

## **Long-Term Recovery Meeting 6/11/2007**

### **Mission Statement for the South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Organization**

The **South Central Kansas Tornado Recovery Organization** has agreed to meet and work together to address the unmet needs of residents in Comanche, Kiowa, Pratt, Edwards, and Stafford Counties in response to the FEMA disaster number 1699 in 2007. We will strive to:

Provide coordinated management of the long-term recovery to the disaster  
Provide additional long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as a result of the disaster.  
Advocate for ongoing preparedness within the faith community and cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies active in disaster.

Participants in this effort include:

American Baptist  
Assembly of God Churches  
Cannonball Trail American Red Cross  
Catholic Social Services  
Church of Christ  
Church of the Brethren  
Church of Latter Day Saints  
Church World Service  
Disciples of Christ  
Evangelical Fee Church of Christ  
Friends Disaster Services  
Hope Crisis Response Network  
Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Kiowa County Ministerial Alliance  
Lutheran Disaster Response  
Mennonite Disaster Services  
Nazarene Disaster Relief  
Presbytery of Southern Kansas  
Southern Baptist  
The Salvation Army  
United Methodist Committee on Relief  
United Way of the Plains

- By-Laws are still being discussed

**Two representatives of the National Center of Post Dramatic Stress Disorder were present at the meeting.**

- Interested in those exposed to tornado
- Interested in training mental health personnel at Iriquois Center for Mental Health
- Possibly applying for 2yr-5yr grant to conduct research

- May be possible to receive crisis counseling funding through state of Kansas

### **Volunteer Committee- Kelly Gindlesberger**

- Creating Distribution List Email
  - Meeting Notes
  - Agenda
- Volunteer Housing Options
  - Self-contained Base Camp? Provided by the Lutherans
  - What are the plans of all the different groups
  - Disciples of Christ have access to a house with 5 beds in Stafford County
  - 1975 mobile home could possibly provide housing or a temp. office (contact Kathleen)
  - Mennonite Bunker trailer to sustain Mennonite volunteers in Greensburg
- Volunteer Coordinator
  - Possibly a Greensburg resident
  - Workforce offers employment for 6 month long position which will pay \$12,000
  - Possible AmeriCorps Vista positions
    - Coordinate volunteers
    - Work directly with Kathleen

### **Case Work**

- Priority of helping people will be determined through case management
- Committee will meet overall needs and recognize family's recovery plan
- Kate Debis will be available to committee
  - Guidance for case work
  - Available for advice

### **Other Donations**

- Methodist Church of Haviland, Methodist Church of Mullinville
- Salvation Army
  - Brainstorm Long-Term Distribution Center
    - Tent
    - Possibly Dodge City, KS
    - Ford Elementary
    - Empty helicopter trailers
  - Needs to collect more food donations
  - Needs Styrofoam cooler donations
  - Contact Dillon's Grocery Market for shelving
  - May be closing Distribution sites on Sundays

### **Topics of Discussion**

- Organization has bank account set up to take donations
  - Checks may be written to the organization at P.O Box 208 Haviland, KS 67059
  - Possibly establish a pay pal account to accept donations via internet
- Email is [SCKTRO@HavilandTelco.com](mailto:SCKTRO@HavilandTelco.com)
- Explore possibility of KGIL for promoting this information
- Benefit Concert

- Terry Cunningham
  - Where will the funds collected be received
- Recovery Organization will meet Tuesday 6/19/2007 9:00 a.m. @ Friend's Church in Haviland
- Building Committee will meet Friday 6/15/2007 1:00 p.m. @ Friend's Church in Haviland