

# LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

## April 13, 2009 Meeting Notes

**Present:**      Jamie Mahadeo                      Health and Human Services  
                  Inaki Rezola                                  American Red Cross  
                  Marion Sortore                               Florida VOAD  
                  Stewart Stearns                              Community Foundation  
                  Bruce Wismer                                Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- There is a need to get a core group of people recruited for each team. It was suggested that Grisel Hernandez be included on the Unmet Needs Committee. The members of this committee should be familiar with the human services system without being affiliated with a provider agency.
- The bylaws are probably more complicated than they need to be at this point. They require a 7 member team plus 2 alternates for each.
- It was suggested that the persons selected for each committee be brought together as a single group for an orientation to the long-term recovery process. Jon McKenzie from IDEAS would be a good presenter to inform everyone on the Tapestry software.
- Goodwill is working with the State of Florida to develop a donations process whereby individuals in any area of the nation can donate used clothing and shoes to their local Goodwill. Goodwill will then authorize the issuance of vouchers to people in the affected areas to go to the Goodwill in or near their hometown to receive the donated goods. Goodwill will ship items to their stores in the affected areas on an 'as needed' basis. It was suggested that Goodwill be invited to make a presentation to the COAD to clarify this process.
- It was suggested that the Finance Committee may be better located as a separate subcommittee under COAD since this is a year-round need. This committee needs to be in operation on an on-going basis prior to activation of the LTRC.
- Post-event Volunteer Florida contacts the county commission to establish a committee to recommend how donated funds at the state level would best be used. This could be a duplication of effort with the LTRC. How can the LTRC position itself to be a part of this discussion as relates to human service needs? It was suggested that Marion contact Scott Montgomery to gather more details. Inaki will contact Alex Amparo, Volunteer Florida, with these questions. Stewart will contact Steve Queior. It was suggested that this be called the Financial Resources Committee.
- The Indiana Association of United Ways contacted Marion regarding their struggle with some long-term recovery committee issues. One item on

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their list was how to determine the difference between deferred maintenance and disaster-related damage to a home. This is something the LTRC needs to be thinking about in future disaster planning.

- Inaki updated the group on the hurricane exercise that will occur May 28 through June 3. It follows the path of the 1926 hurricane which entered in Miami and exited south of Tampa. It is estimated in this scenario that the population impacted would be six million, three million would evacuate, eight hundred thousand would be in shelters, and four million homes would be damaged. In today's cost, the loss would be one hundred sixty billion dollars.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Long-term Recovery Committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Room 226 (Auditorium).