

SCKTRO

SCKTRO Minutes for August 28, 2007

Call to order 9:15am

Attendance: Kathleen Blair-SCKTRO Chairperson, Cristee Coates-SCKTRO Treasurer, Barb Neslund-SCKTRO Secretary, Case Manager, Matt Deighton-SCKTRO Volunteer Coordinator, James Bond-SCKTRO Construction Manager, Teresa Flora-SCKTRO Case Manager, John Cochran-SCKTRO Case Manager, Louise Reimer-Site Coordinator United Methodist Church, Linda Broce-SCKTRO Case Manager, Kathy Koehn-SCKTRO Case Manager, Brooks MacRoberts-FEMA Lead VAL, Kelly Gindlesberger-Disciples Home Mission, Sandy Hendrickson- KS West Conference United Methodist Church, Debbie Snapp-Catholic Social Services, Donna Meier Pfeifer-Cannonball Trail-American Red Cross, William McCoy, Melvin Miller, Frank and Lorna FitzGerald-Mennonite Disaster Service, Deborah Abner and Deb Folkerts-Salvation Army, Bill Winter-Church of the Brethren Disaster Response, Don Pranger and Dick Anema-Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Jeff Blackburn- Kiowa Co. Ministerial Alliance, Rocky Mease and Julie Hillshafer- LDR, Chuck Banks, Tim Rogers, Darla Buckman-USDA Rural Development, Mark Stump-United Way of the Plains

Opening Prayer

Announcements

- There will be no meetings Tuesday, September 5, 2007, due to the Labor Day weekend
- 2nd USDA Housing Workshop is scheduled for September 21-22
- USDA received supplemental funding of \$40million to assist the May 4-5 disaster which is to be used in 4 parts. 1) planning money 2) affordable housing 3) business development 4) public needs. The first portion was received approx. 10-days ago.
- PR is ongoing-T-shirts are now in, lawn signs and banners on order and should be ready in approx. 10 days.

General Information

- Kelly proposed to have a meeting with committee board to make a list of policies to answer questions re: rebuild and how best to serve each family.
- Don Pranger and Dick Anema from Christian Reformed World Relief Committee visiting today to see if SCKTRO would be interested in having a needs assessment done for the families affected by the Greensburg tornado. The cost is approx. \$30,000.00 which they will cover. If done, there will be 10-20 people for a 2 week time frame. The surveyors will take care of their own expenses. All info obtained will be put on disk for SCKTRO for case management purposes. USDA office in Greensburg, and Salvation Army in Pratt have both offered office space to meet with clients.

- KARE is in need of 2-3 more case workers, Full-time and Part time. Case workers will be employees of K-State. These positions are open until the end of May 2008. For info, please call Kathy Harmon, Site Project Coordinator at (785)313-6123

Committees

Volunteers

- The house in Coldwater that is being donated for volunteer use. The house is available rent free for as long as SCKTRO needs it.
- Volunteer dorms are in process and should be delivered by next Friday. (September 7)
- Volunteers are still in need of mowing and edging equipment. To date, LDR has donated \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of equipment.
- The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to help off load trucks each week. Please contact Matt Deighton at: (620) 388-1860 or Billie Taylor at: (620) 388-4685

Building

- Blitz build on hold until spring
- There is a dump trailer that has been donated for use for 1 year

Caseworkers

- Case #52-Emergency need of a vehicle. Kathleen has located a vehicle for \$1000.00 Amount requested is \$2000.00 to cover cost of vehicle, tax and licensing. Catholic Social Services has agreed to fund the \$2000.00
- Case #1-Spouse passed away from injuries sustained during tornado. Client had to pay funeral expenses, which KCMA helped cover. She is in need of approx.: \$80,000 to rebuild. She has \$20,000 to contribute, Salvation Army has committed to pay for the basement of new structure. Clients income decreased by 2/3 when spouse passed away. Kathleen to check on USDA grant. Catholic Social Services and United Way requested that more case work be done prior to committing any funds to rebuild.
- Case #4-Client lost job after tornado as Carriage House was closed. He also has severe mental health issues which he has been actively getting help with. He has been doing cleanup work on property and sustained an eye injury which he has paid the majority of the bills for, but recently received an emergency room bill for \$1,175.30 that he is unable to pay. United Way has committed to paying this bill. Client's home was severely damaged during tornado, and it will take approx: \$32,000.00 to repair. He has \$17,000.00 to contribute to this. United Methodists may contribute up to \$1,000.00, Salvation Army will commit \$1,200.00, Catholic Social Services will commit \$5,000.00, United Way has committed to pay whatever remains.

Close of meeting: 11:50