

LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2009 Meeting Notes

Present:

Jon McKenzie	IDEAS
Rick Morrow	Sarasota County Government
Bryan Pope	Salvation Army
Paul Radauskas	Planning and Development Services
Inaki Rezola	American Red Cross
Ken Skalitzky	FEMA
Marion Sortore	Florida VOAD
Pauline Tracy	Health and Human Services

Marion Sortore welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made.

Ken Skalitzky discussed the client case management issue. In spite of the fact that federal FEMA funding is not currently available, Florida VOAD has a committee working on case management headed by Marilyn Swanson from Lakeland. From a FEMA perspective, case management is one of the services they can pay for under the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act. They are doing pilot projects in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas right now before rolling out the full program. FEMA can't proceed any further until the pilot projects have reported back. At the present time, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services has funding available for case management in the event of a disaster that would occur before FEMA funding is available.

FEMA no longer requires agencies to use their release of information. As long as the agency has a release of information that includes the client name, signature, source of identifying information, and the perjury clause, it will be sufficient. CAN has a release that complies with the requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding disaster assessment and how the COAD and LTRC can coordinate with building officials to avoid problems in rebuilding. Inaki Rezola asked if the building department would appoint a liaison to the LTRC to work with them to ensure building requirements are met.

Marion Sortore asked that each member read through the LTRC manual to find the gaps and make suggestions where it can be improved. Paul Radauskas agreed to review the manual and provide feedback at the October LTRC meeting. Marion also asked that everyone read through the case management standards to see if there is anything in there that needs to be brought forward to the LTRC manual.

Ken Skalitzky noted that there will be CAN train the trainer and liaison training in Lake Mary the week of November 3. The first day and a half will be CAN liaison training. The second half of the training will be a CAN case management train the trainer workshop. The location in Lake Mary has not been confirmed yet. There will be representatives from seven states in attendance at the event. He

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also noted that the Florida VOAD will be hosting the National VOAD meeting May 10 through the 14, 2010. They will be seeking presentations for that meeting soon. It was suggested that the COAD apply to present the Recover Suncoast effort.

Next Meeting

The next Long-term Recovery Committee meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Room 226 (Auditorium).