web device. All VOAD members could access. Highly scalable and shareable at different layers.

Technology call Wed at 9:30. Live demo; try to make it in person if possible.

Request intake Discussion:

How should it be structured for the public?

OEM (CB) - NY State Tax and Finance could run a call center through 311 for request intake.

All VOAD members to send intake forms with eligibility requirements to CB (cbarton@oem.nyc.gov) and Meg (newyorkcityvoad@gmail.com). They will compile a form for all to use.

Americorps (Bruce): clarification needed from FEMA: what type of volunteer labor can be counted as a cost-offset? Must capture hours, what work is done as part of intake system.

Volunteer Staging Discussion:

Team Rubicon: Volunteer staging locations is a big issue. Who can stay local? Team Rubicon will have to leave in 2 weeks. Sink holes are beginning to form in some areas. This will be a follow up conversation.

Terry Henderson – Southern Baptist. Can put in a request with FEMA to set up housing for volunteers. NYDIS could host volunteers but no shower facilities; can portable showers be provided?

Bruce w Americorps – mayor's rapid repair program needs to link with this. OEM (CB) – FEMA to coordinate this.

Scale of damage: OEM (CB) – 20 to 30K homes with basements in inundation zones. Team Rubicon has mapped info.

Next Steps:

1. Same room (North/South at OEM) and call in number (866.474.5177) for technology meeting on Wednesday.

2. **All VOAD members to send intake forms with definitions of muckout, scouting materials to newyorkvoad@gmail.com today.**
3. FEMA is coordinating rapid repair initiative with mayor's office
4. Identify steps for transition plans for groups that cannot stay long term. OEM to study staging, transportation, volunteer housing, etc

NYC VOAD Call- 11/19/2012

1. NYC VOAD Updates

a. Mud Out/Muck Out Survey- please complete this information for your agency as soon as possible. The committee needs this information to assess long term needs. The survey can be accessed here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BJVJPJ>

b. Calls will now be scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday

c. Next in person meeting- Monday, November 26, 2012 at 2pm

American Red Cross
520 West 49th Street
New York, NY

Conference call will also be available for this meeting

d. Luis Avila (ARC, NYC VOAD Chair) mentioned that the goal of the call is to coordinate at the agency level. Agencies should send updated to the NYC VOAD in box (newyorkcityvoad@gmail.com). Specifically, each agency should send a brief update on their agency's activities to date, as well as challenges they are facing and ongoing activities being coordinated to the in box for distribution to the full VOAD list.

2. Agency Updates:

a. American Red Cross:

i. Amy reported that ARC is looking to connect with agencies providing meal service for Thanksgiving that may need financial support for those services. Amy can be reached at [\(571\) 439-1795](tel:5714391795).

ii. Leann Johnson reported that ARC is also working to unify family members with loved ones after the storm. Anyone requiring more information or looking to reunite family members can contact her at [\(571\) 439-0403](tel:5714390403), or contact ARC directly at (800) RED-CROSS.

b. Home Based Care Alliance

i. Shelley Raffle needs assistance finding transportation for an affected resident in Coney Island for Thanksgiving. He needs transportation to and from Manhattan for the holiday. Anyone who can offer assistance should contact Shelley at [\(212\) 609-7594](tel:2126097594).

c. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

i. Jan McKinnon reported that they are working on muck out in Staten Island, with a group called Mercy Corps. This group is also looking for a partnership with a local organization to help children in crisis. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Jan at jmckinnon@gmail.com

d. FEMA

i. Seth Golbey reported that he is accessible to assist regional VOAD organizations

ii. FEMA also reported that they are looking for assistance with shelter transitioning for those affected.

iii. Larry Beumont also reported that the Staten Island Foundation will be holding a meeting on 11/27 at 4pm at their offices for coordination and faith-based organizations to provide long term recovery information. Additional details will be passed along when they are received.

e. NYDIS

i. Ruth Wenger reported that NYDIS is confirming the locations of congregations in both affected and non-affected areas.

f. World Cares Center

i. Lisa Orloff reported the WCC is on the ground, doing muck out, distributing sleeping bags in Staten Island. They are providing muck out training and coordinating with grass roots groups on this work. Their volunteer application is available on their website.

g. ASPCA

i. Allison reported that the ASPCA has set up a temporary boarding facility for pets. The full information is listed below under additional updates.

h. Disaster Distress Helpline

i. Still taking calls, receiving a steady stream of calls to their hotline [\(800\) 985-5990](tel:8009855990).

i. NYS Donations Team

i. Matt Cedar reported that the NYS Aidmatrix is up and running, and encourages NYC organizations to register with them as well. There are two upcoming webinars- 11/20 and 11/21 at 1:30pm. Additional details are provided below.

j. Food Bank

i. Lydia reported the Food Bank is managing conference calls for coordination. Contact Lydia for specifics.

k. Disaster Chaplaincy Services

i. DCS is holding additional JIT trainings for new chaplains (dates to follow). They are also getting requests for staff self care discussions.

l. Catholic Charities NY

i. Staff is doing outreach to affected areas

ii. Julianne serves as the co-chair of the NYC Disaster Case Management working group. They will be

having a conference call at 1pm tomorrow. The dial in # [\(401\) 694-1515](tel:4016941515) Access Code 41427.

iii. There was a question regarding disaster food stamps and disaster section 8 for the affected areas.

m. Donations Coordination Team

i. Brian would like to confirm distribution sites for the holidays. Anyone running distributions should contact Brian immediately. (Information can be passed to the general VOAD inbox for distribution to the group.)

n. Occupy Sandy

i. Will be doing distribution, but it is yet to be confirmed.

3. Next Call- Wednesday, November 21st, 2pm

4. Additional Updates (Submitted Via Email)

a. Jan McKinnon: A group from the Southern Baptists is coming to do relief work on Staten Island. Is there any organization who might be willing to allow a group of between 30 and 50 to sleep in their facility? A unique aspect of their situation is that they come with their own shower and sanitary facilities trailer. It could be placed in a parking lot and would greatly extend the use of a facility that just has an open space for them to sleep. Please contact Jan McKinnon (jwmckinnon@gmail.com) NYC VOAD rep or Robert De Rosa (State NY VOAD rep) at robert@derosaimages.com

b. ASPCA:

ASPCA Emergency Boarding Facility

For those families struggling to care for their animals while they recover from the impact of Hurricane Sandy, the ASPCA has set up an **emergency boarding facility** in central Brooklyn. The facility, made possible by a \$500,000 grant from Rachael Ray, will provide temporary sheltering for hundreds of animals displaced or impacted by the storm.

If you or someone you know needs assistance caring for his or her pet in the aftermath of Sandy, please visit the following location:

ASPCA Emergency Boarding Facility
1508 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233
Seven days a week, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Families who need temporary boarding for their pets should bring the following, along with their pet, to the emergency facility:

- One government-issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license, passport, military ID or non-driver ID)
- Proof of address (i.e. utility bill, driver's license)

The ASPCA will also accept pets at several remote locations for pet parents who are unable to travel to the Brooklyn facility. These intake locations include:

Far Rockaway (Monday, November 19, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)
Waldbaum's Lot, 112-15 Beach Channel Drive
Belle Harbor, Queens

Rockapup (Tuesday, November 20, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)
145 Beach 116th St
Rockaway Park, Queens

Coney Island (Tuesday, November 20, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.)
MCU Parking Lot, Surf Ave and 19th Street
Brooklyn, NY

For more information, or to find out how you can help animal victims of the storm, please call the Hurricane Sandy pet hotline at [**\(347\) 573-1561**](tel:3475731561).

[**Please visit our website**](#) for the latest information about animal rescue efforts in states affected by Sandy. If you are in a position to help and would like to contribute to our disaster relief fund, you can [**make a gift here**](#).

c. NYS Donations Team

The National Donations Management Network is a database that is used nationally for non-profit agencies like yours to receive in-kind donations from each other as well as from the general public. This is a service that there is no cost to use, either to sign up for, to post needs or to accept donations. Aidmatrix allows non-profits with specific needs to be matched with donations from corporations, other organizations and the general public. This is a resource that has just recently become available to New York State and we would like the VOADs in New York to take full advantage of the opportunities to receive in-kind donations.

The main website for information about Aidmatrix can be accessed at <http://Aidmatrix.org>. As well as a sandbox to practice with can be accessed at . <http://sandbox.aidmatrix.org/>. The New York State portal can be accessed at <http://ndmn.us/ny>

This week we will be having webinar trainings on Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 PM. The phone number is [518-640-9839](tel:518-640-9839), pin # 7790. We hope that you will be able to make the webinar and if the time will not work then we can schedule another one at a later time. We ask that at least two people from your organization participate in the webinar. Let us know if you will be able to attend, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

NYC VOAD Meeting Minutes- Monday, Nov 26, 2012

Meeting called to order, 2:06pm

Luis welcomes everyone

Updates:

Salvation Army (Ian)

- Looking to switch into long term feeding needs

ARC- (Katey)

- Coney Island – power mostly restored, still heating issues, lack of available food, a large number of elderly and disabled people, lack of clean clothes, mobile feeding sites
- Rockaway's – mobile feeding sites
- Staten Island – not as many high rises, large number of elderly and disabled, clean up has started, there are high power needs

Occupy Sandy

- Was feeding 15,000 meals a day at the height, now they are feeding 10,000 daily.
- They are seeing sodium rich food that is leading to health issues.
- Looking for an alternative to price gouging (1 gal milk in Coney Island was \$14 last week)

- Area Update:

- Staten Island – on site damage, lack of power, serving at least 1,600 meals daily, they have 3 feeding sites that are running operations until midnight, there is a need of funds to cook and deliver the meals, there is a lack of volunteers, there is a curfew due to the weather of 5:30 which makes it hard for those that need to get food, there is a lack of medical treatment and places to fill prescriptions, breathing issues due to the mold and debris in the air, there is a need of masks to be supplied to volunteers and other protective equipment.

- Coney Island – has both private homes and NYCHA buildings, there is a high need of Russian, Chinese and Spanish translators in the area

ARC –

- Has the availability to provide more food and funds for food but there are no requests coming in to where it is needed.

- It is important to make sure that the government liaison gets the hot sheet requests so they can provide services. Requests must include: contact name and phone number, number of people, address, and needs. The more specific the requests the better it is.

- ARC has 3 kitchens on Staten Island, Long Island and at Adequeduct Race Track. There is the capability to feed up to 100,000 meals daily. There are 2,000 ERV's (Emergency Response Vehicles) with 75-80 current feeding routes and they can add more once feedback is given about what areas are currently under served.

General-

- There is a need for better communication and a central location to put in requests.

Possible to get everyone using SAHANA software. Possible to have a command center for VOAD ops so there can be some human interaction which is needed beyond the conference calls.

NYC Restoration Centers - run by the government

There is a map of all VOAD and OEM feeding sites.

Biggest needs:

- Housing – can't start mucking out until we have places to send people

- Heat

- Medical

- People don't know their rights/need for translators

- Healthy food

- Public health

There will be a Standing NYCVOAD meeting on Monday's, time TBA

There were breakout sessions:

- Info Management

- Feeding

- Housing

- Muckout

- Public Health/Mental Health

Breakout Session Notes:

Public Health/Mental Health Breakout session:

Need for: flu & tetanus vaccines, BP checks

Seeing: skin issues, breaking issues, people needing to grieve, need for fresh healthy foods like

fresh fruit, getting the right medications to people who are in needs of it

ARC: RN & EMTs that are providing medical case management and help replacing durable medical supplies

They are working on making sure that people are able to meet their functional daily needs.

Working on health assessments and assistance to get our repurchase medical supplies

Emerging issues:

- Mold is leading to breaking issues, there is a need for masks

- In Coney Island, most doctors offices and the hospital remain closed, need for DoH to help with the resources they have

- Information on immunizations why people should get them and where to get them is important to pass out

- There should be public health meetings along with supply giveaways to make sure that people are getting the information.

Information Sharing Breakout:

Attending meeting were: Matt Pelak (Team Rubicon), Devin Balkind (Serapis Foundation), Bryant Phippen (DCT-VOAD), Ken Beddell (FEMA), Tony Dreher (ARC), Ramil Cabantog (ARC), David Pollack (JCRC), Mark Prutsalis (Sahana Software Foundation), Dan Compitello (Occupy Sandy), Fred Leahy (ARC)

FORMATION OF (VIRTUAL) JOINT INFORMATION CENTER: Suggestion was made to set up a (virtual or actual physical space for a) Joint Information Center-type service for NYC VOAD members. This would be the mechanism for information sharing and coordination between organizations. Sahana could be one tool that could serve as a repository for shared information (see below section on Sahana).

FORMATION OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (SUB)COMMITTEE: Suggestion was made to set up an Information Management (Sub)Committee of NYCVOAD. This group would take responsibility for coordinating information sharing and information management support across NYCVOAD members.

GROUP COMMUNICATIONS: Suggestion was made to set up a distribution list or google group for Information Management (Sub)Committee to be able to work together. Can we set up a google group for this? (Suggest NYCVOAD-INFOMGT@googlegroups.com or NYCVOADIM@googlegroups.com).

Mark (Sahana) will set this up if it ok with NYC VOAD.

TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS: Supported by JIC but also other tools. CollabIt was suggested.

SAHANA: Sahana software has many capabilities that can help address some of the immediate Sandy-related coordination challenges and longer-term information management capacity building for NYC VOAD members. Sahana proposed the following: Begin with a system for consolidating 3W-type information: Who is doing What Where. Locations, Organizations, Contacts, and where organization are providing services and their geographic coverage. Sahana's Eden software has these capabilities and could be set up quickly to serve as a master repository for this information now being collected in a variety of systems (usually spreadsheets and fusion tables). This would show, for example, where meals (food) is being delivered and by whom such that gaps could be identified. It could also what buildings/residences have been assessed for household needs or muck out/gut/mold remediation. Once a 3W system is in place, other applications can be built off of the location data, such as for storage of details of the household needs assessments (canvassing) and building damage assessments. Sahana suggests that NYC VOAD agencies contribute a person as an information manager (staff of the JIC) to coordinate

collection of information, do data cleansing, get data into Sahana, provide reports out, assist orgs with IM needs.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Sahana will put together a proposal that identified services it can offer and resources (funding) required.
- Decision on setting up formal Information Management committee/subcommittee of NYC VOAD
- Decision on mailing list (Mark will action once okayed).

Feeding/Housing Breakout Session:

Individual Household Feeding Task Force

Participants:

In the room: Occupy Sandy, FEMA, ARC, Mayor's Office, City Harvest, OEM, Food Bank

On the call: Met Council, City Harvest, God's Love We Deliver

Determine the methodology the group is using for Long term household feeding.

Items mentioned in the VOAD meeting should be reiterated so we don't work in a vacuum or duplicate efforts.

We are focusing on a sub-set: provide for people who can prepare meals in their homes; who are able to store food; who cannot easily access a food source.

First, we need to access data so we can come up with a target group.

Start by looking at population in impacted area using the 2010 census. Deducted homes with red flags. (Assumption they have no residents.)

Other scrub criteria will be used to focus on people with needs.

Next step is to see how easy it is for these people to access food sources.

¼ mile from an open grocery store – people within this radius can likely reach the source (unless they are elderly or disabled.)

Once target population is identified:

Identify: FEMA registrations against the identified figure.

People already under emergency food system.

The challenge is who are we looking at.

Using the 2010 census figures, we should be able to gain a good picture. However, the VOAD meeting introduced information on people with disabilities and other issues that prevent them from being able to access food. Some of the solutions are providing food directly. Or, perhaps if what is preventing the grocery store from opening we can provide generator power.

No concrete numbers today. The next suggestion for the entire group is do we need to break out into subsets? Three groups to look at best solution? John Fulton agrees with this.

Everyone agrees we need to share information in a coordinated database that all agencies can access: AidMatrix. Sahana. CAN. We will refer to the VOAD breakout group on information management.

On the ground at Coney Island Occupy Sandy has been a concerted effort of canvassing with supply and interfacing with clients. Question: Are you referring this information? Can we share the information? If we coordinate and share the intel, it would be great. All agree.

Coney Island – people are not able to utilize SNAP and DBT usage.

Some fear is that we have concurrent efforts – hot meals, food bags, etc... There might be a significant amount of feeding happening that we don't know about. On the other hand, people agree that there are pockets where people are still in need.

Occupy is looking to hand over their operation to agencies with structure and capacity as they are losing volunteer momentum.

Fundamentally it would be a functionally iterative process we would wait for it to stabilize, identifying

an end point may be difficult.

There is yet no clear visibility on pre-storm / post-storm number metrics. Question: Is there a scenario of ARC feeding end? Each route is different, each ERV is assessing, one indicator is when people are asking "what is for dinner?" It indicates they have a choice. Then perhaps another street pops up that we (ARC) don't know about. Question: Have you ever pulled out to early? Yes, we step in and use vendors and re-open kitchens if we have to. It is an ongoing conversation.

The flip side is if we stay too long ARC is the competition.

Caution in dealing with low-income populations. All needs may not have been met previously – if the before or after looks skewed, it might indicate the availability. Poverty indicators make it much more complex.

SNAP program : what is the limiting factor? It may be 8 flights of stairs, it may be financial, it may be lack of a grocery store. We will see different folks and each may fall into a different bucket. Some did or did not have a pre-storm need.

SNAP benefits have been waived to purchase hot food – waiver ends 30 November. If we shift out of hot food preparation, do the agencies in place have the capacity to pick up the need. Do NGO's supplement?

All these issues are very complex. Suggestion is still to break out into groups where the methodology would be the same, but the identified needs will be different.

Massive economic dislocations, would they be covered? Or would this feeding plan cover people more broadly. John, it is important to look at the broad while focusing on the impacted areas. The areas give us a starting point.

It is beyond the scope of this group to solve the issue of hunger and feeding issues. While the humanitarian drive is to cover the issue, we need to stay focused on this breakdown.

Re-emphasize the mandate of the scope of this group. The purpose of the task force is to not change anyone's organizational structure, but to bring them together to feed the entire population affected in this disaster. Using each and all efforts, leveraging the capacity and abilities of each agency.

Collaboration.

City Harvest comes up with a plan that says: we can do X, but we will need Y. We can increase capacity if we have Z.

Divide into groups: there is not as high participation in Staten Island of hot meal distribution. John Fulton can commit to one person each to collect information and people in the room and share with everyone.

Catholic Charities has picked up city feeding.

We would like a report card to supplement the GIS maps. Example: We see: X people in this area, Y kitchens, Q feeding groups / kitchens. AND on the ground information.

Ideally we start color in on Monday: these groups hit these areas; Tuesday etc... then decide on a cycle.

When might a range of the figures be available? Two days, the person working on this is overwhelmed.

OEM has a scrub list that they are verified. Request for datapoints as well as GIS products.

Deadline for FEMA IA is Sunday, Many Food Providers just got done and there is a deep concern that the deadline will be missed. People incurring more expenses.

To FEMA: how soon can you get your folks organized? Tomorrow they will be re-tasked. ARC will be feeding for at least 10 more days.

4:00 call will continue M,W,F. OEM will scale down GIS capabilities after one week as they will lose human resources. We want to be consistent. We need to use the same sources. We need to be more specific: what are the three or four things we are charging them with? It is important all five groups are tasking the same way. \

Top five things you are worried about:

Coordination of information

Maintenance of information

GIS: existing routes

Pre-disaster feeding

Add layers: power outage, census information, (assume income levels are depressed for all.)

Missing target population information.

Need to get Meals on Wheels and there is so much more to be added, but we are not getting information on that.

Food Group that feeds Bailey Seton: 1600 meals per day on Staten Island. Just neighborhood people and individual groups, but there is no visibility on a way to coordinate and disseminate information.

Locate more of these groups

Hannah Scott in Staten Island needs to be added to the list gripoo@hotmail.com - Staten Island Feeding groups 646-220-6790 nine groups – mostly community groups.

Pre-and post-disaster needs from food providers.

Number of hot meals now.

Break down feeding numbers by borough by group and number.

Increase reporting capability. There is a lot of feeding going on that we don't know about. Still, there is not enough. Difference between door-to-door and door-to-door is very important.

Difficulty is finding the balance. Many trucks are serving the same hot dogs, sandwiches everyday. Not balanced meals.

Next Meeting is set for Monday at ARC after the VOAD.

NYC VOAD Coordination Call Notes: December 5, 2012

Present on the Call:

Jaime Denniston-Merced, New York Cares and Secretary, NYC VOAD

- Calls will still be Monday, Wednesday and Friday until further notice
- Monday's in person meeting is not yet confirmed. Updates will be emailed
- Email updates will now be a daily digest instead of individual emails
- Please indicate when sending updates to the inbox whether they are intended for the entire NYCVOAD list

NYCVOAD list

Joe, Disaster Distress Helpline

- Helpline is still operational and can assist victims, relief workers, volunteers, etc.

Annissa, OEM (Aid Matrix)-

- Annissa will be taking over the management of AidMatrix.

Frances Lee & Charles Blake, ARC-

- To date:
 - 8.2 million meals served
 - 6.2 million relief items distributed
 - 15,00 trained volunteers mobilized
 - 9,400 health services provided
 - 3 shelters still open with approximately 351 residents still there

Fred Leahy, ARC

- Info management group will have their next meeting at 4pm on Monday, Dec 10th

Joanne Hale, State VOAD & Church World Service

- Currently monitoring the situation

- Weekly state VOAD call on Wednesdays at 9:30am
- Dial in information: (800) 320-4330 Code: 247020
- Contact jhale123@aol.com with material goods needed to see if State VOAD can assist
- Church World Service offers training webinars on their website at www.cwserp.org . Topics include long term recovery.

Terry Wood, FEMA VAL in Brooklyn

- Community Meeting in Brooklyn on Friday:
Friday December 7, 2012 at 10:00 AM
ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2017 BEVERLY ROAD, BROOKLYN, NY 11226
Dan & Jody, Operation Blessing

- Still active in Breezy Point
- Coordinating muck out Monday-Saturday
- Will remain active until the end of February

Cecile Noelle, HRA

- Approval has been received for disaster assistance. See the HRA website for details.

Semena, Community Resource Exchange

- Non profit meeting in Queens announced for Thursday
- Information from DYCD offering support for youth serving organizations. See daily update for full details.

Ben Rose, Donation Coordination

- Transitioning to long term recovery
- Working closely with New York Cares
- Also has established partnership with the Met Council

Matt Cedar, Donations Management

- Will resend shopper list including types of items in the warehouse
- Would like to get items out to where they are needed
- See daily digest for shopper's list details

Hannah Scott, Staten Island Unity

- Feeding, helping with hot meal distribution in Staten Island
- Manpower is still needed for delivery of meals

Occupy Sandy (update provided by Hannah Scott)

- Need space to house supplies
- Hob is closing, supplies need to be moved by Monday

Ofelia Mangan, NY Resilience System

- Provided brief overview of the organization
- Connecting to resources in the Rockaways
- Ofelia is a resident of the Rockaways and thanked everyone for their hard work

- Can be reached at mangen@nyu.edu

Steve Irwin, Convoy of Hope

- Teams on the ground
- Moving from response to recovery

Present but no updates reported:

Cynthia Barton, OEM

Ken Bedel, White House office of Faith Based & Neighborhood Partnerships

Lydia, Food Bank NYC

Iwanka Kultschycky, Occupy Sandy

Lenny James, Department For the Aging

Dec 5:

Watch your emails for updates about the 12/9 meeting if it will be an in person meeting or not.

There is a 4 PM Information Management meeting at American Red Cross (520 East 49th St) on Monday.

If you took part in a breakout session and group at the last in person meeting, or you would like to be a part of any of the current groups (muckout, information technology, feeding, sheltering, public/mental health) please let us know so we can make sure you are added to the specific email list for the group.

Lifenet and the Disaster Helpline is there for people who need crisis counseling.

There is a new manager for Aid Matrix.

ARC has 5 open shelters, 3 in the NYC area and 2 in NJ. There are currently 351 people (as of 12/4) living in the 3 NYC shelters and work is being done to get them into housing as soon as possible. Plans for cold weather housing for those who will be in need of it are also underway.

Send all information about where there are feeding needs to Fred.

There is a meeting on Friday at 10 AM at St. Marks located at 2017 Beverly Road in Brooklyn with people from FEMA and other organizations to come up with a plan. Come prepared to share and with the needs of your organization.

The NYS VOAD call happens every Wed at 9:30 AM. It can be accessed at [800-320-4330](tel:800-320-4330) pin 247020

Email jhale123@aol.com for material needs that are needed and where they are needed

cwserp.org has webinars specific to storm relief, this weeks should be up by Friday

Operation Blessings will be at Breezy Point doing muckout and rebuilding until the end of Feb for sure, possibly longer depending on what needs are at that point.

HRA - approved for disaster assistance, there will be 2 locations to go apply for help, more information will be coming shortly.

Ben Rose 0 they are working on setting up a distributions center and assessing needs. OEM is following up with the VOAD to get the donations team out of the EOC

Unify Staten Island: