

# Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

## September 19, 2012

### Reminder

The LTRC will meet October 17<sup>th</sup>. The LTRC will host a pot-luck luncheon following the meeting to celebrate the group's success over the past 6 months.

### Report from Chair – Jim Dinkel

The LTRC received information on the Washington Township Autumn Bash set for October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and the Washington Township Survey Newsletter.

### Report from Vice-Chair – Beth Nevel

The Tri-State COAD has asked for information on how our LTRC came to include the Citizen Advocates into the LTRC. This information will be shared as a best practice. The group discussed the initial concerns, the positives, and the negatives of using Citizens Advocates.

- Citizen Advocates provided a mechanism to have the citizens represented;
- Advocates were residents of the impacted community that were not individually impacted by the disaster
- Advocates were respected members of the Community who understood the spirit of the Long Term Recovery Committee and had a mutual respect for the work of the partner agencies;
- Advantage – improved communication and dissemination of information to the impacted communities
- Advantage – ability to share information with outside groups that the LTRC did not have a direct connection
- Advantage – volunteers
- Advantage – knowledge of the Community and the families independent of Case Management
- Initial concern that the Advocates knew the family history, but this knowledge provided a better perspective for Case Management
- Future – need to recruit individuals that are non-judgmental, people oriented, who have the ability to remove the personalization.
- From the Advocates perspective their interest in participating was to ensure the community was receiving the appropriate services; minimize double-dipping; There were many times that the Advocates had a lot of knowledge on a particular case, but they had to accept some discrepancies for the betterment of the community; While there were instances where cases were taking advantage of the system, the Advocates were able to help those that would never have asked for support or assistance.
- The Advocates become an equalizer.
- The group identified that it was beneficial to have an external stakeholder as the Case Manager, but there are many instances that the Case Manager was not familiar with the Community; the Advocates helped bridge that gap.
- The Advocates were able to identify issues that could not be solved by the LTRC and then develop solutions (e.g. the development of the Replant Moscow Program).
- The Advocates were able to identify the unique needs of the community (e.g. Preparedness Meeting).
- The Advocates were also able to identify those residents that were impacted but were outside of the community that may not have received the information. Information sharing a critical component of the recovery effort.
- The Advocates closed the gap with information sharing between the County and Townships/Village.
- Advocates were extremely valuable because they were diverse enough to be the represent the community.
- Lesson Learned: The LTRC had a gap because we did not have an Advocate from Franklin Township.
- Lesson Learned: In the beginning the LTRC needs to meet weekly to gain trust amongst the group. The longer the group meets, the more comfortable people become with sharing information and resources.
- Concern: Self-selection of future Advocates may be an issue.
- Lesson Learned: the importance of having a paid Case Manager.
- Positive of the LTRC: All of the partners in the LTRC have taken an “All In” approach and have continued to support the effort for the long haul.

## **Report from Secretary – Pam Broughton**

Thank You Postcard – the current estimate for printing is \$0.35 a card. A motion was made by Beth and seconded by Terry that the LTRC would pay for the printing of 1000 postcards.

The group discussed the next edition of the newsletter and potential articles:

- Federal Home Loan Bank article
- SBA/Individual Assistance and Case Management
- Preparedness Tip – Insurance
- Are You Ready event update
- Moscow Tree Replanting event update

The October edition of the Newsletter will need to be complete September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The group has discussed in the past funding for Community Safe Rooms. The State of Ohio has received a Presidential Declaration (FEMA-4077-DR) for the June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 severe storms and straight line winds. Even though our region (Brown and Clermont) were not included in the Disaster Declaration, the Counties and the Townships, Villages and Cities within the Counties are eligible to apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that has become available due to the Declaration. For more information on the program, see [www.ema.clermontcountyohio.gov](http://www.ema.clermontcountyohio.gov)

Clermont County was impacted by an EF0 Tornado and straight line winds on Saturday morning, September 8<sup>th</sup>. There is one additional case that will be added to Case Management.

We received an update from the State of Ohio on the SBA and State Individual Assistance Program.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Declaration #13039: Clermont County & contiguous  
State Individual Assistance (IA) Program #031312: Brown & Clermont County

Data as of September 18, 2012

County	State IA Grant Program					SBA Disaster Loan Program			
	Registrations	Approved	Amount	Ineligible	Pending	Home/Personal Property Loans		Business Loans	
Brown	3	3	\$23,797	0	0				
Clermont	35	30	\$167,213	5	0	12	\$619,800		
Clinton									
Hamilton									
Warren									
<b>Total</b>	38	33	\$191,010	5	0	12	\$619,800	0	\$0

Average grant = \$5,788; there are 3 maximum grants (\$18,700 each)

SBA application deadline for physical damage/loss was May 14, 2012

SBA Disaster Loan Program Customer Service 1-800-659-2955

State IA Program Helpline 1-800-545-0553

## **Are You Ready...Before and After a Disaster**

The event was held September 11<sup>th</sup> and was a success. The group reviewed the feedback from the evaluations.

## **Moscow Tree Replanting Event**

It was an uplifting event for the community and volunteers. This volunteer event was held Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. There were over 100 volunteers, 165 trees planted, and over 90 different species of trees. All of the trees are compatible with our climate. Park National Bank, Duke Energy, Target, Cincinnati Zoo, and Clermont County Developmental Disabilities supplied volunteers. Steve Foltz had the vision. If this event was to be replicated,

you would need someone with the vision for landscape design. All of the trees have been recorded for historical purposes. To view go to [www.plantplaces.com](http://www.plantplaces.com) A special thanks goes out to Steve Foltz, the Cincinnati Zoo, the University of Cincinnati students, and Brickman Nurseries.

River Valley Ecumenical Churches provided over 145 meals (45 on Thursday and 85 on Friday). A special thanks to JTM for donating the hamburgers.

This is the first step. The next step is to focus on the residential needs.

### **Financial Report**

Kathy has paid out \$1081.20 to Holiday Inn Express - hotel arrangements for a displaced family (2 rooms for 1 week).

Current Balance: \$23,224.81

### **Facebook**

Pictures have been posted from the September 11<sup>th</sup> event and the Moscow Tree Planting event.

### **Volunteer Report**

A group of 8 volunteers from Youngstown has been working in the Village. They are very appreciative of the opportunity to support the recovery efforts. There is a volunteer group from Lutheran Disaster Response that will be coming soon. A local Eagle Scout is going to work on a project to plant trees in the Park. We are still in need of volunteers with chainsaw expertise. Bev has a few volunteer groups that may be available. Next week Dave Humphrey will be bringing a group as well.

### **Other**

The group discussed the recent Ohio Department of Insurance Presentation from the Tri-State COAD meeting. Most insurance policies require the homeowner to mitigate further damage (e.g. tarp a roof following a windstorm/tornado). The group also discussed encouraging residents to include a digital camera into the disaster supply kit, so that you can document damage prior to the insurance adjuster arriving on scene.

The Department of Insurance has some mobile applications that may be useful – myHome Inventory and WreckCheck. For more information go to: [www.insurance.ohio.gov/Newsroom/Pages/08222012InsuranceApps.aspx](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov/Newsroom/Pages/08222012InsuranceApps.aspx)

Ohio VOAD is seeking a faith-based or nonprofit organization that will provide tarps following a disaster.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Disaster Reconstruction Program has selected Park National Bank to be its new partner on the program.

Our region has been selected for a Faith-based Coalition pilot program focused on spiritual and emotional care. The first meeting will be held October 2, 2012 at 10 am at the American Red Cross. The group will fall under the Red Cross Mass Care function to respond to large disasters (e.g. airplane crashes, etc.). The first meeting is an informational meeting geared towards Religious leaders of all denominations/faith groups. The initial plan is for this group to assist with the emergency response (7 days) and then some of the partners will move into the LTRC to assist with spiritual and emotional care. This program is being piloted in Louisville, KY; San Diego, CA, and Cincinnati, OH.

The LTRC will be celebrating all that we have accomplished at the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will be a potluck luncheon. The event will be an easy and simple salad bar. If interested in participating, please sign up to bring some component of the salad. A copy of the sign-up sheet will be sent out with the minutes. A reminder e-mail will be sent out a few days prior to the meeting.

Hamilton County is offering Community Emergency Response Team Training in the near future. More information to follow.