



**Brazoria County Long-Term Recovery Committee**  
Meeting Minutes

09/21/2017

*Present:* Gloria Luna, Andrea Raiff

*Next meeting:* 09/28/2017, 2PM, UWBC Conference Room

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**I. Brazoria County Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund Assistance Coordination**

- a. The BCHHRF has taken in \$444,000 and has spent \$52,000. This includes grants awarded to direct assistance and case management agencies
- b. Funds are being used to provide temporary assistance up to a maximum of \$2000. Temporary assistance may include but is not exclusive to 1-2 months of rent and rental deposits, and utility assistance
- c. Coordinators are working with shelters to transition evacuees to permanent housing. The current shelter count is around 50 individuals in Brazoria County

**II. FEMA**

- a. FEMA Registrations are up to 36,000
- b. Temporary Housing Assistance Program applications are 12,942
  - i. *Temp. Housing program ends on 09/26/2017. No current indication if or when it will be renewed*
- c. Rental Assistance Program applications are 1,431
- d. The maximum FEMA benefit is \$33,300, including all assistance except the Temp. Housing Program

### **III. Transitioning to Mid to Long-Term Recovery Activities**

- a. Disaster Assistance will begin to include relocation fees and furniture vouchers
  - i. Assistance is always considered on a case-by-case basis. Rent and utility assistance will begin to be phased out in October*
- b. AmeriCorps in Brazoria County
  - i. They are offering debris cleanup, muck & gut, and tarping/roof repair*
  - ii. Prioritizing the elderly, disabled, and those with no insurance*
  - iii. Conducting their case management through the Crisis Cleanup database*
    - o There were 458 open cases on Crisis Cleanup in Brazoria County as of 09/20/2017
  - iv. Call 540.532.9726 to schedule an assessment appointment*
- c. FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to open by 09/23/2017
  - i. Will also house the Small Business Association program reps and AmeriCorps reps*

### **IV. Summarizing the Activity of the Unmet Needs Sub-Committee**

- a. The committee meet the week of 09/21/2017 to define unmet needs and special considerations and to set a system for assessing cases on a weekly basis

### **V. Ending Notes**

- a. Brazoria County has sponsored warehouse space to continue receiving tangible relief and recovery donations on a case-by case basis. Contact Glenn Lamont for further coordination
- b. UWBC | Gloria Luna met with Matt Johns, President of Gulf Coast VOAD on 09/19/2017. Was assured full support
- c. The Houston Food Bank is a supportive resource and contact for future needs
- d. Dodie Armstrong has access to household water filtration systems