

# MI VOAD Meeting Notes

November 2, 2023

## Attendance:

Cassandra Turner – St Vincent de Paul  
Chad Veaser – Michigan 2-1-1  
Chelli Ringstaff – Seventh Day Adventists  
David Sprang – Lutheran Disaster Response Michigan  
Dick Reinbold – St Vincent de Paul  
Eric Dillinger – Jehovah Witness Disaster Relief Services  
Tony Lasher – American Red Cross  
Luis Rojas – Jehovah Witness Disaster Relief Services  
Melissa Sherry – Michigan Community Service Commission  
Steve Chisnell – MI VOAD  
Yvette Thompson – St Vincent de Paul  
Laura Croff – Michigan State Police / Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division  
Ann Quinn – DRAW  
Dan O'Malley – After The Storm

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## Agenda Items:

### *Approval of Quarterly Meeting Notes:*

- Notes not currently available

### *By-Law Update*

- Comment – spelling error needs correction
- Confirmation of quorum – Steve Chisnell
- Vote – changes passed unanimously

### *Officers – change in Executive Position:*

- Chad Veaser moved to treasurer – Chelli Ringstaff suggested as Vice-chair
- Vote to approve treasurer – approved unanimously
- Vote to approve Vice-chair - approved unanimously

### *Executive Team Information:*

- Mr. Chisnell:
  - will combine records to include all membership
  - when fiduciary is set, will add an automated set up for dues payment –
  - will soon provide a process for including information on the website
- Finance:
  - will be getting in application for 501c3 this week or next week
  - Hoping to be in place by January to solicit membership dues at the beginning of the year
  - Comment – UEI number needed for federal grant applications (available at: sam.gov)

### *Reports:*

- DR4607 reports:

- Over 1400 active cases among all providers
  - SVdP:
    - Unmet needs table shut down
    - No anticipated funds available
    - 2 cases that are waiting for funds
    - Will be adding appliance replacement program in partnership with Home Depot - \$10K available
    - Team Rubicon to come to Detroit in April for site-surveys – 100 homes that need servicing
    - Good 360 partnership is asking for a stipend
  - After the Storm
    - DCMP Grant – spent over ½ money for the salaries/expenses
    - UMCOR grant – all allocated
    - DTE partnership is moving along – more details to come
    - Request is in for federal funding – budget talks are on-going

*Partner/Member Reports:*

MCSC:

- August 24 storm update from Crisis Cleanup:
  - Kent – 20 cases
  - Lake – 1
  - Macomb – 1
  - Oakland – 1
  - Wayne – 189
  - Washtenaw – 1
- MLK National Day of Service Grant available for volunteering projects

Red Cross

- New rep – Mary Simkins
- New rep – Judith Landa-Sanchez – working with non-traditional partners
- Ken Karls – still available for government/VOAD relationships
- multi-family Fires – Southgate– 132 served – Taylor – 32 people served

Seventh Day Adventist: Chelli Ringstaff:

- Food pantry/clothing resources available around the State of Michigan

Jehovah's Witness Disaster Relief

- Bombing at opening prayer in convention in India – 3 people killed/55 injured

SVDP

- Referrals received from MCSC for August 24 storm
- Comstock Park – unable to assist
- New Baltimore – moved them to a new location – providing a deposit – Lion's Club providing moving services
- Raising money for tornado relief/ House-in-a-box

MSP/EMHSD:

- FEMA/CISA resources available for security in “places of worship” – link: <https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/protecting-houses-worship>
- Non-profit Security Grant Program has opportunities available for funding projects

- FEMA training is available for free from MSP/EMHSD
- FEMA has developed Community Disaster Resilience Zones – may be able to use the information for funding requests

Adjourn – 10:54 am

Next meeting: December 7 at 10:00