

# Ohio Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

## April 11, 2012

### Chair Report – Pastor Jim Dinkel

Updated status on the establishment of a bank account for financial donations; received needed paperwork from Ohio VOAD to set up a checking account and it should be finalized by the next LTRC Meeting (Wednesday, April 18).

In response to a question, Jim clarified that having Kathy Coulson, an employee of Park National Bank, serve as the LTRC Treasurer does not pose a conflict of interest in the handling of monetary funds. The release of funds requires two signatures, the Treasurer's (Kathy's) and a second, most likely by the Chair (Jim Dinkel).

Updated Hosana Industries, a 501c3 nonprofit organization in southwestern PA, made contact and requested to bring a staff of (12) with the ability to rebuild/rehab (50) houses over a 3 month period. Advised that we do not have a need for this type/size of rebuild and provided information for them to contact disaster areas in KY and IN. Habitat for Humanity is a better fit for our need.

Made a special note and stated a "Thank You" to New Richmond for the use of their River Days Trailer by the SBA.

Four Weather Radios were distributed to Moscow and signed for by Mickey Hasselman.

### Vice Chair Report – Beth Nevel

In addition to the Federal Home Loans/Grants, we have another "Rebuild Tool" available to us. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) allows homeowners to select 1 or 2 projects in their home (e.g. windows, doors, roof, etc.) to apply for assistance in rebuilding. Brown County currently has one open case with CHIP.

A suggestion was made to make this information available to citizens in the trailer in Moscow.

Beth also asked for verification of a request for buses in Moscow. Linda Carter stated that the "request" was a misunderstanding and per Sandra Ashba there was a rumor of buses coming to Moscow that were not requested. To clarify, there is currently no need for buses in Moscow.

### Donations Management – Roy Nelson

The Donation Center is located at the Red Barn, 299 Haskell Lane, Batavia, Ohio and is being run by the Seventh Day Adventist Disaster Response. New hours for the Donation Center have been set as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, & Thursdays 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Sundays – available by appointment only; if there is enough demand a manager will be brought in for set hours.

Currently the Donations Center has a good number of donations. They are waiting to hear from Case Managers and receive case request forms to be filled. If requests are received for items that cannot be filled by the Donations Center, a "Request of Known Needs" list will be provided to Public Information to issue a press release requesting the public for assistance in filling this need.

Donations Center is still in great need of volunteers.

The question of utility billing still remains for the Donations Center. Utilities are calculated on a percentage basis by sq. ft. and if usage continues as scheduled, there will be an approximate charge of \$300.00 (+) per month at a total of approximately \$900.00. The charges are set as monthly billing but no billing has been issued yet. Roy will contact the owner to inquire on the billing.

Mr. Nelson was asked the following questions:

***How are items distributed from the Donations Center?***

Distribution of items are made as case request forms are received. The Case Manager works with the citizen to collect information on items needed. When the need is received at the Distribution Center, a volunteer worker will select from the available items in the warehouse.

We are currently looking for Distribution Centers to be setup in Moscow to deliver the requested items, or items can be delivered directly to citizen's homes. We currently have an agreement with 2 Men and a Truck for bulk deliveries, and have had dialog with another business that has offered their truck for deliveries. We continue to take contact information for those volunteering delivery services in case the need arises. Utility items (appliances such as stoves, refrigerators, etc.) are being issued through other arrangements; not the Donations Center.

***Can citizens view items and pick the ones they want?***

No. This is done by the volunteer workers at the Donations Center. This is the same process used for years.

Suggestion was made that pictures be taken of larger household items and be made available to Case Managers so that citizens can view and select items that are most suitable to them. Currently Case Managers have a list of the available items only; no photos.

**Volunteer Management**

The need to fill the "Volunteer Management Coordinator" position remains open. This will become a more pressing issue as volunteer teams are requested and arrive for duty. Currently there is no need for specific volunteer teams.

Ron Stang was contacted by a group of volunteers from NY that want to come here to help. He is to advise them to contact Beth.

Ted Hastings of Grant Memorial Methodist Church, Pt. Pleasant, has volunteered to take care of the housing needs of volunteers as they come in to assist with recovery efforts.

**Spiritual and Emotional Care (SEC) – Pastor Ron Mathews**

The Clermont County Crisis Response Team and SEC volunteer teams are transitioning out of Moscow they would like to continue providing support to those in need. Those requesting assistance are being referred to care professionals available at Child Focus and Life Point Solutions.

Lee Ann Watson stated the need for the **528-SAVE** Hotline Cards to be distributed to people by the SEC workers.

There will be another SEC Training session, tentatively scheduled in 2 weeks at Friendship Lutheran Church.

A citizen in Brown County has expressed the need for spiritual care. See Beth Nevel for additional information.

**Government Report**

The Small Business Administration (SBA) and Ohio Individual Assistance (IA) Programs will be setting up an Outreach Center, April 17 – April 21 in the Village of Moscow

Location: Outreach Center  
30 Wells Street  
Moscow, OH 45153

Small Business Administration (SBA):

Date and Hours:	Tuesday, April 17 – Friday, April 20	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
	Saturday, April 21	9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Ohio Individual Assistance (IA):

Date and Hours:	Tuesday, April 17 – Thursday, April 19	11:00 am – 7:00 pm
	Friday, April 20	11:00 am – 3:00 pm

New Richmond Fire will be delivering the New Richmond River Days Trailer on Monday, April 16.

\*Individuals who had uninsured/underinsured vehicles damaged in the storm are eligible to apply for SBA low interest loans. They do not need to be a resident of Clermont County or contiguous counties. They just have to prove that their vehicle was in the vicinity at the time of the storm. This includes vehicles parked in the Duke Energy lot. This information has been provided to Duke Energy to assist with inquiries they receive.

A Long Term Recovery Committee webpage has been created on the Clermont County EMA website. Finalizations are being made and the website should be available to the public by the end of this week. The Clermont County EMA website will be accessible at [www.ema.clermontcountyohio.gov](http://www.ema.clermontcountyohio.gov).

### **Case Management**

Bev Hurlburt was attending the Case Management training in Indiana and was unable to attend the meeting. She indicated prior to the meeting that she did not have anything new on any of the cases to report at the meeting.

### **Other Business**

#### ***Village of Moscow:***

Several residents of Moscow are in need of attorneys for legal advice, mostly related to insurance issues. Per Beth, she will ask J. Rader, her attorney husband, to contact the Clermont County Bar Association to request volunteer attorneys to work with the people of Moscow. If this doesn't work out, there is also a contact through the state of Ohio that can be made. As suggested by Jim Dinkel, Legal Aid may be another option.

#### ***Tate Township:***

Since last meeting, they were contacted by one citizen, whose needs have been addressed. No prom dresses are needed.

#### ***Providing Meals***

Per Ron Stang, Pt. Pleasant has provided meals and plans to continue to do so through the end of April. Scheduling for meal preparation has stopped unless there is a specific, identified need. This need will pick up again once rehab is scheduled and begins, reemphasizing the necessity to fill the Volunteer Management Coordinator position.

It is important to identify prior to the need, where and when meals are needed. We have seen there to be a greater need for lunches on the weekends. Moscow will generally know a week ahead of time and can coordinate the need for meals.

#### ***Need for Prom Dresses or Suits:***

- Kinsey's Closet – can assist girls only by helping with prom dresses if needed.
- Tate Township reported no need of prom dresses
- New Richmond High School has already taken care of the need for their students attending prom.
- All schools in the area have been provided the information.

#### ***Facebook:***

Facebook page is to be created by Lori Cornwell and advertised through the Clermont County Fair page and Clermont County website. The purpose of the page is to capture items found in Clermont, Brown or Adams County so that survivors can get some personal items returned to them. Thalia from the Church of Scientology will assist in maintaining the page.

It was suggested that the Facebook page also contain a need for professional services volunteers to assist with specialized duties, such as tree cutting, stump grinding, etc. Southern Baptists Chain Saw Teams can assist with this need. Contact to be made between Southern Baptists and Sandra @ Moscow to determine locations and identify specific needs.

***LTRC Contact List***

List was passed around to members present to verify or update their contact information.

***LTRC Meeting***

Next LTRC Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 am.