



**Emergency Network of Los Angeles
Board Meeting Minutes
December 12th, 2013, 9 – 11 am
conference call**

Attendance

Voting Members

Chuck Gillies (Salvation Army), Jason Yancey (Operation HOPE), Brandy Welch (American Red Cross), Jackie Russell (Faithful Central Bible Church), Gilbert Gonzales (Volunteer Los Angeles), Debra Boudreaux (Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation), Curtis Hsing (Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation), Ron Lopez (Catholic Charities)

NonVoting Members

Alisa Williams (LA City EMD), Charles Craig (FEMA), Stella Fogleman (LA County DPH), Aizita Magaña (LA County DPH)

Staff, Guests, General Members

Priscilla Hung (Community Partners), Amanda Charles (Community Partners), Cullen Armet (ENLA), Alix Stayton (ENLA)

I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Meeting Goals

II. Regular ENLA Business

- a. 20th anniversary of Northridge Earthquake
 - i. ENLA will participate with Earthquake Country Alliance's celebrations, and encourage members to participate and do outreach
 - ii. ENLA 20th anniversary is Sept 16th 2016; we should start planning an event ahead of time
- b. General membership meeting
 - i. Themes for the **March** meeting? Flood Safety Awareness Week and Tsunami Preparedness Week occur in this month; we could get the after-action report on the LA EMD ArkStorm exercise. If we think about having the meeting in the foothills somewhere, where they would likely be affected by a flood, we could talk more about the recovery aspects of such an event. Charles Craig can help facilitate a webinar so that people can review the information who cannot

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attend the meeting. Stella thinks maybe one or two of the LACCDR coalitions could be helpful...host it, or invite them, or some connection. We'll need to try to get someone from EMD to be the speaker as well. Featured member could be 2-1-1 Los Angeles; Jason will invite Doug Quisenberry. Create and distribute flyers for Earthquake Preparedness Month and Wildfire Awareness Week.

- ii. We should also get ahold of the after-action materials from the LAX shooting for the **June** general meeting. Could we be at LAX for the meeting? Brandy is going to an NTSB training next week and will ask Richard Tong. They are putting together an Airport Response Team (ART), responsible for passenger safety and comfort; the airport is not currently responsible for passengers, the airlines are. The ART should be up and running by June, and Ana Maria DeLaTorre will also have a DMH report completed by then. World Vision is the suggested as the featured member; Debra also suggests Operation USA and Direct Relief. Operation USA and Direct Relief are still active on the national level, but we have not had contacts for either of them for several years. Jason is talking to Cheryl at SoCal VOAD tomorrow and will ask about Operation USA. Cullen has a contact at Direct Relief and will call to see if there's anyone in SoCal.
- iii. **September** meeting: we could invite Team Rubicon or some other guest speaker who does a lot of international response, and tie in any of the ENLA member orgs who also responded. This could show the smaller organizations why it's not appropriate to collect and send clothes for something like the floods in the Philippines. We could also describe the international arms of orgs like ARC and SalArmy, so smaller orgs understand how these orgs operate both domestically and internationally. We need to talk about the difficulty of transporting material donations even if they're actually needed too. Alix will ask Jeff Reeb if we can do this meeting at the CEOC. Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation will be the featured member. Alix will do flyers for Fire Prevention Week, Great CA ShakeOut, Cyber Security Month, and Disabilities Awareness Month.
- iv. **November** will focus on the disability community. Focus on three areas. Shelter: ARC has trailers with durable medical goods that Brandy can present on (they use these for non-ADA compliant shelters); we could ask John C to talk about the FAST teams. Transportation: ACCESS Services, Foothill Transit? Planning: ask June Kailes to talk about planning for people's needs, rather than their disabilities. Let's see if we can hold the meeting at one of the Regional Centers, who could be the featured member. Alix will do a feedback sheet for 2015 planning purposes – what topics/speakers/trainings/locations do general members want?

III. Training opportunities/presentations

- a. No comments, people will email staff if they think of training or presentations they'd like to see.

IV. Other business

- a. Bimonthly webinar that Charles does to have an opportunity to discuss issues, present information to Region IX, first Wednesday of even-numbered months. Charles will send the info, Alix and Cullen will send monthly reminders and put the items on the calendar.

V. Community Partners focus

- a. See Board Calendar 2014 that CP distributed to review the topics they want to discuss from January through June 2014 (this was sent previous to this call via email; if you can't find it, staff is happy to re-send).

VI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. January meeting is the 9th; we'll plan to be at Faithful Central Bible Church unless we hear otherwise from Jackie. January and February don't have any particular disaster observations, and it may be best to reserve a fair amount of time for capacity building activities with CP.