

**ALABAMA STATE–COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCES**  
 Community Planning and Capacity Building Conference Call  
 October 13, 2011

**ATTENDEES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY &amp; INFORMATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGENCY &amp; INFORMATION</b>
Liz Cochran	ADECA	Chris Cunningham	FEMA LTCR
Kristin Kizziah	FEMA LTCR	Michael Sullins	FEMA LTCR
Bobby Dennis	EDA	Lisa Harris	FEMA LTCR
Allen Bowen	USDA Rural Development	Matt Culbroth	Walker County – Walker Area Community Foundation
Gina Smith	ADECA	Chris McClendon	Alabama Cooperative Extension
Art Pearce	Habitat Humanity	Mary Shell	Alabama Historical Commission
Jeremy Donald	The Jones Group	Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA
Chuck Carver	Lt. Governor’s Office		

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **Get ARC road show ideas to Chris Cunningham**
- **Find out the ideal number for the Leadership workshop from Dr. Menefee**
- **Ideas for expert nights**
- **Contact Jason with Home Builders Association about ABLE Conference**
- **New avenue for communication the communities**

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Resources “Road Show” Update

- As part of the Appalachian Regional Development Initiative (ARDI [website](#)), the ARC has been coordinating Federal Resources Road Shows throughout the ARC region. ARC coordinated one of these workshops in Mississippi on April 13<sup>th</sup> of this year.
- ARC has reached out to the Alabama Long Term Community Recovery team to offer to coordinate a Resource Road Show in Alabama. ARC will lead the charge on this.
  - They can “expand the net” of their normal road show
  - May go beyond federal resources
- December 5<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date. The program will be hosted in Tuscaloosa at the Capstone Hotel.
- ARC will be in charge of the bulk of the content and format and we will try to fit into what is already there. The format changes have not been discussed in detail at this point.

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- If interested in looking at information regarding the Appalachian Regional Development Initiative, including past Road Shows, please visit the ARDI website at [www.arc.gov/ardi](http://www.arc.gov/ardi).
- One of the regularly scheduled Road Shows is being held in West Virginia on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Aimed at elected officials and organizations but it is open to the public. It is held during the work day
  - Participating agencies outline agency resources and grant programs
  - Broad level with 10 or more agencies doing presentations in one day
- The workshop would be relevant and helpful to local housing agencies as well
- One of the benefits of a “Road Show” will be the opportunities for face to face networking.
- The community leaders will learn what resources are now available in their communities through this event.

Leadership Training

- Dr. Menefee has scheduled leadership training to take place November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in west Jefferson County
- Jefferson County Commissioner Stevens will be the sponsor of the training
- This is an expedited leadership program, focused on unincorporated communities.
- The training will most likely be held in Concord, which is a central location for the communities. The venue is undetermined.
- Will be inviting the leaders in the unincorporated areas as well as Pleasant Grove and some of the smaller cities
- Also will extend an invitation to the unincorporated community of Holt in Tuscaloosa County.
- This will be the first test of the training program Dr. Menefee has tailored to the needs identified and articulated by the communities.
- In the unincorporated areas, we have seen a lot of strong people but a lack of organizational structure
- This training program can be implemented in other areas as well, as need is identified.
- Team building will be a part of the training

Expert Night

- New energy building codes have been adopted by the State. We are looking at providing a speaker to address community-led Long Term Community Committees that express interest in this topic. This could be an “expert night,” in which a speaker with subject matter expertise briefly addresses the community committee to provide an overview of the topic chosen by the community.
- The codes are on the ADECA website; Rule 305-2-4
- Karen Clifton with the energy division will come to the next task force meeting to discuss the codes
- The task force was asked to have someone come into the communities and address the questions the communities may have

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- We want to avoid overwhelming people with too much training but still get them the face-to-face with experts in pertinent subject areas
- Suggested additional speaker topics:
  1. Municipal Revenue (AL Dept of Revenue)
  2. Zoning Ordinances (possibly CAPZO)
- ACE program is a good program to look into for volunteer speakers
- The FEMA Long Term Community Recovery field teams that have been embedded in the community are phasing out as the LTCR process ramps down. By November, there will be no more FEMA Long Term Community Recovery team members embedded in the impacted communities. With the field teams leaving we want to ensure the community-led Long Term Community Recovery committees stay connected and intact

**Other Training Opportunities**

- ABLE conference will be February 27<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery sponsored by the Home Builders Association. There will be a cost associated.
- AARP scholarships funds may be available

**VISTA Update**

- Discussed the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) as a source of skilled volunteers. CNCS includes the AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps programs.
- Organizations in Walker, Winston, Lauderdale, Marion and Franklin Counties have procured the services of 5 VISTA volunteers
- A good contact person regarding the VISTA program is Viola Gentry
- Habitat for Humanity is interested in learning more about VISTA

**Transition to Recovery Office**

- Beginning Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, three new ADECA people will be assisting and will be located in the Center of Commerce on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Montgomery, Alabama.
  - Rocky Milliman, Director
  - Stephanie Southerland, Community Liaison Officer
  - Corlis Floyd, Office Manager
- ADECA will soon have a section on the ADECA website listing grants
- FEMA is currently developing an Alabama Recovery Resource Guide to be included as a deliverable to heavily impacted communities and also made available through the Recovery Office