



Mississippi Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
*Promoting Cooperation, Communication, Coordination and Collaboration
During Disaster Preparedness, Response, Relief and Recovery*

SPECIAL CALLED MEMBERS MEETING

Preparations for Gustav

Sunday, August 31, 2008 – 3:00 PM

Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions – Jay Huffstatler

Roll Call:

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ray Elsberry, Sharon Applewhite

Headed to Tupelo and then headed to meet Becky. Services on standby. Will be servicing children with blankets and personal care kits. Shelter in Vicksburg and in McComb. Kitchen available to feed 5,000 a day.

AMERICAN RED CROSS –

Report given by Allen Roark. Working to open and support mass care shelters in Neshoba Co., Jackson, and Meridian. Churches and other shelters will open today as well. Mass care shelters closed until buses arrive. Will reopen after buses arrive.

CAN – Elizabeth Campbell

Not available for report

CATHOLIC CHARITIES – Jennifer Williams, Mike Orepeza

Biloxi – waiting to see where it goes. Has locations identified for mass dist. Centers – 2 in Hancock Co., 1 in Harrison Co. Will release info once need is identified.

Jackson – continuing to follow plan.

CITY TEAM MINISTRIES – Cindy Cheeks, Donna ?

Volunteer camp items placed in storage. Capacity to host volunteers based on where storm makes landfall – in Bay St. Louis. Can also feed/house 44. St. Rose will host distribution center site. In Jackson, 6,000 SF warehouse on 468 just past turn to MEMA. Currently empty. HANDS office is also available for holding meetings or temporary agency operations.

FEMA – Marian Wingo, Suzie Calvert

Supporting MEMA as needed. No food, water ice until after declaration. Refer people to stores. No assistance until declaration. Emergency declaration now – bringing in people to assist to support state and pre-position items once declaration is done. (when hurricane hits)

GULF COAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Jay Huffstatler

Set up to receive financial contribution.

HANDS ON Disaster Response – Tiffany Kelley

Observing hurricane path. Sending a few team members down to assess damage. Coordinate volunteers for recovery efforts.

IRD – Stephanie Mathes

Waiting to see. Staff is on standby for volunteer assistance.

LUTHERAN EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI – Sandra Braasch

Continuing to execute plan with LA/TX/AL/FL and also Lutheran Disaster Response and Episcopal Disaster Relief. 3 camps – Mission on Bay in BSL (can house/feed 100), Camp Coast Care in PC (can house/feed 150). Camp Victor in OS (warehouse 4,000 SF house/feed 230). Camp Victor designated Volunteer/Donations Mgmt thru Jackson Co.

MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLIES OF GOD – Robert Bingham

Campground open – terry, ms. One in Kosciusko housing 150 people at this time. Ready to move after storm.

Convoy of Hope one of partners.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF – Don Gann

Continuing to coordinate kitchen work in MS/LA/TX with partners. 550,000 meals – a lot of teams staying in MS – 3 camps, Kosciusko and Clinton. Will roll where need is greatest.

MISSISSIPPI COAST IDTF – Roberta Avila, John Hosey

Water has been brought to warehouse. 10,000 SF warehouse. Working to get PSAs out in Spanish and Vietnamese. MEMA has some available possibly to make PSAs in Spanish. 228-229-8552 is Roberta's #.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE – Marsha Kelly, Susan Gregerson,

Please send VOAD partner warehouse space available – please sent to Jay. Trying to vet possible space. Please include SF, ramp info, exact location, and other important info. Looking down the road – between campuses for NCCC. Jay will send out list of questions of things needed to have NCCC come. VOAD will prioritize need and send it in so teams can be assigned to agencies. 211 call center is up and going. Statewide warehouse has not been activated yet.

MEMA – Allen Roark

48 total shelters reported – 38 open, 10 full – 2,354 shelters (DHS). Bus evacuations – first bus convoy at 143 pm from Hancock Co. rest of the buses on the way. Advise everyone to prepare and have plans in place. Winds @120 mp (cat 3). Landfall expected Monday afternoon (earlier and a little east than reported yesterday). Less intensity than expected yesterday.

MISSISSIPPI UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RELIEF – C.J. Caufield

Executing plan. Have teams for muck-out, tree removal that will be available. Several shelters open. Seaside.

Setting up places throughout state for donations. Central points identified.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA – Sherry Lanier

Bay Pres in Brookhaven available

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE – Sandra Price

No new reports. All people in place and ready to come.

THE SALVATION ARMY – James Mullins

Shelters in Hattiesburg feeing about 2500 meals/day. AL/MS line – i20 – feeding evacuees at welcome center.

UNITED WAY/MISSISSIPPI 2-1-1 – Valari Kyzar

Swamped with calls. Report today as what call volume has been. 600-800 calls in last 5-6 hours. Taking volunteers to man center. Main request – shelters. Also getting request for food.

WORLD VISION - Audrey Black

Picayune – warehouse available and working with other warehouses in state. (water, clothes, hygiene, LTR)

RAI – Maria Morris

In process of securing items at states and providing assistance to Camp Restore in LA. Setting up command center on 25 at Lutheran church of the Good Shepherd. Construction, chainsaw, case management teams will be available.

Spanish and Vietnamese speaking Case Managers available.

AME Church – Anita Smith

Shelters in LA.MS. Shelters can hold up to 125 people. – Ellis, MS. Satellite centers – local centers – will be local churches.

Medical Items still needed to open Medical Needs Shelters in Biloxi. Please send this info to Jay ASAP.

Conference Call Schedule:

Monday, September 1, 11 AM

Conference Call Number: **800.320.4330 – PIN: 897612#**