

## **INVOAD's Tips for setting up your Long-Term Recovery Committee**

As Indiana counties begin organizing Long-Term Recovery Committees, leaders and members are **STRONGLY** encouraged to reference the NVOAD Long-Term Recovery Manual, available for download at both [NVOAD.org](http://NVOAD.org) and [INVOAD.org](http://INVOAD.org). Remember that this is a 2-3 year process. *INVOAD executive committee members are available to attend your local meetings and to provide technical assistance. Just ask. We are in this together!*

The Long-term Recovery Committee (LTRC) will likely be a very large group of individuals all interested and committed to meeting the needs of individual and community recovery from disaster. Sub-committees will address the specific tasks. Mission, values and consensus should drive the work.

Counties with smaller amounts of damage or with many multi-county agencies based in another county may elect to combine counties into a single Long-Term Recovery Committee.

### **Sample membership of a LTRC**

The core leadership will come from local representatives from each of the Disaster organizations or VOAD members listed in the section below. Additionally, the local LTRC will represent the entire community, including:

- Faith-based organizations and/or communities
- United Way / United Fund / Community Foundation
- Local 2-1-1 center
- Purdue Cooperative Extension
- Hospital and/or health clinic
- Business leadership
- Workforce development
- Civic organization
- Housing organizations
- Community action organization
- Food pantries
- Social service organizations
- Neighborhood or community center
- Mental health organization
- Area agency on aging
- Disability organization
- School system
- Government representatives may include mayors, council reps, township trustees
- County Emergency management organization
- County DFR and health department

### **Disaster Organizations or VOAD members most commonly represented on LTRC in Indiana**

- American Red Cross
- Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
- Church of the Brethren
- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Mennonite Disaster Service
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
- The Salvation Army
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Committee on Relief
- United Way / United Fund

### **Typical Committees that comprise the full LTRC**

- Steering Committee/ Executive Committee
- Case Management
- Construction
- Volunteer Management
- Spiritual / mental / emotional
- Housing
- Finance / Fiscal
- Mitigation
- Fundraising / Donations management
- Employment
- Advocacy

*Note that smaller communities may combine functions so long as they address Administration/Fiscal, Case Management, Donations Management, Volunteer Management and Spiritual/Emotional Care*

### **Committee organization and chairs**

- Seek out committee chairs who are organized, interested and committed to long-term recovery.
- It is best practice not to ask ministers or government officials to chair—but do involve them.
- A pastor may serve as an interim chair to initiate processes, but should be replaced for long-term recovery process to avoid burnout or conflicts.