

Hope Coalition Meeting
February 5, 2024-6pm
297 Vine Street, Berlin Vt

Meeting Opened 605pm
6 present in person, 3 additional via Zoom link

Call to order

Case updates-Total Cases	1926
Homes Completed by Hope Coalition	100
Cased closed by phone verification or Hope	198
Rebuilds in progress	15
Cases for Assessment	11

Introduced

New Hire -Capstone Construction Manager Kevin Mudgett (attending)

New Hire- Barre Up Construction Manager Prem Linskey (attending)

Capstone- 2 Case Workers have been hired

One assigned to the Northeast Kingdom

One assigned to Waterbury Crew/Montpelier Alive

Dan did report that he does have commitment from 4 Alabama college students to come as summer interns to work with us however needed. We will probably need them as case managers to assist with calls following up with flood victims.

Dan is checking with Eric from Capstone Case Management regarding the recent training that was recorded, to see if that could be sent to the students prior to their arrival.

Treasurer's Report-

Closing Balance Feb 5, 2024	\$130,159.20
LTRG operating expenses (restricted)	99,986.00
Heating Systems (restricted)	5,000.00
Unrestricted	25,173.20

Dan pointed out still awaiting billing form Seventh Day Adventist Church for building use dating from September 2023 to present for Hope Coalition. This space has served for office space, warehouse goods for distribution, housing for volunteer build teams, as well as hosting FEMA staff and others who support flood victims. These funds will come from LTRG operating expenses. There are also recent purchases for Heating and unrestricted expenses for upcoming builds that are pending but well with budget restraints.

UNMET NEEDS TABLE- Jon Kilian reports the Hedding Methodist is involved as well as interest from Montpelier, Earl Kooperkamp, and Sue Minter. He is also checking with the Barre Congregational Church.

The town of Cabot had been under service by the previous LTRG and is now part of Hope Coalitions territory. Although geographically not as large as some LTRGs in the state, Hope comprises more than 55 percent of the total cases and those that have the most significant percentage of damage.

Dan has been looking into grants and applications for buyouts for non-profits. Also found out the the Law School in South Royalton will assist with legal advice to non-profits. There is an application for grant assistance (43 pages) which can be utilized as well.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief has said they will send teams this summer provided they do not have to deploy teams in the southern region in response to hurricane relief. The hurricane season starts in June.

The Methodist Disaster Response (UMCOR) will be sending their teams to the Northeast Kingdom this summer.

Dan will be attending Serve Source- a Christian coalition that responds to disasters at the end of the month. He will try to network while there and recruit some more teams to come north for spring and summer project work.

Larry Stoner (Menonite) will be visiting on the 14th to discuss future projects.

It was discussed how the construction managers from Capstone, Barre Up and Hope Coalition could all work together to be most effective for the flood victims in our region.

The next meeting is on the first Monday in March.

Monday March 4, 6pm

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