



A United Way of Brazoria County Community Collaboration

Minutes

Brazoria County Long-Term Recovery (BCL-TRC) Monthly Meeting

September 6, 2018 (4 PM – 5 PM)

Next meeting scheduled for: October 4, 2018, 4 - 5P

4:00P	Welcome	UWBC Conference Room
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4:00-4:05	Review 2018 August Minutes	
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4:05P – 4:10P	Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)	Nancy Friudenberg nancyf@brazoria-county.com
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Per Nancy the draft version from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Guidelines have been received. The contract has been signed by County Judge Matt Sebesta for \$1.58 million to assist with elevation and rehab. (max amount for elevation is \$35,000 and max among for rehab is \$65,000)

General Land Office (GLO) is still working on the client application and the percentages it will require for the residents to meet and qualify for CDBG-DR funds.

River Point Church (Fort Bend County) has offered to assist Brazoria County residents affected by Hurricane Harvey with funding for repairs and material to elevate homes.

Mark Smith with SBP will provide guidance for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Funds (CDBG-DR) and process.

4:10-4:20P

SBP Update

AmeriCorps NCCC Application submitted at the end of August 2018. We are requesting a team of 10-12 volunteers for Brazoria County to help with the repair/rebuild efforts. The team would be here 4-6 weeks starting in 11/09/2018 - 12/09/2018.

Amy Cornforth

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Christian Aid Ministries has expressed an interest about coming to Brazoria County to assist with repairs to damaged homes and do new home builds for residents affected by Hurricane Harvey. They have 20 skilled volunteers that could work per day.

BCL-TRC Sub-Committee Reports

4:20-4:30P

Executive Committee Report

Samaritan's Purse has provided 2 manufactured homes for residents in Brazoria County (Angleton and Holiday Lakes). We are still working on another in Rosharon, TX.

Chair: Gloria Luna

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Co-Chairs:

Glenn LaMont

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The BCL-TRC was awarded an American Red Cross Funds grant to help with repair homes, new builds and unmet needs.

Dodie Armstrong

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We received a proposal from Builders without Borders to help with funding to build a 2nd Bunkhouse at their location in Alvin, TX. The new bunkhouse could be utilized by BCL-TRC for volunteers arriving before, during and after any disaster in Brazoria County. The Executive Committee suggested an MOU that could be signed protecting our investment should the non-profit cease to exist. We will work on an MOU and have the BCL-TRC Executive Committee approve and suggest that Builders without Borders will need their board to sign off on the agreement.

4:30P

Donations Committee Report

Chair: -----

Glenn and Gloria will work on finding a volunteer through the Seventh Day Adventist Church and/if not locate another partner that could fill this void

4:30P – 4:35P **Communications Committee Report** Chair: Sharon Trower
David introduced himself and explained his role as the Communications Specialist. David will be working with Sharon Trower on the Long-Term Recovery website and also on client success stories
SharonT@brazoria-county.com

4:35P – 4:40P **Case Management Committee Report** Chair: Brenda George
Catholic Charities has begun working in Brazoria County and are housed at St. Thomas Center in Angleton.
nbhoh@ymail.com

Gloria continues to emphasize that all Disaster Case Managers utilize American Red Cross – Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) to continue ensuring that we are not duplicating services, time and resources.

The Salvation Army of Brazoria County will be conducting a training on 09/07/2018 on unmet needs and assistance with furniture vouchers for residents affected by Hurricane Harvey to all Disaster Case Managers at the United Way Office in Angleton.

4:40P – 4:45P **Unmet Needs Committee Report** Chair: Kristina Booth
Kristina explained at length the process on how to submit Unmet Needs Cases to the committee.
KBooth@tdecu.org

4:50P **Construction Committee Report** Chair: Robert Willis
Brazoria project near completion
Wild Peach project still in progress
SBP & BCL-TRC case managers are still working hard to generate cases for repairs/rebuild
rwillis@sbpusa.org

4:50P – 4:55P **Volunteer Committee Report** Co-Chairs:
Scott with SBP reported on the efforts of hiring additional Project Leads for SBP/BCL-TRC partnership. This opportunity will be perfect for out of college students and it comes with health benefits.
Ardrienne Bradberry
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Debbie Allensworth
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The Source Weekly has advertised for free and if/when they have “filler room” in the

circulation they will continue to advertise for AmeriCorp and the BCL-TRC. This is a great way to get the information out and a great partnership. We will be having another hiring event the 2nd week of October. We recorded 840 volunteer hours within the 105 days of work put out in Brazoria County.

Robert "Scott" Murphree
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Gloria explained the opportunity with World Renew to get short-term volunteers and long-term skilled volunteers to work in Brazoria County.

We are also working with Builders without Borders to do two "tiny homes" (one bedroom/one bathroom) in Alvin, TX

Debbie reported that they have two project leads from SBP and will be getting an AmeriCorp NCCC group – They have an Episcopal Grant – They also have funding to supply 30 homes with appliances – Case managers were instructed to work through Mosaic to access the appliances for their clients.

Red Cross Reportables

Race Hodges
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4:55P – 5:00P (Brazoria County stats)

As of Sept. 4, 2018, American Red Cross has dispersed:

Type of Assistance	Number of Households	Total
Direct/Accelerated	1,070	\$2,140,000.00
Complex Assistance	27	\$ 121,500.00

Correction on the total of \$3,355,006 should be \$2,261,500

The Direct/Accelerated Assistance began in March 2018 and the Complex Assistance was launched in August 2018.

The updated CAN assignments as of 9/4/2018 are below:

<u>Agency</u>	<u># of Cases</u>
United Way of Brazoria County	497
United Way of Great Houston	2
Boat People SOS - Houston	1
Alliance for Multicultural Services	18
Baker Ripley	14
BCFS // United Way of Brazoria County	6
BCFS	89
Catholic Charities	82
Chinese Community Center	1
Easter Seals of Greater Houston	2
Helping Hand to the Community	1
Hope Disaster Recovery	2
Home Sweet Home Community Redevelopment Corporation	2
Homeland Preparedness Project / United Way of Brazoria County	2
Homeland Preparedness Project	56
Jewish Family Service / United Way of Brazoria County	1
Jewish Family Service	2
Launch Point CDC Incorporated	1
Mosaic in Action	3
SEWA International / United Way of Brazoria County	1
SEWA International / Alliance for Multicultural Services	2
SEWA International	44
Texas Conference of UMCOR / United Way of Brazoria County	2
Texas Conference of UMCOR	11
Unassigned	879
Total in Brazoria County	1,721

5:05

Adjourn

Upcoming dates:

- Next monthly BCL-TRC meeting
Thursday, October 4th (4:00 PM – 5:00 PM)