

**Baldwin County VOAD
Long Term Recovery Team
January 28, 2005
Meeting Notes**

Chairwoman Brenda Lee (United Way) called the meeting to order. Others present included

Lynn J. Adams (Long Term Recovery)
Darlene Adas (American Red Cross)
Edith Belder (The Salvation Army)
Carol Brandon (Holy Spirit Episcopal Church)
Diane Clewell (American Red Cross)
Lawrence Cox (Morning Dove Baptist Church)
Stanley Cox (Morning Dove Baptist Church)
Samuel Farley, Jr. (Community Action Agency)
Amelia Fletcher (Island Church Recovery Team)
Mary Ann Halliday (North Baldwin Ecumenical Association)
Pat Harris (Baldwin County Council on Aging)
Martha Hohl (Project Rebound)
Mike Kirk (Jubilee Shores UMC)
Ed Lakeman (Project Rebound)
Isaac McPherson (Remnant Evangelistic Center)
Pam Meredith (Ecumenical Ministries)
Debra Minor (Foley Boys & Girls Club)
Vanessa Moore (Family Service Center)
Kay Palmer (Christian Service Center)
Michele Prockup (Catholic Social Services)
Tyson Reed (Island Church Recovery Team)
Judy Simpson (Long Term Recovery)
Bill Stephens (Alabama Baptist Disaster Team)
Frank Trione (Project Rebound)
Letisha Watts (Foley Boys & Girls Club)
Sherry Weaver (Habitat for Humanity)
Sylvester Williams (Tate Creek Missionary Baptist)
Verlee Young (Long Term Recovery)

Ms. Lee reminded those present that the Baldwin County Long Term Recovery Team evolved from the Baldwin County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster. Since the work has shifted from response to recovery, another entity was needed to oversee the recovery operations. Funding and data will be separate from VOAD.

Members were reminded that flyers concerning the services offered by the Long Term Recovery Team are available, and members' help is needed to distribute them throughout the County.

Ms. Lee asked that agencies inform the Long Term Recovery Team of needs for equipment and supplies, from basic necessities to a wish list of optional items. Some companies and corporations are offering donations, but she needs to know what is needed.

Verlee Young, Case Management Supervisor, reported that the caseworkers are organizing each geographic area. Lynn Adams will cover the South part of Baldwin County; Judy Simpson will cover Central, Sister Julie will cover Eastern Shore, and Verlee will oversee North Baldwin. So far, staff has completed ten home visits and is proceeding with assessments and verifications for cases. Thirty-one

clients have met preliminary qualifications, and twenty-four cases have been closed. Twenty cases are in progress through coordination with various social service agencies. Eleven clients need tree and stump removal, for which there is no resource yet.

Ms. Prockup then guided the group through the formation of four subcommittees including Administrative; Case Management; Resource and Materials; and Emotional, Mental, and Spiritual Care. Each subcommittee was to choose a chairman and note taker. Each subgroup was to set goals, objectives, and measurable outcomes, using the mission of the Long Term Recovery Team as a benchmark: The Baldwin County VOAD's Long Term Recovery Team has agreed to meet and work together to address the needs of resident of Baldwin County in response to Hurricane Ivan. We will strive to:

- Provide coordinated management of the long-term recovery to the disaster
- Provide additional long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as a result of the disaster.
- Advocate for ongoing preparedness within the faith community and cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies active in disaster.

The Administrative Subcommittee will deal with grants, reporting, publicity, finances, and public speaking. Participants for this group included Carol Brandon as chairman and Latisha Watts as note-taker. Other members included Stanley Cox; Samuel Farley, Jr.; Ed Lakeman; and Debra Minor.

Judy Simpson served as chairman of the Case Management Subcommittee, with Pat Harris as note-taker. The group also included Pam Meredith, Vanessa Moore, Kay Palmer, and Verlee Young. The mission of this subcommittee is to return Hurricane Ivan disaster victims to as close as possible to their previous way of life. The group will work to develop forms, designate a data system, and enter data. They will meet each week prior to the Team meeting, at Ecumenical Ministries in Foley. The measurement of progress for each case will be analyzed from referral to close.

Emotional, Mental, and Spiritual Subcommittee was chaired by Frank Trione, with Pastor Isaac N. McPherson acting as note-taker and Rev. Lawrence Cox participating. This group will develop strategies to restore the emotional, spiritual, and mental needs of hurricane victims, using Project Rebound as a resource. Churches, school, and civic groups will be used to as volunteer resources and as a method of spreading information.

Tyson Reed served as chairman of the Resources and Material Subcommittee, with Amelia Fletcher acting performing duties as note-taker. Other members were Edith Belder, Enrique Escobar, Martha Hohl, Mike Kirk, Bill Stevens, and Rev. Sylvester Williams. This group will recruit volunteers by creating partnerships with other community groups, and hopes to involve the community through the donation of time and resources.

Each of the four chairmen will become a part of the LTRT Executive Committee, along with officers Brenda Lee, Michele Prockup, Diane Clewell, and a Community Action representative (presently Samuel Farley, Jr.).

LTRT members present voted to change the meeting day to Thursday for the month of February. Meetings will remain at 10:00 a.m. at the United Way Building in Foley.

Participants in Operation Blessing were reminded that they must report outcomes and testimony concerning their activities. United Way asked that testimony be faxed to them as well at 251-947-3609.

Leigh Ann Ryals, Director of Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, had sent a reminder to members of the countywide town meeting to be held on February 21 at the Foley Civic Center at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will allow citizens to discuss pre-landfall, landfall, and post-landfall issues, as well as unmet needs. More information can be obtained by calling 251-947-1011.

Next meeting of the group was set for February 3, 2005, 10:00 a.m., at the United Way office in Foley.