

ALABAMA STATE–COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCES

Housing Task Force &

Economic Recovery and Infrastructure Task Forces

Meeting Notes

March 1, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA LTCR	Corlis Floyd	ADECA LTCR
Bob Haywood	FEMA	Stephanie Southerland	ADECA LTCR
John Olsen	FDIC	Laura Olson	FEMA
Will Selman	FEMA		
Via telephone:			
Tommy Thomson	Senior Services	Sibyl Slade	FRB - Atlanta
Lisa Castaldo	Governor's Office of Faith Based & Community Initiatives	Jon Mason	Governor's Office of Faith Based & Community Initiatives
Mike Shafer	NACAA	Kelli Watters	Senior Services
Hollis Wormsby	HUD - Birmingham	Michael German	HUD - Birmingham

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

- Rocky Milliman, LTCR Coordinator, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

Accept Meeting Notes

- The January 30, 2012, Housing Task Force meeting notes and the January 26, 2012, Economic Recovery and Infrastructure Task Forces notes were approved as written.

Updates to Current Programs & Support Being Provided to the Communities

- Michael German provided the LTCR office with recent *Alabama Market at a Glance Reports* and the *Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis* compiled by HUD (copies attached).
- FDIC task force member, John Olsen, provided resource information about The Alabama Asset Building Commission and Hardest Hit Alabama (see brochures attached).
- ADECA's staff is developing the initial action plan for the use of the disaster CDBG funds recently awarded to the state.
- EDA funds could possibly be available this summer--maybe by June.
- Jon Mason of the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives reported that FEMA granted 13 million to the State of Alabama for a disaster case management program. Three provider level agencies are in place across the state and are now hiring disaster case managers. The three agencies are covering 40 plus counties. They are subgranting/partnering with groups

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within the communities that were hit to solidify the case management process that's ongoing. The next step will be to begin gathering data.

- Bob Johnson with Habitat has been doing a phenomenal job coordinating the rebuilding efforts in the Tuscaloosa area.
- Remember to keep the LTCR office apprised of any assistance provided by your agency/organization in the recovery efforts so we can keep track of the recovery progress that's ongoing.

ADECA is Changing its Web Page for LTCR

- Josh Carples of ADECA is working to redesign ADECA's LTCR web pages in an effort to make the recovery information more user friendly.
- Volunteer opportunities are also listed on the website.

FEMA DAE's Arrive

- The communities of Hackleburg, Holt, Cordova, Phil Campbell and Rainsville will have direct recovery manager assistance.
- We will also provide technical assistance, when needed, to all the other communities that developed recovery plans.
- Bob Haywood will be headquartered in the ADECA LTCR office and may be contacted at any time with questions, etc.
- Will Selman and Laura Olson are now in Alabama and should be in place in the communities where they will be assisting within the next 2 weeks.
- Recovery Manager Jim Corcoran will be working in Cordova.
- Two other FEMA members will be assigned to the ADECA LTCR office to assist with administration, research and project development support.

Contractor on Board

- A contractor has been selected to assist the state's LTCR office in its recovery efforts and the name of the firm that was selected will be announced by the Governor or Director Byard soon.
- The contractor will primarily be responsible for developing the state a 5-year strategic plan for recovery.

Project Priorities for Tier I Communities

- Cordova - Demolition, Grocery Store, Municipal Buildings
- Hackleburg - Sewer System, Wrangler Plant, Municipal Buildings, Housing, Football Stadium
- Holt - Incorporation, Housing, Multi-use Regional Park and Community Center
- Jefferson County - Housing, Community Revitalization
- Phil Campbell - Water and Sewer, Establish Non-profit Status, Community Safe Rooms, Economic Revitalization
- Rainsville - Housing, Streetscape, Plainview High School and Football Stadium
 - This list is in no way exhaustive. It's simply a list of initial priority projects that have been identified.
 - Project plans can be amended and new projects added as needed.

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- Many of the projects are very complex and will require further investigation to define the type and length of work needed to successfully implement the projects.

Next Meeting

- We are in the process of consolidating the task forces in an effort to streamline the communication process and reduce the number of different meetings held each month.
- In the future when there are updates to address and information to share, a meeting notice will be emailed to task force members approximately 7 to 10 days prior to any scheduled meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.