

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

JOINT TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

May 16, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA LTCR	Corlis Floyd	ADECA LTCR
William (Bill) Lokey	Witt O'Brien's	Stephanie Southerland	ADECA LTCR
Amanda Phan	Witt O'Brien's	John Olsen	FDIC
Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA Workforce Investment	Leslie Gettys	Serve Alabama
Liz Cochran	ADECA Energy Division		
Via telephone:			
Mike Shafer	CAPNA	Allen Bowen	USDA RD
Benjamin Alexander	FEMA Region IV, Recovery Planning Coordinator	Jack Green	CAPNA
Tom Todt	SBA	Russ Black	Senior Services
Michael German	HUD B'ham	Charles Franklin	HUD B'ham
Dave Roarke	HUD B'ham		

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

- Rocky Milliman, LTCR Coordinator, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.
- This will be the last formal JTF meeting as we near completion of the strategic plan and transition to the working group phase, which will consist of key agencies/partners that have been identified as those needed to assist with implementation of the plan. JTF members will be kept apprised of the Recovery Group's work via periodic email updates.
- After today's meeting, the current draft version of the strategic plan will be emailed to all JTF members for their review and comment. Members are asked to review the document and submit any changes, additions, corrections, recommendations or comments to Rocky Milliman at Rocky.Milliman@adeca.alabama.gov by close of business on **Friday, May 24**. Once all the additions/corrections are incorporated into the "Final" version of the Plan, the completed Plan will be emailed to everyone in June.

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Accept Meeting Notes

- The notes from the March 6, 2013, meeting of the Joint Task Force were approved as written.

Two Year Update – April 2011 Tornado Disaster

- A summary document entitled “Two-Year Anniversary (DR-1971) Update” was provided to meeting attendees. The document outlines initial damage reports, a recovery update of the affected communities two years later, and projects for the future. (A copy is attached hereto and will be sent via email to all JTF members).
- In addition, Witt-O'Brien’s created a projects and funding data list using EMA’s “green-yellow-red” metrics program. Projects are listed in green if they are fully funded or completed; in yellow if they require full or partial funding; or, in red if there is a need but no current funding source. (A copy is attached hereto and will be emailed to JTF members.)
- The “Bo Bikes Bama” fundraising event was held April 27 in Cordova.
- The grand opening ceremony for the newly constructed Wrangler Plant was held in Hackleburg on April 26.
- Other commemorative events were held in late April throughout the hardest hit communities marking the 2-year anniversary since the deadly tornadoes.

Witt O’Brien’s (Strategic Plan Discussion)

- Bill Lokey and Amanda Phan of Witt O’ Brien’s discussed the status of the current draft of the strategic plan. Comments and changes since the last meeting were incorporated into the plan and a copy was provided for all attendees to review. (A copy is attached hereto and will be sent to all JTF members via email).
- A workshop is scheduled for this afternoon with EMA and other support agencies to address recovery support functions within the plan and to finalize objectives.

Other Updates

- Over the next several months, Recovery Planning Coordinator Benjamin Alexander of FEMA Region IV will be working with Alabama stakeholders and the Long-Term Community Recovery office as we begin to focus on capacity building. His goal will be to mirror his federal recovery support functions and partners with those that have been established on the state level.
- To build capacity various questions will need to be addressed, such as: (1) What is needed to build capacity? (2) Who is coordinating with whom? (3) Who do we connect with from state to federal to region and vice-versa? (4) What resources can be brought

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to the table in advance? and (5)What does the process look like pre-disaster versus post-disaster?

- HUD-B'ham representatives gave the following report:
 - Alabama is set to receive almost 50 million in the 2013 allocations.
 - HUD is now awaiting the final regulations to be released that will determine how the monies can/will be used by state and local grantees
 - The new funding criteria will require expenditure within two years from the time the action plan is approved
 - Alabama has four grantees that are eligible for the funds: the State, Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Jefferson County
 - Congratulations to HUD's Dave Roarke who will be retiring as of May 31, 2013

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.