

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY
AND
LOUISIANA FAMILY RECOVERY CORPS**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) and the Louisiana Family Recovery Corps (Recovery Corps)

Purpose of MOU

To outline the roles and working relationship between the Recovery Corps and the LRA as we transition vulnerable evacuee households from temporary to permanent and sustainable housing situations and to formally establish the Recovery Corps as the state coordinator of human services.

LRA Mission

The mission of the Louisiana Recovery Authority is to ensure that Louisiana rebuilds safer, stronger and smarter than before. There are five areas of focus: securing funding and other resources needed for the recovery, establishing principles and policies for redevelopment, leading long-term community and regional planning efforts, ensuring transparency and accountability in the investment of recovery funds, and communicating progress, status and needs of the recovery to officials, community advocates and the public. Throughout its initiatives, the LRA is committed to a recovery and rebuilding process that is fair and equitable to everyone.

Statutory Authority

ACT 5 of the 2006 1st Extraordinary Session constitutes the statutory authority for the Louisiana Recovery Authority created within the Office of the Governor to recommend policy, planning and resource allocations for the most efficient and effective use of recovery resources.

Recovery Corps Mission

The Recovery Corps is a nonprofit corporation created in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to respond to the individual needs of all Louisiana citizens and families. The Recovery Corps has been charged with the responsibility to *evaluate the needs and coordinate the delivery of human services* to citizens impacted by disaster.

Statutory Authority

ACT 313 of the 2007 legislature constitutes the statutory authority for the Recovery Corps to evaluate the needs of individuals/families and coordinate the delivery of services for purposes of human recovery from disaster.

I. Liaison Officials

The primary point of contact who shall function as the lead liaison for all implementation of services described in the MOU agreement on behalf of the Louisiana Recovery Authority is:

Adam Knapp, Deputy Director, Office Number 225-342-1854, or Mobile Number 225-278-3708, Fax Number 225-342-0002; email knappa@la.gov.

The secondary point of contact who shall serve as a secondary liaison regarding implementation of services described in this MOU agreement on behalf of the Louisiana Recovery Authority is:

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The secondary point of contact who shall serve as a secondary liaison regarding implementation of services described in this MOU agreement is:

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II. Roles and Responsibilities

The Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) will:

- Convene state agencies and represent the Governor's office in collaborative efforts in service provision.
- Be responsible for establishing work plans and timelines across state agencies Serve as the primary communicator for the State. This includes:
 1. Ensuring the Governor's Office is apprised of ongoing challenges, opportunities and needs.
 2. Engaging federal agencies to address waivers, policy changes and/or resources as needed.

- Communicate gaps in resources to the Governor's Office, state legislators, and Louisiana's federal delegation including shortfalls in funding for the Recovery Corps.
- Partner with the Recovery Corps to build the case for appropriate funding for their programs

The Louisiana Family Recovery Corps (Recovery Corps) will:

As the nonprofit corporation created to facilitate *human recovery* from disaster, the Recovery Corps will:

- Act as the primary lead agency to coordinate services and case management on behalf of the state as it relates to evacuee households being transitioned from temporary to permanent and sustainable housing arrangements
- Identify needs of Louisiana households impacted by disaster
- Conduct gap analysis to determine which needs are being met, which needs remain unmet at various intervals after disaster
- Communicate unmet needs to the governor's office, state legislators, Louisiana Recovery Authority, state agency partners and Louisiana's federal delegation
- Coordinate case management services being provided by the state, FEMA, and/or participating non-profits
- Coordinate collaboration of federal and state agencies, nonprofits and other providers of services to households impacted by disaster and maintain a list of proficient partners
- Establish programs to provide services and information and access to impacted households
- Establish and maintain a service deployment network in the regions throughout the state of Louisiana for effective service delivery
- Work with the 211 system to maintain an updated registry of providers of recovery related services
- Work with FEMA and other partners to establish protocols for reintegrating those impacted by disaster into communities including housing and community service infrastructures
- Assist in return of displaced households
- Assist in the coordination and provision of emotional well being services to those impacted by disaster
- Work with other state agencies to ensure coordinated service delivery for households impacted by disaster and for returning those with continuing needs to the appropriate state agency for continued assistance once disaster needs have been addressed or resources allocated have been exhausted

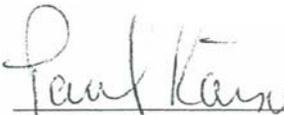
- Provide agreed upon progress indicators to show effectiveness of services tracking : 1.) number of households 2.) demographic information on households served and 3.) goal attainment progress. 4) 30 day reporting. (PWR)(RM)

III. Confidentiality Statement

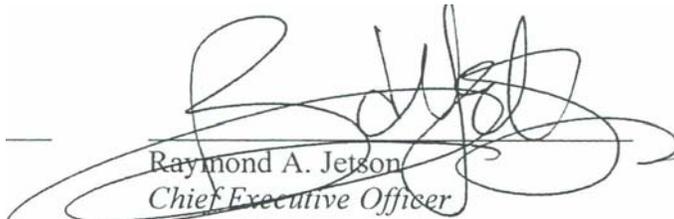
The Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Recovery Corps shall abide by the Federal and State laws and regulations concerning confidentiality which safeguard information and the participant's confidentiality (LA. R.S. 46:56). The Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Recovery Corps will further abide by all Federal and State laws and regulations relative to data sharing.

Approved:

Louisiana Recovery Authority


Paul Rainwater
Executive Director

Louisiana Family Recovery Corps


Raymond A. Jetson
Chief Executive Officer

Date 1/25/08

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