

LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

JOINT TASK FORCE

Meeting Notes

January 16, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA LTCR	Corlis Floyd	ADECA LTCR
Jeff Byard	AEMA	Stephanie Southerland	ADECA LTCR
Benjie Abbott	AEMA	Jim Corcoran	FEMA (LTCR Branch Director)
William (Bill) Lokey	Witt O'Brien's	Amanda Phan	Witt O'Brien's
Jack Green	CAPNA	Lorilei Sanders	ADECA Workforce Initiatives
Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA Workforce Investment	Brooke Mills	Serve Alabama
Stan Hale	USDA RD		
Via telephone:			
Art Pearce	AL Habitat for Humanity	John Colon	Neighborhood Housing Services Birmingham
Joseph Clark	Neighborhood Housing Services Birmingham	Pam Toney	North AL Medical Reserve Corps
Michael German	HUD B'ham	Paul Fay	Witt O'Brien's
Charles Franklin	HUD B'ham	Hollis Wormsby	HUD B'ham
Kerry Craft	Habitat – Gulf Coast	Dave Roarke	HUD B'ham

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome

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

Accept Meeting Notes

- The notes from the November 7, 2012, meeting of the Joint Task Force were approved as written.

FEMA Support

- Rocky Milliman reported that five of the FEMA team members completed their terms in Alabama at the end of December 2012. However, FEMA representative Jim Corcoran remains in Cordova until the end of January 2013.
- Rocky expressed his appreciation to all the FEMA staff that supported Alabama's recovery efforts throughout 2012.

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CDBG Awards/Additional Funding Needs

- On December 19, 2012, Governor Bentley announced the awards for the communities receiving supplemental CDBG funds.

FEMA Update – Cordova, AL

- On Friday, January 4, Cordova received approval from FEMA for the demolition of its downtown buildings.
- With support from EMA and others, the City is now working to finalize bid documents and hopes to begin demolition soon.

AEMA's Input with reference to the Strategic Plan

- After reviewing the draft strategic plan being developed for the state by Witt O'Brien's, Jeff Byard and Benjie Abbott of AEMA stated that EMA wanted to develop a statement that addresses long-term recovery and include it as an addendum to the state's current Emergency Operation's Plan. The addendum would designate various state agencies' roles and responsibilities in any recovery support function.
- EMA also suggested that while the five year strategic plan was in the development stage that framework could be built into that document that identifies and appoints specific state agencies and identifies their support functions with respect to recovery from future disasters. Hopefully this will eliminate competing strategic plans and ensure unified and coordinated efforts when a disaster occurs.
- Bill Lokey agreed to meet with EMA's State Recovery Manager, Benjie Abbott, to work on incorporating EMA's suggestions into the state's plan.

Witt O'Brien's (ConOps and Strategic Plan Presentation)

- Witt Associates has merged with O' Brien's. The merger will not affect work on this project.
- The House passed the Sandy Supplemental Funding Bill on January 15; providing \$16B in CDBG funds for which Alabama would be eligible to apply. The final language regarding community development funding follows:
 - "For an additional amount for "Community Development Fund", \$16,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017, for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et 14 seq.) due to Hurricane Sandy and other eligible events in calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013, for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974..."
 - The bill has gone to the Senate for a vote. A date has not been determined for the vote to take place.
- Bill Lokey presented new draft plan material (Sections 3, Concept of Operations; 4, Recovery Agency Strategy; and Recovery Support Function (RSF) Annexes) for stakeholder discussion.
- The presentation described the recovery organization, roles and responsibilities, the state recovery goal as well as, overarching, common and RSF specific objectives and actions.
- Feedback provided by members of the JTF will be incorporated into the final draft of the plan.

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- Stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback whether by email, telephone or handwritten. Comments, suggestions, additions or corrections should be submitted by January 25 to Bill Lokey at WLokey@wittassociates.com or Amanda Phan at APhan@staff.jlwitt.com.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the task force is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013. A notice will be emailed to task force members approximately 10 to 14 days prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.