

South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Organization

Long Term Recovery Committee 5/29/2007

Key Points:

- **Disaster Area now includes five counties**
 - Camanche
 - Edwards
 - Kiowa
 - Pratt
 - Stafford
- **Long-Term will be an organization as opposed to a committee**
 - Christy will be in charge of Financial Management
 - Four committees will exist within the organization
 - Building Management
 - Case Management
 - Donations Management
 - Volunteer Management
 - committees will use the Kansas VOAD website to post meeting minutes and contacts
 - possibly establish an email system for the group
 - possibly hire a full-time director and secretary of organization
 - Church World Service has donated dollars available for long-term positions
 - Research possibility of Americorps VISTA member to staff position
 - application @ additional information @ www.cns.gov
- **Mission Statement**
 - Derived from the National VOAD Long Term Recovery Manual
 - “ The South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Organization has agreed to meet and work together to address the needs of residents of Camanche, Edwards, Kiowa, Pratt, and Stafford in response to the May 4th and 5th tornado. We will strive to:
 - Provide coordinated management of the long-term recovery to the disaster.
 - Provide additional long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as result of the disaster.

Participants in this effort include: (names of participants)

 - Mary, with FEMA, will make a list of the participants that will be presented at the next meeting.
 - Mission statement may be adapted in the future to include all un-met needs of residents
- **By-Laws**
 - possibly site a local attorney
 - review two samples in VOAD Long Term Recovery Manual
 - will be discussed at next meeting
- **Office Space**
 - Investigating possibilities in Haviland, KS
 - Possibly in Pratt, KS
 - Cox Communicators has offered computer and telephone service in Pratt

- Possibly set up operations in a portable office
- **Case Management Committee**
 - Prioritize clients
 - Meeting Wednesday May 30, 2007 @ Friend's Church @10:00 a.m.
 - Include representative from United Way
- **Building Committee**
 - Developer may create project out of Greensburg
 - energy efficient homes and buildings
 - Meeting next week
- **Information Hotline**
 - Possibly use farm and rural 800 #
 - based in Manhattan
 - would require a small fee to use their system
 - 800 # from Haviland Telephone Service
 - \$1 a month to use
 - \$0.12 for each minute used for general use
 - investigate getting a reduced rate
 - Local # with answering machine and call forwarding
 - most people will be calling from cell phones and wont need a toll free number
 - people calling to donate will have to foot the cost of long-distance call
- **Salvation Army**
 - Relocating to Dylan's
 - Service center in Pratt
 - scheduled to be fully operational Thursday May 30, 2007
 - open to public
 - will provide food, clothing, and goods
 - Will provide long-term casework
 - Taking donations in Pratt
 - contact Billie
 - can not process any used goods or clothing
- **SBA**
 - Home owners and renters loans
 - End of application eligibility is July 5, 2007
 - Register with FEMA first
 - Individuals are not obligated to take loan
 - Must apply for loan to be eligible for FEMA
 - Takes 1-2 weeks to process
 - Representatives are able to assist clients filing application over phone
 - Form requires signature
- **USDA**
 - resource for farmers
 - forming a disaster program for this disaster
 - farmers must keep receipts from anything purchased due to the storm
 - keep records of animals
- **Coordinating Volunteer Housing**
 - Presbyterian

- base camp facilities that house 50-75 people
- have to guarantee it would be useful for 90 days
- they will fund the camp
- includes shower and food facilities
- Lutheran
 - trailers that could accommodate volunteers
 - communicate with city of Greensburg to determine where these could be set-up

Next Meeting is Tuesday June 5, 2007 9:00 a.m. @ Friend's Church