

FEMA National Advisory Council Meeting
December 18, 2007
Teleconference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NAC Members Present

Dr. Kem Bennett, Chair
David Barron
Ann Beauchesne
Joseph Bruno
Stephen Cassidy
Dr. Christina Catlett
Irene Collins
Robert Connors
Russell Decker
John Didion
Nancy Dragani
Dr. Robert Gougelet
Joanne Hayes-White
Charles Kmet
John W. Libby
Dr. Kenneth Miller
Albert Najera
James Paturas
Phillip Reitingier
Peter Verga

FEMA Staff Present:

Robert Shea, Associate Deputy Administrator
Patty Kalla, Executive Officer
Alyson Price, DFO
Joanne Sullivan, DFO
Jennifer Veal, Contractor

The teleconference was called to order by Alyson Price, DFO at 1:00 pm.

The meeting was opened and presided over by Dr. Kem Bennett, NAC Chair.

Announcement of New NAC Members

- Joseph Becker – American Red Cross
- Mark Shriver – Save the Children (JR Thomas will serve as Shriver's alternate when he is unable to attend meetings).

- Joe Bruno asked whether he could send an alternate in his place if he was unable to attend a future meeting.

NRF Review

- Comments received were consolidated and forwarded to FEMA Administrator
- Finalization of NRF will take place at the end of December '07

FEMA Strategic Plan Review

- NAC will be given opportunity to review Strategic Plan
- Reflects responsibilities delegated to FEMA under the Post-Katrina Emergency Management and Reform Act as well as discussions held during FEMA Leadership conferences in October 2006 and February 2007
- Each member will receive an electronic version of the draft Strategic Plan with instructions for providing comments

NAC Operating Guidelines

- Dave Barron, NAC Member has provided useful input
- Intent of the guidelines is to give the NAC clarity in purpose and processes that can be used in guiding deliberations, as well as the scope of what the committee does
- A draft will be provided for the NAC members to review in advance of the next meeting

Issues and Subcommittees

- Issues be formed based on Issue Papers currently under development
- Chuck Kmet suggested that the NAC consider creating a subcommittee to address tribal issues
- Council member presentations on suggested subcommittees will be welcome at the next meeting

Reappointment of NAC members

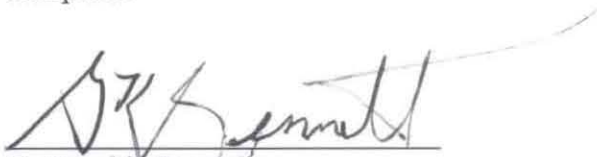
- Bob Connors asked about reappointment for the members whose terms will be expiring in June 2008.
- Individuals with one-year terms will be provided with instructions regarding the potential for reappointment.

Next Meeting

- February 12-13, 2008 in Washington, DC
- Nancy Dragani requested a schedule outlining the meetings for the next year in order to facilitate planning.
- NAC team is working on providing 2008 schedule of meetings to allow for advance planning

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm by Alyson Price, DFO.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Kemble Bennett', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

G. Kemble Bennett
Chairman
National Advisory Council