

**Long Term Recovery Group Monroe County, FL
Membership Meeting**

July 16, 2019

In attendance: Stephanie Kaple (Chair) – FKOC, Phillip Decker (Treasurer) – FLUMC, Kristina Welburn (Secretary) - Habitat Lower Keys, Alpha Balde – Career Source, Chris Todd Young – Habitat Middle Keys, Emily Nixon – SOS, Jennifer Komaviski – Compass 82, Jill Bell – Habitat Middle Keys, Jose Fons - Legal Services of Greater Miami, Juanita Jones – Monroe County, Kristen Congilose – Compass 82, Leah Stockton – UWFK, Loretta Geotis – Salvation Army, Marj Roberts – KAIR, Matt Massoud – Monroe County, Maureen Dunleavy – Guidance Care Center, Megan Hull – Catholic Charities, Patrice Schwermer – Catholic Charities, Rebecca White – FLUMC, Terri Hoover – Volunteer Florida, Wadith Martinez – Centro Campesino

Staff: Michelle Luckett

Call to order at 3:00

Reading of the Mission Statement by Michelle

Hearing no adjustments to July in person meeting minutes approved.

Michelle adding to Agenda Home Buyout Program

Committee Updates:

- Case Management. Rebecca White reported that there are 17 ½ DCM's in the County, 731 cases have been opened. Bridget was out so she could only report that FLUMC has closed 133 and has 51 on the wait list.
- Construction. Chris Todd Young reported that they are going through cases and reaching out to see who needs repairs. They should be done in a week.
- Funding & Allocations. Leah Stockton reported the group met today and had one case from FLUMC to review. They are meeting again on the 30th and then will transition to monthly meetings.

Old Business:

- Volunteer Village.
 - Michelle reported that the handbook is complete and the reservation line is working; 866-732-6121. The email is PDA.callcenter@pcusa.org. The tiny house is onsite with electricity and will not have running water or gas for cooking.
 - Chris Todd Young supplied the furniture and Michelle was grateful.
 - Michelle will report to the BOCC at the October meeting in Marathon. She will reach out to members for updates within the next couple of weeks.
 - Larry Dion Foundation donated gift cards to BPK residents and the presentation to 16 families will be at 10:00 on Saturday the 20th.
- Rebuild Florida Update. Juanita Jones reported that they have exhausted the priority categories and are moving onto phase 2. Those at or below 80% AMI will be asked to submit full applications. Phase 3 will be those over 80% AMI to 120% of AMI.

New Business:

- Michelle will forward to the group information about a Home Buyout Program which is to encourage risk reduction. Homeowners in certain flood zones can sell their homes within the program for the pre-Irma value of land and structure. The land will be used as conservation, recreation, etc... never to be developed. Contact Helene Wetherington with questions. Wetherington-Helene@monroecounty-fl.gov
- Irma September 10th Anniversary. Stephanie has been working on some pr and wants to showcase our strengths while still letting the public know there is much to be done. There will be a lunch event at Faro Blanco at 12:30.
- Member updates.
 - Loretta reported that the Salvation Army still has tarps.
 - Patrice reported that Catholic Charities has rental assistance money for 1st, last and utility help.
 - Marj reported that she received some United Way funding to help with hurricane related needs.
 - Stephanie reported that FKOC has funding for rental assistance and has received United Way funding for hurricane related needs as well.
 - Jose Fons reported that Legal Services of Greater Miami will be in Key Largo in August. They will be bringing law students to the Keys in September and he will send out a flyer.
 - Maureen reported that Guidance Care Center has funding through September for mental health services.
 - Terri reported that Volunteer Florida will be posting new grant opportunities on the website and recommended members keep an eye out for them. Applicants will have to heavily justify what's needed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21

Next Meeting: July 30 @ 1:30 in Marathon