

Long-Term Recovery Subcommittee

State of Louisiana

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MEETING MINUTES

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I. Call to Order

Jacques Thibodeaux welcomed all for the meeting and introduced himself and Gina Campo as co-chairs of the LTRS.

Allison Hadley called the meeting to order at 9:05AM Wednesday, July 31, 2024 conducted roll call. Based upon roll call, it was determined that a quorum of the statutory members of the subcommittee were present.

II. Roll Call – All Present

Agency Representatives	Representing Agencies
Jacques Thibodeaux, Director	Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)
Gina Campo, Executive Director	Office of Community Development - Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU)
Brandon Burriss	Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Troy Barnes	Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services
Garcia Bodley	Louisiana Department of Health
Trey Folse	Louisiana Department of Education
Raymond Rodriguez	Louisiana Housing Corporation
Patrick Witty	Louisiana Economic Development
Greg Grandy	Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
Tommy Tuma	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Todd Donmyer	Department of Transportation & Development
Michelle Ribera	Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Dawson Primes	Chairman of the Regional Parish Director's Subcommittee

III. Order of Business

- A. Overview of the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), Recovery Support Functions(RSFs), and Long Term Recovery Subcommittee (LTRS) Authority
 - a. Katie Underwood presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the National Disaster Recovery Framework, Recovery Support Functions, and Long Term Subcommittee Authority. Within the discussion, the goals for the LTRS were explained.
- B. Considerations of Update to Recovery Support Functions – Primary and Support Agency Designations
 - a. GOHSEP Deputy Director Neal Fudge presented a PowerPoint presentation listing each Recovery Support Function (RSF) with a description of the function, Federal agency and the current chart listing which agencies are Primary vs. Support for each. After reviewing each function, Deputy Director Fudge asked for feedback from participants regarding any changes or agency additions to the chart. Below was recorded for each function:
 - i. RSF 1 –
 - 1. No changes requested
 - ii. RSF 2 –
 - 1. Add OCD-DRU as a Support Agency per Gina Campo
 - 2. Add the Small Business Development Center out of Southeastern Louisiana University as a Support Agency per Dawson Primes
 - 3. Add the Louisiana Bankers Association as a Support Agency per Dawson Primes
 - 4. Add the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry per Sandra Gunner (Jim Williams confirmed they are part of LABEOC)
 - 5. Add the State Fire Marshal’s Office as a Support Agency per Rusty Edwards
 - iii. RSF 3 –
 - 1. Add the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs as a Support Agency per Troy Barnes
 - 2. All present concur with Primary Agencies
 - iv. RSF 4 – Jacques Thibodaux spoke regarding sheltering versus housing and the transition for survivors from sheltering through recovery, discussing the roles of the parish and state agencies tasked with assisting survivors through these processes. He then asked participants for assistance with this RSF, as GOHSEP cannot be singly responsible for it. Gina Campo then added that this is the heaviest lift and her agency also needs support from others. After the discussion of Primary and Support Agencies, Neal Fudge presented numbers and dollars associated with the state’s non-congregate sheltering program from Hurricane Ida.

1. Add the State Fire Marshal's Office as a Support Agency per Gina Campo
 2. Add the Public Service Commission as a Support Agency per Jessica Kayuha
 3. Add the Louisiana Department of Health as a Support Agency
 4. Add the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) as a Support Agency Per Katie Underwood
 5. Add the Louisiana Interagency Council on Homelessness (new entity within the Office of the Governor created in the recent legislative session)
- v. RSF 5 – During the discussion regarding Primary and Support Agencies, Jacques mentioned that CPRA has had changes in their structure per the recent legislative session. GOHSEP, LOCD, DOA and LDAF are no longer members on their Board. There was also a discussion regarding waterway clearing and who has the responsibility for clearing after a storm. It was mentioned that it depends on the waterway. Jacques recommended that parishes should use sonar after a storm to look at waterways and this could be argued as a Category B expense through Public Assistance. Billy Douglas mentioned that maintaining and protecting bridges is a responsibility of DOTD so they will sometimes clear in order to protect a bridge's integrity. He also asked about voting on adding these items to the RSF charts to which Gina replied that we will vote on these at the end of the discussions.
1. Add the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries as a Support Agency per Tommy Tuma
 2. Add the LABEOC as a Support Agency per Jim Williams
 3. The Planning Districts will be engaged to Support through LED per Pat Witty
 4. Add the Public Service Commission as a Primary Agency per Dawson Primes; Jessica Kayuha agrees and accepted the role on behalf of Brian
 5. Add the Louisiana Association of Financial Bankers as a Support Agency per Jonathan Finley with Office of Financial Institutions
 6. NCRS is a Federal Partner as well per Gina Campo
- vi. RSF 6 – Michelle Ribera inquired about the vision for LDAF in regard to this RSF. Gina Campo responded that it would be conservation efforts of soil, water, etc. There was additional discussion regarding some statutory changes due to the recent legislative session. LOSCO is now part of DENR. LED had a restructure, as did CPRA.
1. Add the Lieutenant Governor's Office as a Primary Agency per Neal and Gina
 2. Add the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office as a Primary due to their role as state archivists
 3. Add the Office of Indian Affairs as a Support Agency per Neal

4. Add VOAD as a Support Agency per Kay Keen
 5. Add the Attorney General's Office as a Support Agency per Mike
 6. Add LDH as a Primary Agency due to their Mass Casualty Funding, which encompasses cemetery and burial concerns
- C. Identification of Next Steps, Review of Bylaws, Appoint Advisory Subcommittees and LTRS Officers
- a. Gina Campo presented on the next steps and goals of LTRS. The idea is to have actionable goals and to align and operationalize the RSFs. LTRS was initiated in 2019 and there were a few meetings held then, mostly focused on housing. There is a drafted Housing Strategy Planning Document that can be shared but is still in need of additional work (RSF-4). The other RSFs also need to formalize and operationalize their role in recovery. These roles are in addition to daily roles and will involve working groups and potentially advisory subcommittees. One primary goal of the effort will be to address information sharing and also plans to work smarter and more resiliency focused when spending recovery dollars. The LTRS members will vote on the RSF recommendations made today. Information will be distributed to all of you in terms of goals, other planning information dealing with the National Disaster Recovery Framework and how that relates to Louisiana and LTRS.
 - b. Gina also indicated the draft LTRS bylaws will be distributed to the LTRS members for consideration and voted on at the next LTRS meeting as those need to be formalized. Please provide any feedback and comments prior to the next meeting. Additionally, need to discuss what will be included in the annual report due to the Governor at the beginning of next year. The prior annual report can be circulated. The only vote today is in regards to the RSF membership recommendations.
 - c. Gina requested a motion to vote on changes requested during the RSF discussion. Jacques made a motion, while Dawson Primes seconded the motion. After a call for a vote, all LTRS members agreed verbally with none opposed. The motion passed.
- D. GOHSEP Updates – Jacques Thibodeaux
- a. Jacques discussed changes to the State EOP and requested that all participants review the table in Section 3A which is the chart listing the RSFs and associated agencies (to be updated in the future based on outcomes of today's meeting). The Emergency Management Cycle was discussed and how Louisiana is still in recovery from multiple previous disasters. ESF-14 is the element of the response framework that addresses long term recovery. LTRS is a statutory requirement as part of the Louisiana Disaster Act and will be re-energized.
 - b. Preparedness and response is pretty good, but recovery is a struggle, the parishes don't have the resources to do what they need to do. Recovery is hard, the most difficult aspect of Emergency Management but it is critical. Individual Assistance at GOHSEP has been moved out from under Emergency Management and is now its own division and has grown from a staff of one to

now three. Timelines, funding, requirements and roles were all mentioned as important aspects of strategizing recovery and RSF outcomes. Education will be important as well to ensure parishes and citizens know how recovery works.

- E. OCD-DRU Updates – Gina Campo
 - a. No additional updates beyond what was previously discussed in this meeting.
- F. Subcommittee Bylaws
 - a. These will be distributed by email to LTRS members for review and will be voted on at the next meeting.

IV. Next Meeting

- A. Packets of information will be distributed for review. An updated chart with RSF Primary and Support Agencies will also be distributed. A Doodle Poll will be sent out regarding a date/time for the next meetings for both the LTRS and the RSFs. Working groups will be defined and initialized in the near future.

V. Public Comments

- A. Slides will be emailed out to all attendees (in response to a question raised).
- B. A question was raised by Billy Douglas regarding membership of LTRS and who should be representative. Jacques explained the committee and proxies, along with expectations of members.
- C. Sarah Berthelot with Louisiana 211 shared with the group that her agency has been working on datasets and has dashboards and information sharing available on their website that may be useful for planning and response purposes.

VI. Adjourn

Jacques Thibodeaux requested a motion for adjournment. It was moved by Dawson Primes and seconded by Gina Campo. All voting members agreed by “aye” with none opposed. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:17AM.