

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

July 2, 2019

In attendance: Stephanie Kaple (Chair) – FKOC, Phillip Decker (Treasurer) – FLUMC, Kristina Welburn (Secretary) - Habitat Lower Keys, Barbara Hassall – PDA, Brett Phillips – Centro Campesino, Chris Todd Young – Habitat Middle Keys, Claudia Luedeking – St. Vincent de Paul, Emily Nixon – SOS, Jason Bertrand – Centro Campesino, Jeremy Bridges – FLUMC, Juan Carlos – Red Cross, Juanita Jones – Monroe County, Kerby Avedovech – Coral Isle Church, Leah Stockton – UWFK, Loretta Geotis – Salvation Army, Marj Roberts – KAIR, Matt Massoud – Monroe County, Patrice Schwermer – Catholic Charities, Phil Underwood – Bluewater, Rebecca White – FLUMC, Robin Bridges – FLUMC. Tammy Morgis – Centro Campesino, Wadith Martinez – Centro Campesino

On Phone: Bridget Holmes – Compass 82

Staff: Michelle Luckett

Call to order at 1:30

Reading of the Mission Statement by Phillip Decker

Michelle will send the June minutes to the members this afternoon

Committee Updates:

- Case Management. Rebecca White reported that there are 18.5 Disaster Case Managers working in the County, 668 cases have been opened, 661 closed and 331 people are on the waiting list. The DCM's have a full plate and cannot handle more cases until more are closed. Compass 82's contract is over in September but they have submitted a 6 month extension request to Volunteer FL which is being review by FEMA. They will lay out a referral packet and put together a plan for how to handle the wait list people if they do not get the extension. Phillip Decker reported that FLUMC is applying for an extension through April 2020 with an option to extend a further year.
- Construction. Chris Todd Young reported that there is no update.
- Funding & Allocations. Leah Stockton reported that the group met 2 weeks ago and has no cases to review today. They will meet in 2 weeks and then transition to monthly.

Old Business:

- Volunteer Village. Michelle reported that 2 groups came through; Davie UMC and Auberlandale UMC. Jeremy Bridges has been the greeter and closer. Michelle's received good feedback. The tiny home is onsite and will be moved into place this afternoon and will be operational the week of the 15th. The tiny home will only be used for office space and as a gathering space in inclement weather. Nobody will stay there. The 800 number will be finalized this week and the handbook is complete.
- Housing Task Force. The group is no longer meeting.
- FWC Grant Program for Commercial Fishermen & Charter Captains. CJ Sweetman is overseeing the program and applications are being accepted through the 10th for direct assistance.

- Rebuild Florida Update. 216 applications have been completed 1200 people have registered and 4 awards have been made. \$140 million has been added to the CDBG -DR grant. Not all of the funding is housing related. Matt asked if the LTRG can hire a lobbyist. He and Michelle will meet to discuss.

New Business:

- Volunteer Hours Tracking for LTRG Activities. Michelle reported that we need a match for Volunteer FL funding. Volunteer activities can count as the match. She will send out a mailing to members to verify the hours she's reporting.
- Larry Dion Foundation Gift Distribution. The foundation donated \$15K which was used to buy Home Depot gift cards for 16 families on Big Pine Key. They will receive them on June 16th at the tiny house if anyone would like to attend.
- In – Person Meeting Dates. 7/30, 9/10, 10/8, 11/5, 12/10
- Member updates.
 - Loretta Geotis said the Salvation Army has 30-40 tarps for our rainy season.
 - Leah Stockton reported that the United Way Community Resource Guide has been updated.
 - Marj Roberts reported that KAIR has funds for housing and utility assistance.
 - Patrice Schwermer reported that Catholic Charities has funding for first, last, move in and utilities assistance.
 - Barbara Hassall reported that PDA is awaiting sign off on 3 grants; 2 for the LTRG and 1 for Trinity.
 - Matt Massoud reported that the Monroe County EOC 300 class is August 14, 15 & 16.
 - Stephanie Kaple reported that FKOC has homeless prevention funds and the recipients need to show sustainability.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05

Next Meeting: 7/16/19 via conference call.