

**Baldwin County VOAD
Long Term Recovery Team
April 29, 2005
Meeting Notes**

Brenda Lee, Chairman, (United Way) called the meeting to order. Others present included
Edith Belder (The Salvation Army)
Diane Clewell (American Red Cross)
Samuel B. Farley, Jr. (Community Action Agency)
Amelia Fletcher (Gulf Shores UMC)
Martha Hohl (Project Rebound)
Ed Lakeman (Project Rebound)
Kathy Melson (United Way)
Pamla Meredith (Ecumenical Ministries)
James Mullins (Long Term Recovery)
Michele Prockup (Catholic Social Services)
Tyson Reed (Island Church Recovery Team)
Frank Trione (Project Rebound)
Troy Vesper (UMCDRM)
Sherry Weaver (Habitat for Humanity)
Carla White (United Way)
Verlee Young (Long Term Recovery)

Amelia Fletcher made a presentation to Verlee Young.

Tyson Reed reported that the 501©3 documentation will be delivered to the probate judge early next week, and should be completed by May 15. ICRT is negotiating the use of the Pleasant View Baptist parsonage on County Road 12, and another church may donate land just off the Expressway to build a dormitory/warehouse facility for storm recovery. Mindy Pierce from the 700 Club is to send a camera crew to interview a client referred by Verlee Young. There has been no word about whether Jim Cantore from Weather Channel will come to the area, and no word from Extreme Makeover. Tyson is working with Tommy Puckett to choose blueprints for construction of two mobile shower units. These units should be completed by June. A written copy of this report is filed with the record copy of the meeting notes.

Michele Prockup, Brenda Lee, and Kathy Melson led a discussion of the organizational flow chart recently developed. The chart will be emailed to members next week.

Statistical reports are needed from the agencies for 2004 and 2005. Forms will be emailed to members, along with forms to create a VOAD directory.

LTR may be able to order pre-fabricated homes from the same vendor who services Habitat for Humanity. Each shell costs between \$6,000 and \$8,000, and can be ordered from a vendor in Dothan. The present case under consideration will need to have the blueprints modified for wheelchair access.

A warehouse is needed to store furniture for future use.

The Mobile Crew Unit is to be delivered May18-20 timeframe. A truck is needed to be able to transport it to job sites.

Build Bama Back Day has been set for May 20. Drop off sites will be at the four Wal-Marts in Bay Minette, Daphne, Foley, and Gulf Shores. Each site will need a tent (from EMA), tables, chairs, coolers, office supplies, and a cash box for donations. Volunteers are needed for four hour shifts from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., three or four volunteers per shift. Each site will accept new (or very gently used) tools and building materials, plus monetary donations, store gift cards, and pledge cards. Frank Trione (251-408-2603) will serve as overall chairman, and sites will be headed up by Carla and Diane in Bay Minette, Sam and Frank in Daphne, Pam and Michele in Foley, and Amelia and Tyson in Gulf Shores.

James called all the Wal-Mart stores for preliminary permission. All agreed. An additional site, and a telephone bank, will be opened at the United Way office in Foley. Edith reported that Salvation Army will provide a truck and helper from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tyson will recruit church men's groups to help with loading and unloading. Each site will maintain a schedule of volunteers. Kathy and Michele will produce flyers to send to the Chambers of Commerce, LTRT members, and to the media. Michele will work on a proclamation for each Mayor to sign.

Ms. Young said that Casework will be able to provide computer generated reports beginning next week.

Ms. Weaver stated that the next round of selection for Habitat will involve ten families. Application and orientation meetings are scheduled for May 19 and 21 at the Super 8 in Foley. Agencies were reminded to encourage clients who meet the criteria to apply.

Ms. Fletcher reported that Camp Noah has been scheduled for the week of July 11 in Gulf Shores. Attendance is limited to fifty children per session. Other agencies who want to participate can sponsor the camp in their areas. At least eight weeks is needed for planning and preparation. A written copy of Ms. Fletcher's report is filed with the record copy of the meeting notes.

Ms. Meredith will contact South Baldwin Regional Medical Center to see if they will provide name badges for LTRT staff members.

Next meeting was set for May 6, 10:00 a.m., at the United Way office in Foley.