

Onslow Strong Disaster Recovery Alliance Meeting minutes

March, 29th 2019 10 AM – 11:30 AM

Present- Raquel Painter of United Way Onslow County, Chartonna Woodley FEMA, Fred Lewis, Brian Latimer and Philip Triplett NC Department of Public Safety, Broc Bilby, Brian Fike, Monica Feil, Susan Pridgen, Amy Moore, Barrett Kahl Trillium NC, Lillie Gray, Ron Massey City of Jacksonville, Stacie Miles Onslow County Emergency Services, Kinshasha Adamson Endeavors, Stephanie Hunt NCCUMC, Barbara Stiles Wayne County LTRG, Lindsey McCulland Hope for NC, Diana King Barnes Marine Federal Credit Union, Gail Gatewood Outreach of Hope, Tia Feller Dean Roberts, Tilwand Smith.

1. Meeting called to order by Lillie Gray 10:14 am
2. Introductions by Lillie Gray
3. Speaker Barbara Stiles- Spoke on the benefits of having a LTRG
 - Wayne Counties long term Disaster relief group and everything that it has accomplished since activating in 1999.
 - On multiple occasions the group has disbanded and reactivated after experiencing a major disaster once after hurricane Matthew and again after hurricane Florence.
 - Wayne County LTRG has served over 340 families
 - She spoke about NCVOAD.org and the resources it has available.
 - Grants that are available that Onslow County could benefit from is we had an active long term disaster recovery group.

4. Speaker Philip Triplett of The NC Department of Public Safety- Philip is the States volunteering liaison. He services all 100 counties in North Carolina.

- He explained the importance of paying attention when writing our bylaws and insuring it covered potential unmet needs.
- He gave examples of situations across North Carolina in which a federal disaster was never declared and why is beneficial to have a LTRG in place. Each county needs a group to be able to go into action allowing a streamline of recourses to residences to access in the event they needed help, so they can use the resources of people they can trust rather than getting scammed by people looking to benefit off of a disaster.
- STEP program, this program is officially ending April 2nd and while it was a tremendous help there is still so much unfinished work that the LTRG could help with, as well as grants that are available to Onslow County that we are just unable to access because we have no LTRG in place.
- State is working on trying to implement a program that will come into place after the STEP program leaves.

5. Fred Lewis, Construction analyst

- Fred covers 9 counties, including Onslow County as a construction analyst.
- Endeavors send request to the Construction Analyst; once CA goes to the home they will send the report back to Endeavors.
- Onslow County needs LTRG to help assist the citizens with repairs on their homes, to help insure they are getting reputable work done.

6. Chartonna Woodley of FEMA-

- Chartonna Spoke about the statistics of registrations and claims since Hurricane Florence in North Carolina.
- FEMA has received the second highest amount of registrations from North Carolina since the disaster. 957 flood claims, and so far a total of 27.4 million in claims paid out.
- The max amount of grant money FEMA can distribute is 34,900.
- Chartonna Motioned that we come up with a name for our LTRG. The group voted on unanimously for Onslow Strong Disaster Recovery Alliance (OSDRA).
- Chartonna went over what is required for a complete board for OSDRA. We will need;
 - Moderator/Chair
 - Vice chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - 501c3
 - Mission Statement
 - Bylaws
- She spoke on the different types of committees we would want to bring onboard such as, Construction, Volunteers, Donations, Emotional and spiritual assistance, Financial Controls, Disaster Case Management, and someone with experience with Grant writing.

- Once the OSDRA Committee is recognized we will receive a list with all 19,000 names of people in need of assistance within Onslow County from FEMA.
- The group spoke of potential members we would like to have join us for future meeting such as, The American Red Cross, Veterans Associations, Local community members, Team Rubicon, Local retired contractors to volunteer. The group spoke on the importance of taking care of our volunteers. Potentially opening a building or facility that could help house volunteers while they are here.

7. Kinshasha Adamson from Endeavors-

- Kinshasha is a disaster case manager with Endeavors. She spoke on the fact that Onslow County residents are so unaware of the resources available to them. She and her case managers have several people they are working with and only 24 of them are from Onslow County.
- She mentioned that within her organization she has noticed the top three unmet needs are Housing repair, Furniture and appliances and permanent housing. She spoke on all the resources that are truly available to Onslow County and the lack of knowledge our residents have, and how much this could change if we had a LTRG in place.

8. Open Discussion and questions

9. Next meeting set for April 5th at 9:00 AM Location Jacksonville Youth Center

10.Meeting Adjournment Motioned by Brian Fike, second by Tia Feller at 11:51

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