



# FBA-NET

Faith Based Action Network of New Hampshire

*Illuminating the work of New Hampshire's  
faith community*

## FBA-NET PARTNERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2008

1:05 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NH Council of Churches, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH

**Present:** Laura Coleman, FBA-Net President, Chaplain (LTC) Wayne Santos, NH National Guard, Pastor

Leo R. Sauve', Crossover Recovery, Keith Marsh, Grace Children's Home, Erin Kizer, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), Amy Moutenot, HSEM, Dave Grover, Oasis Christian Church, Jon Rose, Oasis Christian Church, Bill Luce, Vision NE, Pam Deres, St. Joseph's Parish Nurse Program, Cathy Hoyt, Volunteer NH and NH VOAD, Kevin Smith, Department of Health and Human Services, Scott Earnshaw, Concord Stake of the Church of Latter Day Saints, Dick Shannon, NH Catholic Charities, Greg Steelman, Lutheran Social Services, Terry Lochhead, NH Community Loan Fund.

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### I. Welcome and opening prayer

Dick called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. by welcoming everyone and giving an opening prayer.

### II. Special Presentation

Ken Grey, NH family support youth program specialist for the military's Joint Family Support Assistance Program, provided a presentation on the "Operation Military Kids" program which is in place to support deployed military family members. Information shared during the presentation is available on FBA-Net's Website.

### III. Survey Research

In the absence of Dominique, Dick provided an update on the work with UNH Manchester students in designing the database to collect and house resource and service data of the faith community in NH. Kevin shared that the State is looking to the faith community to provide resources to meet needs. He reported that he had a recent meeting with Keith, Germano, and Wayne to discuss ways in which the faith community can work with the State to respond to some of the needs. Kevin stated that the State has expended significant dollars on transportation costs for juveniles and elderly. They are currently looking at capacity within the faith community to provide this service to their clients. Keith informed the group about USHARE, a web-based database program developed by a local pastor and friend of his. This program is structured similar to Craigs List. It is being offered to Keith and colleagues at no cost to collect and house data on resources within the faith community that can be accessed at the local level. Keith is working with others to set up a template for State Department heads to identify their needs and connect to resources. Keith stated that contact information for more than 1,000 faith leaders in the state have been entered into this program. He is in the process of being trained. Laura recommended that Keith and Dominique connect to coordinate these data collection efforts and possibly link the two together.

### IV. New Hampshire Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) update

Erin reported that the COAD community tool kit is complete. The logo and brochure are being developed. The final products will be distributed to all COAD steering committee members. With Amy's last day as a VISTA volunteer approaching, on behalf of FBA-NET partners, Laura thanked Amy for her dedicated service and wonderful work.

### V. The collaborative work between DHHS and faith leaders

In addition to the collaborative efforts discussed within the context of survey research, Kevin reported that State department heads are in the process of identifying collaborative opportunities for working with faith leaders.

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**VI. Other items**

*Leo reported that the new recovery program is in the preparatory pre-launch stage, under the name of Crossover Recovery. The complex under development will house individuals in recovery and the entire basement level will house donations of food, furniture, and other items for clients as well as the community. One donor has committed a million dollars to the project. Leo shared that the funding will be generated from donations rather than state or federal grants. Because the NH Food Bank has a large facility that offers food and furnishing to people in need throughout NH, Dick recommended that Leo contact them to tour their facility and coordinate efforts.*

*Kevin announced an upcoming state and faith based partnership conference scheduled to take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Londonderry Presbyterian Church. May is Foster Care and Adoption Month. This conference will offer games and activities for families.*

*Terry Lochhead provided a brief overview of the purpose and work of the NH Community Loan Fund.*

**VII. Closing prayer**

*Dick closed the meeting with a prayer at 2:30 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted by,*

*Laura Coleman  
FBA-Net President*