**Regional Parish OHSEP Directors Monthly Meeting**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

State EOC Meeting Room

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**ATTENDEES**

Dawson Primes, Lee John, Rubby Douglas, Chris Guilbeaux, Neal Brown, Clay Rives, Dick Gremillion, Liz Hill, Veronica Sizer, Amy Dawson, Teresa Basco, Christina Dayries. Pam Roussel, Norman Pineda, Darren Guidry, Casey Tingle, Neal Fudge, Toni Rochelle, Kelly Feet, Ellis Boothe, John Taylor, Tracy Hilburn, Rubby Douglas, Heather Sullivan, Genea Lathers, Steven Buchholz, Symantha Dandreane, Trevis Johnson, Melton Gaspard

**WELCOME**

Dawson Primes called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He completed roll call and a quorum was established. He welcomed everyone. Casey Tingle was introduced as the new GOHSEP Director.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Clay Rives made a motion to approve the minutes and Neal Brown seconded the motion. There were no oppositions. The August 2021 minutes were approved.

**GOHSEP UPDATES**

Casey Tingle, Acting Director

* Casey addressed the group as the new Acting Director
* Acting Director Casey outlined areas of improvement he would focus on:
* Disaster housing from FEMA
* PDA Process on how we can easier manage the program
* Additional Resources in the field to aid the Citizens and Parishes
* He announced the new FEMA Recovery Director would be visiting the State in late January or mid-February.
* He advised that the preliminary discussions with DOA would include LWIN Funding to complete the Ethernet project.

**Election of Officers**

* **Chair -**The motion was made by Dick Gremillion for Joe Ganote to continue as chairman. Liz Hillseconded the motion.
* **Co-Chair –** The motion was made by Clay Rives for Dawson Primes to continue as Co-Chairman, Liz Hill seconded the motion.

**Preparedness Section Briefing**

**Ida Recovery Snapshot**

Rubby Douglas

General progress notes were provided about Ida Recovery.   Many survivors continue to advance their progress.   With a large number of renters, housing resources remain scare within the impacted area.   FEMA has expedited recovery assistance in the hands of survivors and outreach on the local level is critical to provide additional supplements.   For example, if Rental Assistance has been provided it is important that funds are used as intended by FEMA or additional funds will not be granted.    FEMA has also provided a number of targeted outreach to vulnerable populations.   This is start but translates into preparedness key messaging to ensure that these population have knowledge to support response and recovery.   For example, Public Housing and HUD population need to prepared packets pre-disaster if dwellings are destroyed to expedite remedies to port vouchers.

**Laura/Delta Recovery Snapshot**

Rubby Douglas

Updates were provided that DCMP remains diligent.   In fact, some survivors are still in initial phase of recovery.  COVID virtual outreach hindered progress but as DCMP provides in-person support along with recent allocation of DR CDBG it is hopeful that recovery options are made available for survivors to regain their recovery pathway.

**Upcoming Just In Time Recovery Management Training**

Genea Lather

Announcement of upcoming training dates on Recovery:

* January 11, 2022, Baton Rouge
* January 13, 2022, New Orleans
* This training will provided information about recovery programs and is key to help communities understand preparedness strategies and planning to help citizens recovery appropriately for resiliency.

**Winter Weather Workshop**

Kelly Feet

A wave of training have been planned to interactive review the Improvement Plan from Winter Weather.   This series of workshop will be provided for Region 6, 7 and 8 to strengthen local capabilities as the state was frozen for days to be able to access resources requested in WebEOC.   It is crucial that local and regional planning is significant to be self-sustained and build off of accessible contingencies first.   Often times, contingencies are not exhausted before requesting resources from GOHSEP.

* Jan. 18th- Alexandria
* Jan. 19th- Shreveport
* Jan.20th- Monroe

**Point to Point for Evacuating and Receiving Parishes Exercise Compact** Chris Guilbeaux & Amy Dawson

Point to Point Meetings will be conducted to make sure that parishes evacuating and receiving citizens understand the "ask", the needs and commitment to ensure a comprehensive and uniformed response and recovery.

**Building VOAD Capacity Technical Assistance,**

Heather Sullivan

Heather is GOHSEP VAL for the State, and offers assistance to the local OHSEP and Regional to strengthen volunteer basis.   Locally and regional sustainability, partnerships and collaboration is essential in both response and recovery and this relationship and priority will increase assets to support community needs.

**LEMC 2022 UPDATES**

Christina Dayries, ADD Grants and Administration, GOHSEP

* LEMC will be held in Lake Charles, LA at the Golden Nugget
* Conference dates -May 16th – 19th
* Hotel reservations is now open for booking
* New Directors Orientation will be held on the 16th , 10am-4pm
* Regional Directors meeting will be on Monday afternoon
* LEPA is planning a Fall Meeting Event
* GOHSEP will provide registration cost for (1) OHSEP staff person to attend the conference which will include one year membership to LEPA.

**Open Discussion**

* Regional OHSEP Director’s Updates
* Next Meeting January 11, 2022

A motion to adjourn was made by Neal Brown, seconded by Tracy Hilburn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.