

Minutes
OK VOAD Called meeting
August 9, 2007
Community Service Council
Tulsa, OK

- 1) Meeting was called to order by OKVOAD President Steve Moran at 10:37am
 - a) Opening Prayer – Jessica Hill, CSC
 - b) Minutes from last meeting – attached
 - i) Motion made by Brian Jensen to accept the minutes as presented.
Bob Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
 - c) Treasurer report – attached
 - i) Motion made by Janelle Mulanax to accept the report as presented.
Brian Jensen seconded the motion, and the motion carried
- 2) DR-1712-OK- See attached IA report
 - a) Alternate Field Office (AFO) setup at 12763 E 41st Street, Tulsa, OK – not for individuals, strictly for administration with FEMA and State
 - b) 20 Declared Counties
 - c) 32 Undeclared Counties – working on PDA's on every county per Albert Ashwood's instructions
 - i) Still have not received declaration for Public Assistance side
 - ii) Declaration unit in Washington D.C. is working on this declaration, and we are awaiting the final answer
 - d) 37 Maximum grant – see attached
 - i) These are maximum grants from FEMA listed by county.
 - ii) There are no longer caps on category amounts. So, if a home is totally destroyed a family can receive all of their funding for rebuilding that home.
 - iii) FIP is the Federal Insurance Program. \$600 of a household's FEMA funding has to be used to pay for insurance through NFIP. It will cover three years, and then homeowners are responsible for maintaining the insurance.
 - e) Disaster Recovery Center Schedule
 - i) Mobile Disaster Recovery Centers are not actually "mobile". They are sites where the mobile unit goes to a fixed site and is used to power equipment in the facility. The exception is Oklahoma City which will actually be mobile opening today or tomorrow.
 - ii) See attachment for dates and locations
 - iii) Two SBA sites still operating: Bartlesville and South Coffeyville.
- 3) Trailer Situation –
 - a) Travel trailers have now been removed from Miami and taken back to the storage site.
 - b) Option is now strictly mobile homes (14 x 60-80 foot). Must go on commercial pad.

- c) AFO has been concentrating on finding spots. There is one commercial park that has about 40 pad sites. There are about 150 families that need these mobile homes. There have been pad sites located in Gore, Joplin, and Big Cabin.
 - d) These mobile homes must be located **outside** of the flood plan.
 - e) A housing authority site with 50 units, East Plaza, Miami, OK, is in the process of being rebuilt. City of Miami has given permission to put mobile homes on that site. All residents were able to get belongings out before the flood.
- 4) Housing programs
- a) SBA – Roger Busch – SBA PIO
 - i) Offer low interest loans (2.875% APR) for renters/owners for uninsured losses. Have approved more than \$6 million for this flood.
 - ii) Homeowners eligible for \$200,000 for structure damage and \$40,000 for personal property
 - iii) Businesses can get up to \$1.5 million (4% APR)
 - iv) Family farms eligible for homes, can get personal property damages, and vehicles are included. (If you grow it, it doesn't count. If you sell it, it does count.)
 - v) Need to: register with FEMA, complete and return disaster loan application to SBA.
 - vi) Deadline for registration/application for physical damage **September 5, 2007; economic injury applications** for businesses accepted through **April 7, 2008.**
 - vii) If people reside in flood plain, they can apply and receive SBA funding. Possibility that monies can be used for relocation if homes have been red-tagged (case will be worked and determined on individual basis)
 - b) HUD – Ronald Miles
 - i) South Coffeyville, Bartlesville, and Miami DRCs were provided with extension list of HUD housing vacancies within 100 mile radius. In Native American housing, people do have to have Native American cards, but the income restriction was lifted. Must work through housing agencies and not directly with HUD.
 - ii) FHA Relief Options included a 90 day moratorium on FHA-Insured Single family loans on foreclosures.
 - iii) Section 203(h) Mortgage Insurance Program so individuals or families are eligible for 100 percent financing for reconstruction/replacement.
 - iv) Disaster voucher program was made available.
 - v) Linda Soos-Davis provided information on HUD's 208 program which allows an individual homeowner to accept a fixed amount from HUD for rent for a household that qualified for HUD assistance. Disaster clients get priority for vacant 208 homes.
 - vi) Miami, OK, is taking very aggressive stance toward fixing their flood plan problems and there are many red-tagged homes.
 - c) USDA – Kathy James, Rural Development

- i) Now working as USDA representative for this disaster. Farm Service Agency (in every county in USDA service centers, usually) deals daily with farm producers and they are aware of services available through that program. FSA has some ability to help with fences, roads, and debris removal.
- ii) USDA Rural Development mirrors many programs of HUD/SBA, but USDA does in year round. USDA encourages folks to take advantage of other agency's disaster-related program and then will meet the "unmet" needs.
- iii) During wildfires, provided \$496,000 dollars for well drilling to meet water needs in Mazie. In Bridgeport, also helped. In Miami, boat (owners) applied for grant and were able to move before the flood waters hit.
- iv) USDA also has apartment complexes. Availability listing is given directly to FEMA.
- v) USDA also has a direct single family program to help get them in a home. May have possibility to help with elevated structures. Has a subsidized payment feature that may help families with mortgage payment. Those slightly above income amount, have guaranteed product through local lender with USDA guaranteeing portion of the amount.
- vi) Repair/rehab program for housing is also available, but the available grant funds are very limited.
- vii) Eligibility can be determined online as part of the e-gov initiative. You can plug in income and location for initial qualifications.
- viii) See handout on all USDA programs – visit www.USDA.gov
- d) NFIP – information, Linda Soos-Davis
 - i) If your community participates in the NFIP, residents are eligible for flood insurance.
 - ii) Sanctioned communities have participated in NFIP and pulled out of it. Once a community has pulled out, that community's residents are not eligible for personal property losses through NFIP or FEMA ONA.
 - iii) See booklet Answers to Questions About the NFIP which will explain mitigation measures and requirements of NFIP. Call 1-800-427-4661 for more questions/information.
- 5) Current activities going on by agencies in the area
 - a) 2-1-1 – Jessica Hill
 - i) We are in process of updating resources for 2-1-1 including disaster resources for Tulsa area. There are 12 counties covered by this 2-1-1.
 - ii) Please call us with your agency information, or we may be contacting you.
 - iii) If there has been misinformation about your agency, 2-1-1 can also help pass the facts.
 - iv) Linda Soos-Davis, heard at joint housing meeting yesterday about how well 2-1-1 has responded. Communities have come forward to support this system, and it is working very well for Oklahoma

- b) American Red Cross – Miami
 - i) Kept shelter on standby for one week with nobody in it just because of the trailer fiasco
- c) Food Banks
 - i) Keep sending water to affected areas.
- 6) Unmet Needs Committee – Miami
 - a) George Abrams, FEMA, reports that he has followed river from Independence, KS, to Nowata, OK. May end up with four LTRCs in that area. See handout.
- 7) Case Management – Housing Challenge of this disaster
 - a) Linda Soos-Davis is negotiating with FEMA. It's not there yet.
- 8) CAN – Vote on other agency's usage – Sarah Blaney
 - a) In LTR process, case managers could have clients opt to share information with government.
 - b) Conference called in Liz Gibson for an overview. It is envisioned that eventually the option will be given to clients to share or not share their information. Then, the client can opt to share information with NGOs and/or with government agencies. There will be a process to identify which government agencies have a legitimate reason to need access to the CAN database. That process is not in place as of yet.
 - c) Linda Soos-Davis inquired if there was a possibility of INS issues will become a problem with CAN now?
 - d) This will only be voted on for this disaster. It is not retroactive and will need to be approved for each disaster occurrence.
 - e) Voted and motion did not carry. Three opposed, one abstained.
- 9) Next Meeting
 - a) Will be called after receiving more information on case management process
- 10) Lunch

Adjourned to lunch at 12:20PM.