



Southern Tier/Finger Lakes Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Notes

January 19, 2017

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Institute for Human Services, 50 Liberty Street, Bath

Present: Karen Travis (Steuben Public Health), Susan Larson (Catholic Charities Chemung/Schuyler), Kristin Card (Chemung County Emergency Management), Gary Roller (Lutheran Disaster Response), Zachary Housworth (Pro Action of Steuben and Yates), Kathy Burns (Steuben County OFA/RSVP), Tim Marshall (Steuben County Emergency Services), Ken Forenz (Steuben County Emergency Management), Carol Wood (IHS), Shawn Button (Intern IHS), Amy Christensen (Legal Assistance of Western New York), Lynda Lowin (Catholic Charities of Steuben), Laura Opelt (Catholic Charities of Steuben), Tammy Leone-Curtis (NYS-DHSES, by phone)

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Fiscal agent role & criteria - Catholic Charities Steuben

Further discussion about the role Catholic Charities has agreed to take on regarding serving as fiscal agent in the case of a disaster. Laura Opelt's notes attached.

3. Disaster Volunteer Management/Reception Center – Steuben County

Discussion continued relative to disaster volunteer management and the structure of setting up a physical reception center. Steuben County Emergency Services has convened meetings to review the various plans that are available. The discussion centered on the consensus that individual agencies receiving volunteers need to be aware of and prepared for the liability and insurance-related issues, that some of the "reception" services could be provided online. Tammy Leone-Curtis will bring up the topic at the state level (DHSES or NY VOAD) and report back.

The 2017 meeting schedule – 50 Liberty Street, Bath, NY or at an alternative location.

April 20
July 20
October 19

For meeting notes, resources & other documents: www.ihsnet.org (Lead Agency Services, ST-FL VOAD)



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