

**Baldwin County Long Term Recovery Team  
Meeting Notes  
February 17, 2005**

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

- Ron Baughman (United Methodist Conference)
- Edith Belder (The Salvation Army)
- Carol Brandon (Holy Spirit Episcopal Church)
- Jan Byrd (Baldwin County EMA)
- Kelly Childress (Council on Aging)
- Diane Clewell (American Red Cross)
- Lawrence Cox (Morning Dove Baptist Church)
- Stanley Cox (Morning Dove Baptist Church)
- Samuel Farley (Community Action Agency)
- Amelia Fletcher (Island Church Recovery Team)
- Pat Harris (Baldwin County Council on Aging)
- Martha Hohl (Project Rebound)
- Ed Lakeman (Project Rebound)
- Pam Meredith (Ecumenical Ministries)
- Deborah Minor (Foley Boys and Girls Club)
- James Mullins (American Red Cross)
- Kay Palmer (Christian Service Center)
- Michele Prockup (Catholic Social Services)
- Tyson Reed (Island Church Recovery Team)
- Barbara Rigali (FEMA)
- Mary Robinson (North Baldwin Ecumenical)
- Frank Trione (Project Rebound)
- Carla White (United Way)
- Verlee Young (Long Term Recovery)

Ms. Lee reminded those present that the Baldwin County Long Term Recovery Team started as Baldwin County Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, and has been meeting since three days after Hurricane Ivan made landfall. Minutes are available each week on the United Way website at [southbaldwinunitedway.org](http://southbaldwinunitedway.org).

Michele Prockup led the group through a discussion of “burning” issues, then a dialogue concerning which might be the lead person or agency to manage each, either through direct service of by brining research information to the team meeting:

Affordable housing	CAA, CSS, EMI, NBEA, CSC, Salvation Army
Beds/furniture	Salvation Army (Edith)
Budget Counseling	CAA (Samuel Farley will invite Consumer Credit Counseling)
Crisis Counseling	Project Rebound

Debris Removal, Tree Removal	Baptist Disaster Team (Bill Stephens)
Education re. Insurance and FEMA	Project Rebound
Emergency Assistance (rent, etc.)	CAA, CSS, EMI, NBEA, CSC, Salvation Army
Employment (lost wages)	CAA (Samuel Farley will invite Career Center Representative)
Housing for Volunteer teams	ICRT
Medications/Medical	Council on Aging
Repair/rebuild (tarps for elderly)	ICRT, UMC, Baptist Assoc., Lutheran Disaster, Mennonite Disaster
Tarps	LTRT (James Mullins)
Trailer Removal	EMI (Pam Meredith)
Updated Housing Plans	CAA, CSS, EMI, NBEA, CSC, Salvation Army
Warehouse/Materials	LTRT (James Mullins)

James Mullins told members that the offices for the LTRT are gradually being equipped. A copier has been donated, and he is requesting cell phones for staff and researching possible warehouse space. Lutheran Disaster Services is allowing the use of their software at no charge, but there is a charge for training. Tarps are available from EMA, and Lamar Advertising is donating 100 vinyl billboards for use as roof protection. The billboards are on pallets and will need to be moved and stored.

Michele Prockup and Verlee Young discussed the need for volunteers to answer the telephones at the LTRT offices. Agencies were asked to commit to provide volunteers for certain shifts by signing a calendar that was passed around the table. Telephone receptionists will be asked to fill out a basic screening form for each caller to aid caseworkers in sifting through applicants. Project Rebound (Martha Hohl) will be on site to provide crisis counseling and referral. Caseworkers who have had the UMCOR training are needed. Carol Brandon will call those who attended the training to recruit them to help. Ron Baughman will set up additional training. Caseworkers should have good “people” skills and organizational ability. Tyson Reed will try to get a request for caseworkers and office workers into various church publications.

Each agency and church represented was asked to tap their hierarchal structure for grant funding to cover the administrative, direct aid, and materials costs for Long Term Recovery Team operation. Brenda Lee and Michele Prockup are available to help write grant requests.

Jan Byrd reminded those present that the Baldwin County Commission (Commissioner Albert Lipscomb) has a countywide meeting planned for Monday, February 21, at 6:00pm, at the Foley Civic Center. This meeting will offer reports about pre-landfall, landfall, and post-landfall activities, as well as mitigation projects underway. Key support and recovery team members will be recognized, and the public will be able to ask questions during another portion of the evening.

Brenda passed around copies of the LTRT stationary and a draft brochure.

Lutheran Software Training is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 9am, at the United Way Building in Foley. Edith Belder, Cassandra Boykin, Carol Brandon, Bridget Brown, Pat Campbell, Linda Chappelle, Diane Clewell, Beverly Dickerson, Enrique Escobar, Amelia Fletcher, Samuel Farley, Pat Harris, Angela Hastings, Ed Lakeman, Isaac McPherson, Kathy Melson, James Mullins, Michele Prockup (+1), Tyson Reed, Verlee Young, and two workers from Ecumenical Ministries have registered to participate.

Next Meeting of the LTRT is set for February 24, 2005, 10am, at the United Way office in Foley. Members agreed to meet on Fridays during the month of March.