Disaster Ready Quad Cities – ESF 14 Recovery Committee Meeting

March 17, 2020

**Attendees:** Bill Horrell-Salvation Army\*, Rachel Carlson-Trinity, Kate Meyer-Rock Island County Health Dept, Matt Mendenhall-RDA\*, Ron Lund -Project Now\*, Dave Herrell- Visit QC, Jennifer Walker-QC Chamber, Sherry Ristau -QC Community Foundation, Anne Calder-QC Community Foundation\*, Kelly Thompson-QC Community Foundation\*, Heather Calvert-QC Community Foundation, Kristi Crafton-Habitat for Humanity\*, Tom Wiebenga- Community Action of Eastern Iowa\*, Julie Forsythe-QC Chamber, Linda Wastyn -Wastyn & Associates, Colleen Sibthorp-WVIK\*, Tara Mayhew-RI County Farm Bureau, Karrie Abbott-United Way, Cecilia Bailey-SEAP/QC Open Network\*, Glenn Leach-Diocese of Davenport\*, Kathy Wine-River Action\*

\*Standing member of Disaster Ready Quad Cities – Recovery Committee

Thompson welcomed meeting Attendees. Long Term Recovery Committee is a standing committee of Disaster Ready Quad Cities (formerly COAD). The organization parallels the work of the government during disaster. We know that different disasters will need different organizations involved. The group has been activated as part of the joint RI-Scott County Emergency Operations Center (EOC - comprises Public Health, EMAs, and other government and community responses to the situation). Thompson is the point person for Emergency Support Function 14 – Recovery (ESF 14) which coordinates information and resources for community recovery – as all members of this group are serving in right now.

Thompson shared that the Recovery Committee has been set up with its own Basecamp (Basecamp.com) where members can go to find information, hold discussion, post announcements, and share information to the broad group- The hope is that this will help alleviate email bog. Logistics - to avoid reply to alls and emails missing people, please use <https://3.basecamp.com/4466063/join/DxPtVv832wX4>  and join our Base Camp for ESF-14.   
- Feel free to post announcements and information you need to share with this group BROADLY. That info will also be fed up to the EOC.  
- Please feel free to share INFORMATION posted there unless otherwise noted, but please DON’T SHARE THAT LINK with others - let's keep it to those who are going to be part of this ongoing group. Send to Kelly people who should be added. Per EMA, note that anything posted here could be accessible under FOIA.  
- We will share the notes from this meeting there, as well as other updates. You can set your preferences to determine how often you will be notified of information posted there.

Situational updates

**Quad Cities Chamber-Jennifer and Julie** – update page on website being updated as information is available to them. Economic- lots of restaurant/retail contacts SCA-disaster loans, SCORE, information still being formulated to determine what will be available. Many businesses looking at how to handle employees when kitchen may not close, but servers may not be needed. Chamber is reaching out directly to determine when/if they are open so that they can help share with community, so community can support their businesses.

Chamber’s Facebook page has “Top 10 ways to support local businesses from home.” Please share. The Chamber is also updating on their blog updates available from government as aid is being presented and passed. <https://quadcitieschamber.com/news/blog/covid-19>

**Dave Herrell- Visit Quad Cities-** synergy between Visit Quad Cities and Chamber- also doing everything they can to provide factual information. Have reached out to all hospitality sites (71 hotels in metro about 6500 rms). Daily rates are declining- all being tracked to Smith Travel Research to get an idea of the meta look. Will be happy to share this information within the group as it comes in. Focussing on postpone/re-schedule as opposed to cancellations. Phone calls with IL Governor’s Office in hopes of support. 20% of their budget comes from State of IL. IA is completely different. There is an action plan in place to be in touch with business constituents. Both Gov’t offices have asked them to aggregate lost business. Visit QC has put out a survey to try and put together information- will take several days to gather information. Also trying to put through inspirational messaging out as well.

**Kelly Thompson-Emergency Operations Center- Recovery Group**-

As mentioned, our ESF 14 Recovery priorities are currently

1. Support the effort to "[flatten the curve](https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/sites/default/files/images/post/Screen%20Shot%202020-03-13%20at%2011.17.54%20AM.png)" of COVID-19 infections in Rock Island and Scott Counties by helping our community follow public health recommendations, and help address the financial impact of following those recommendations.
   1. Maintain key existing safety net services to already-vulnerable populations and those disproportionately affected by the pandemic and resulting public health measures.
   2. Provide rapid, flexible funding to nonprofit agencies to address financial impact on their services and populations served.
   3. Coordinate resources, information, and communications for affected businesses and individuals.
2. Gather financial resources for these and other ESF efforts from the private and philanthropic sector.

(These objectives may shift and change as the situation goes on.)

There is another ESF lead (ESF6) that focuses on mass care including feeding, potential sheltering – as those needs develop. The Salvation Army’s Tim North and Scott Shelbourne are those point people. Working on feeding community and sheltering- especially if they need to be separated from the community. Some school districts are already serving meals for families and they are gathering info on those that don’t. Salvation Army is also working on coordinating Feeding Opportunities for other groups.

Salvation Army- Bill Horrell-Coordinating feeding opportunities- emergency disaster teams- Division wide disaster response (Decatur to Waterloo) hope to have information in the next 24-48

**Linda Wastyn- Wastyn & Associates** is collecting non profit information- <https://www.wastynassoc.com/resources-for-nonprofits-in-the-time-of-covid19>. It has resources geared toward nonprofits but also self-care and tips for working remotely. If you have resources, send them to me and I will add them as I can.

**Kristi Crafton-Habitat for Humanity** is temporarily closing the ReStore and offices at the end of the work day Friday. There will be a few Key-staff working part time.

**Karrie Abbott- United Way** North Scott- does not get summer feeding program dollars, so they do not have FDA funds to help. Sending out survey to other NFP’s will share that information as it comes back- taking an advance for month of Allocations to Non Profits.

Important – refer individuals to 211 for assistance. They are getting info directly from IDPH. For service updates to be entered in the 211 system, please provide to [kabbott@unitedwayqc.org](mailto:kabbott@unitedwayqc.org) - she will provide them with updates so they can provide most updated information.

**Kelly Thompson-Quad Cities Community Foundation-** Disaster Recovery Fund has been activated- Fund continues to grow from initial gift of $100,000 from Board of Directors and $100,000 match from RDA. The Community Foundation is preparing the application process for these funds to help organizations who are doing what they can to flatten the curve while also providing needed services in the community. Was discussed last week in regularly scheduled meeting of Recovery Committee.

**Roger Pavey - Community Action of Eastern Iowa**- lobbies are all closed- all allocation extended to May 31. Can verbally take the word of someone who cannot provide electronic documentation. Emergency delivery food to any household who might need. Requests can be submitted: <https://www.caeiowa.org/>. A live person will respond to them once their request is submitted (reviewed by a team of people around the clock- minutes to few hours wait). Conversations with Hospitals- child care center could be available for emergency care. Have staff trained and ready to step up in that capacity if it is ok and needed.

**Ron Lund- Project Now**-Transportation that they offer has shut down- now only transporting those who are medically required (i.e. they would die without treatment). Serving 2. Congregant meals are now closed, Offices closed to public, but still operating-applications are being taken over phone. MidAmerica has extended shut off to May 1. Project Now oversees: Headstart (except Rock Island), rental properties, utility assistance, 15 county continuum of care. Funders have been relaxing requirements.

Thompson indicated it will be important to consider how to get services available to those who are impacted by closures.

Cecelia Bailey-SEAP- also relaxing documentation requirements. Have been in contact with University of Kansas conversations to allow emergency onboarding of IRIS so that information can be completed online.

Glenn Leach- based on his personal communications with University of Iowa Hospital they are going to defer any non-emergency surgeries and care.

Thompson shared Genesis and Trinity have reduced visitors, but currently allowing normal procedures. CHC- has made significant changes to procedures- curbside screening for those reporting they have COVID-19 symptoms. East Moline/Edgerton- only healthy patients, only taking established patients at this time. Dental board will soon be reporting guidelines.

Thompson will plan to call meeting next week unless something arises to call the group together before then. Meeting concluded.

**Chat:**

**Hi all - we will mute all guests for now. Please note the chat box is available.**

**We'll get started in a few minutes.**

Tanasha Atwater • 2:27 PM

**AC**

**Anne Calder, Quad Cities Community Foundation**

Anne Calder • 2:34 PM

**BH**

**Bill Horrell The Salvation Army**

Bill Horrell • 2:34 PM

**MM**

**Matt Mendenhall RDA**

Matt Mendenhall • 2:34 PM

**RL**

**Ron Lund, Project NOW**

Ron Lund • 2:34 PM

**KM**

**Kate Meyer, Rock Island County Health Department**

Kate Meyer • 2:34 PM

**RC**

**Rachel Carlson, Trinity Health Foundation (UnityPoint Health - Trinity)**

Rachel Carlson • 2:35 PM

**SR**

**Sherry Ristau - QC Community Foundation**

Sherry Ristau • 2:35 PM

**LW**

**Linda Wastyn, Wastyn & Associates, a consultant who provides support for nonprofit organizations mostly in the Quad Cities**

Linda Wastyn • 2:35 PM

**KC**

**Kristi Crafton - Habitat for Humanity**

kristi crafton • 2:36 PM

**SR**

**Jen is here**

Sherry Ristau • 2:37 PM

**KA**

**Karrie Abbott United Way**

Karrie Abbott • 2:39 PM

**TA**

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Tanasha Atwater • 2:40 PM

**JW**

**Chamber is promoting top 10 ways to support local businesses from home. See our Facebook page.**

**Chamber's blog for resources**

**https://web-na.globalmeet.com/?furl=https://communityfoundationofthegreatriverbend.globalmeet.com/corysellers**

**oops wrong link https://quadcitieschamber.com/news/blog/covid-19**

Jennifer Walker • 2:48 PM

**HC**

**Thanks Jennifer**

You • 2:48 PM

**KA**

**I would like to share updates-- Karrie Abbott United Way**

Karrie Abbott • 2:57 PM

**HC**

**Thanks Karrie- I'll make sure we get you in next**

You • 2:57 PM

**KC**

**Don't know if anyone is keeping track of nonprofts, but we are closing our ReStore and offices at the end of the work day Friday. This will be temporary with just a few key staff working part-time.**

kristi crafton • 3:00 PM

**LW**

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Linda Wastyn • 3:03 PM

**HC**

**Thanks Linda- I'll get the link in the notes!**

You • 3:04 PM

**LW**

**Kerri: Please send me a link to your website with resources so that I can link to it on mine as well**

Linda Wastyn • 3:05 PM

**KA**

**2-1-1 Updates to Karrie Abbott at kabbott@unitedwayqc.org**

**http://www.unitedwayqc.org**

Karrie Abbott • 3:08 PM

**RP**

**Community Action of Eastern Iowa is here now and can talk...maybe.**

Roger Pavey • 3:16 PM

**TA**

**https://www.caeiowa.org/Is the Community Action of Eastern Iowa site - for Scott County and some other Iowa counties.**

Tanasha Atwater • 3:18 PM

**CB**

**SEAP is also relaxing the documentation needs requirements.**

**So is it the plan to evaluate what funds will be available for individuals after we have a good idea of resources available?**

Cecelia Bailey • 3:27 PM

**Stay well!**

Cecelia Bailey • 3:30 PM

**GL**

**Thank you, Great initiative**

Glenn Leach • 3:30 PM

**LW**

**Thank you!**

Linda Wastyn • 3:30 PM

**BH**

**THank you**

Bill Horrell • 3:30 PM