

ALABAMA STATE–COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCES
Community Planning and Capacity Building Conference Call
September 15, 2011

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Evan Kilgore	FEMA LTCR	Jessica Dent	ADECA
Chris Cunningham	FEMA LTCR	Kristin Kizziah	FEMA LTCR
Russ Black	ADSS	Harvey Ball	USHHS
Joshua Mosley	FEMA LTCR	Marian Wingo	FEMA LTCR
Joey	Region	Steve O.	NARCOG
LaDonnah Roberts	University of Alabama	Josh Phillips	ADECA

SUMMARY

Organizational meeting to discuss the leadership training that ADECA and FEMA has been working to put together with Dr. Menefee. Also to discuss the grant writing workshop and the sustainable communities. Looked at the possibility of working with UNA for additional training and certification for the people in the affected areas.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Talk with the City of Birmingham to discuss leadership**
- **Pleasant Grove needs discuss leadership needs and bring back to next meeting**
- **Joey will let Cullman City and County know they are still able to join the task forces**
- **Look at a month notice to go out to communities when training is to become available**
- **Joey will contact Lavone with UNA to discuss possible training**

AGENDA ITEMS

Purpose of Community Planning and Capacity Building

- The purpose is to build the capacity of the communities to have a successful recovery for the state through providing resources to the communities
- We have been meeting about every two weeks at this time
- Assessments have been done at this time to see what the needs are, which includes everything from grant writing to planting trees and building new buildings
- Where are working with EPA for sustainable communities grant

Leadership Training

- Dr. Menefee has class on Thursday and could not join us today, but he will be working with us to develop the leadership training
- Dates are still being discussed, once we have date it will be more developed

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- Many counties have existing leadership programs, we need to utilize
- We would like to sit down and talk with leadership program in Birmingham to discuss leadership
- There are around 99 neighborhood associations in Birmingham, some of whom attend the national conference on an annual basis
- Pleasant grove will discuss their leadership needs in tonight's meeting
- The cost for the leadership program in Birmingham is currently \$350
 - There are concerns with Cordova for example gathering the money to attend
 - Sipsey is another community
- Capacity issues in communities
 - Pleasant Grove is in pretty good shape but the mayor has had things under control, we will need to identify the issues
- Sipsey did not have the commercial impact; the construction committees with United Way are underway
- We are waiting to see what the recommendations are for Pratt City
- Please inform us of any workshops we can hold
- In Decatur/ Morgan County there is a leadership program, but they had no damage in that area
- Hartselle is trying to establish their own leadership program
- Cullman has a leadership program through the chamber
 - Even though Cullman did not sign the resolution to work with FEMA these task forces are still here to help
 - The State is still here to help
 - If there are needs addressed in Cullman we are here to help, they do not have to have the FEMA assistance but we have all the resources from within the State available
 - These task forces are available to Cullman and they are welcome to join the committees
 - Even though they didn't sign the resolution there are still welcome to the resources, this is a state disaster and FEMA is here to support the state
 - Tuscaloosa did not sign up for FEMA help but they are a member of the task forces

Emerging Needs

- EDA grant has been given to the regions for assistance
- The people in these communities have enough going on, they need more than a week's notice to attend any training or event, look at a month instead
- Looking forward to the sustainable communities program from EPA for all 5 regions
 - Looking at having it in one central location, we may look at doing one in Rainsville
 - Last dates we were looking at was towards the later dates of October
 - Have not secured location, Phil Campbell has worked well for us but we may want to move closer to Birmingham for the next
 - Begin to think about a possible facility for it to be held
- There is no administrative assistance on the state side, FEMA does not the RSVP's going to the FEMA emails, therefore we need someone in place that could handle the RSVP's

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- Senior services brought up the issue of wheel chair access and also the issue the fact that many seniors are now homeless
 - The seniors were people that were living independently but are now having to live with families
 - We need seniors to be involved in the revitalization of the downtown areas and make them accessible to the seniors
 - Senior services may want attend Natural and Cultural Resource Meetings as well

Grant Writing Workshop

- Michelle Tims with Senator Sessions office conducted a similar workshop at Jacksonville, we have partnered with that office to hold a 2 day workshop
 - We tried to get members from the long term communities to that office but there was short notice at that time
- Day one will be held next Monday and we have requested many people to attend
- In speaking with Michelle Jessica felt the workshop may be to advanced for those in the communities that have little or no experience with Grant Writing
 - Jessica will teach day one which will be more of an introduction the grants and the process of grant writing and Michelle will speak on Tuesday
- There are 12 regional councils of government in the state of Alabama, 5 of which are in the affected areas, we have asked them to come and give a 10-15 minute overview of who they are and what they do to the community and also discuss the EDA grant
 - Nathan will be there, Steve will possibly be there
 - Power point will be available
- We have brochures of the agencies and we would like any brochures anyone else has
 - We always have entrepreneurs come to these type of workshops and we want them to have handouts with contact information
- Looking at doing another workshop in Dekalb County

Sustainable Communities

- Anne Keller is working to identify dates and has a 2 hour presentation that EPA has done on sustainable community development; we want to look at doing this as all inclusive in a centralized area
 - We will send out information as it becomes more available from Ms. Keller
- Municipal Elected official Training suggested by Nathan is a topic that came up last minute
 - There are FEMA materials already put in place for this
 - One portion of the training requested is something we (FEMA) refers to as pre-disaster planning for post disaster recovery
 - This is to show communities how to prepare before the disaster happens
 - FEMA has began to gather information on types of programs available, we don't at this time have a complete package but we are looking at ways to combine that's

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- Working with the League of Municipalities to find out what they have to offer this possible training as well
- EDAA offers a community leaders training program, Jessica has talked to Ron Scott and he will attempt to bring the 10 modules to use for training
 - Does not have to be in a targeted community to attend
 - No date has been set but we do have a commitment
- Alabama Launchpad is to holding entrepreneurs and leaders of innovation and technology at the Winfrey in Birmingham; we have been given 10 slots at \$45.00 which is at cost, if anyone would like to attend contact Jessica Dent
- Looking at doing an expert night in the communities, we can lean on the regional counsel to help bring in those speakers; this would take place at the already in place weekly meetings that are being held in the communities
 - Possibly a 30 minute topic on something that is needed
 - An example would be Retail Development
- We are working on expenses and we are trying to get some funds to help bring in those speakers
 - We do have partners to lean on for finances
- We have thought about using the training at UNA, we have not had any contact and we need to get engaged; we have usually held the workshops in different places around the state
 - The Certified Alabama Planning and Zoning Official Training is something offered through UNA
 - ADECA has invited her to all meetings and had no contact
 - Jessica requested Joey to speak with her; it is a resource we want to tap in to
 - There is a certification after the training and can be maintained
 - This group could be great to look to for expert night; different instructors are used such as Catherine Enis and Daniel Myer
 - The program is run from a continuing education standpoint