

2.21.2023 SRQ LTRG Leadership Board Meeting

Attendance:

Nicole Double, Barbara Cruz, Art Isaacson, Kameron Hodgens, Brenda Downing-Wiggins, Deborah Croce, Frances Pugh, Pastor David Dahlke, Angelica Hull, Robin Stover, and Karima Habity.

Approval of the meeting minutes:

A motion was made by Robin Stover and seconded by Art Isaacson to approve the Community Meeting of January 10 and the Leadership Board meeting on January 18. All approved.

Barbara updated everyone that she is working on the draft of Bylaws, Fiscal Sponsorship MOU, Articles of Incorporation. They should be ready for review and approval at the next meeting.

We are working to hire a grant writer through Career Source and a strong candidate has been identified. Also looking at hiring program support through Career Source, and hiring 2 repair workers through Career Source as well. Karima will speak more about this later in the meeting.

The team decided to meet every other week on Fridays at 9:00am. This can change down the road if needed.

A motion was made Debbie Croce and seconded by Brenda Downing- Wiggins to approve the shorten mission statement. All approved.

The mission statement currently states: The Sarasota County Long Term Recovery Group, works to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination within Sarasota County by fostering efficient and streamlined service delivery to people, affected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort through the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

It was modified to: The Sarasota County Long Term Recovery Group works to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination through preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

New Business:

Karima Habity, Business and Economic Development Director- Career Source Partner- gave a presentation on grants for business to help with recovery and training. They have \$2M granted to them from Hurricane Ian, it being 2-year grant through 2024. They have \$1.4M currently. This money is used to help survivors after other options of funding are exhausted. More funds and extensions are available.

She focused on how her team can help the community and the LTRG team:

Funding for a grant writer.

Funding for people who will have boots on the ground – looking at the damage.

Tools to help with debris removal. They can staff and rent equipment with these funds.

Identify and fund a construction manager through our group to identify where the money is needed.

We need ditches cleaned and other debris removed before the next hurricane. Through our group we can hire a qualified person that can rent a truck to drive through the neighborhood and try to get immediate resolution.

For example: Career Source hires a construction manager and hire 3 handy men. They are paid through Career Source. They can assess and fix what they can, (nothing requiring licensing) and identify what they can't. Insurance is covered through some of the groups or our group could cover the cost for those without insurance.

This group looks to go to areas that can impact more than one household. Not individual homes, more focused on ditches, signs and parks. Karima was invited to join the next Disaster Case Management (DCM) sub-committee meeting.

Committee Reports:

Case Management: Brenda Downing-Wiggins (shared a power point)

Short-term – safety of people

Vs.

Long-Term- redevelopment and revitalization of the impacted area, long term grants are important for this.

Disaster Care Management Framework was reviewed.

There will be a shared DCM database, and a coordinated approach.

Visionlink has been identified by the committee to be the database to use, since FEMA DCMP at the state level requires the use of Vision Link database for hurricane Ian Disaster. Need to identify where funds will come from to pay for the Visionlink, possibly Catholic Charities. Unite Us was considered but they need 6-9 months to build out the platform we need.

All involved will use the same forms, so getting information to the Unmet Needs table for final funding and closure, will be easier. It should provide consistency for those in need. Realizing that survivors have rights, survivors can ask for a specific agency to help them and that is ok.

Finance- Art Isaacson

Art reviewed the framework costs.

He estimates \$52K to stand up enterprise driven by Visionlink.

Need help identifying expenses, asked that if we have any and to supply them to him.

He will send a copy of the information to the team.

Key Priorities:

Refine scope of services

Build out budget to support

Gain approval of startup costs

Close out open items on bylaws and fiscal sponsor agreement

Build out financial policies to support this

Kameron is reaching out to Nicole to get (Scott Montgomery at Incident Command), and the local government involved (Sarasota County). She will send out a report from Sarasota County Hurricane Irma. This a great framework for future hurricanes.

Mental Health- Keith not present

Spiritual Care- Pastor David Dahlke-

Connecting with others to identify where the needs are, need direction from the case management team. Figure out resources needed, but there should be limited costs involved.

Unmet Needs- Kameron Hodgens, Angelica Hull

Trying to set up meetings with the county.

Organizing grant opportunities to one place.

Need to determine if we are going into construction repairs or not.

Volunteer Management- Deborah Croce – left early

Everyone is asked to continue to work on establishing three goals for your committee to accomplish by the next meeting.

Next Meeting is Friday, March 3 at 9am.