



Centralina Regional Resilience Collaborative
NCARCOG- Recovery Capacity - Workshop #4
September 20, 2023

Title	NCARCOG Recovery Capacity - RRC Workshop #4
Date/Time	Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (CST)
Participant	Christina Danis (Centralina) Katie Fersinger (Centralina) Rodney Diggs (Anson County) Mark Howell (Lincoln County) Adrienne George (Mecklenburg - Charlotte Fire Department) Chelsea Helton (Mecklenburg County) Andrew Ansley (Union County) Sara Scheirer (Union County) Andy Lucas (Stanly County) Michael Roark (Stanley County) Benj Korson (Innovative Emergency Management) Brandi Hunter (Innovative Emergency Management) Jeanne Bunting (Innovative Emergency Management) Katie Canady (Innovative Emergency Management)

Meeting Notes

- 1) Welcome & Introductions – Christina Danis
 - a. Christina introduced herself and thanked others for their attendance.
 - b. Provided a brief overview of the purpose and funding of the RRC.
 - c. There are new participants for the workshop.
 - d. Kate Fersinger introduced herself to the workshop.
 - e. Benj Korson introduced himself and the IEM Team.
 - f. Each county provided a short introduction.
 - g. Provided an overview of RRC Workshop #4

- 2) Workshop #1-3 and Luncheon Recap – Benj Korson
 - a. Recordings of the previous Workshops are in the Shared folder.
 - b. Workshop # 1
 - i. Discussed self-assessment, targets, and improvement planning for counties, the grant cycle, and the importance of a PDRD, including goals, timeline, and steps. responsibilities for the counties.
 - c. Workshop # 2
 - i. The discussion covered self-assessment elements, SMART targets, grant application tools, Base Plan elements, pre-recovery planning, and the Recovery Committee Annex and Appendix A: Recovery Action Plan Template, as well as grant application preparation.
 - d. Workshop #3 Recap
 - i. The self-improvement plan's effectiveness will be assessed in Jan. 2024, and various mitigation projects were discussed that counties can apply for when



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going for grants, along with the Community Planning and Development Recovery Committee's Appendix A.

- e. Luncheon Recap
 - i. Annual luncheons discuss RRC's current state, future objectives, capabilities for Digital Inclusion, Equity, and Public Safety, and prepare for next year's schedule, with county progress reports.
- 3) Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning – Katie Canady
- a. Covering Annex B on page 58 or 44 for those who have it to follow along.
 - b. All the tools that are provided are flexible for each jurisdiction.
 - c. Provided an overview of the schedule outline of the Recovery Committee Annexes
 - d. Provided an overview of the Recovery Committee Annex
 - e. There are three subcommittees - Business Restoration, Retention and Recruitment, Employment Workforce Support, Business Recovery
 - i. Different types of business recovery centers that can be implemented for jurisdictions that can be embedded into the centers or stand-alone.
 - f. Subcommittee Partners
 - i. The Chamber of Commerce is recommended to lead business recovery centers with support agencies for all subcommittees, ensuring the necessary resources and tools are available.
 - g. State & Federal Partners
 - i. Collaboration with primary and support agencies is crucial to identify roles and responsibilities, with North Carolina having a recovery plan easily integrated into the county.
 - h. Annex Elements
 - i. The annex consists of three identical sections with a subcommittee each containing objectives, overview, activities, and information collection.
 - i. Business Restoration, Retention, and Recruitment Subcommittee
 - i. The objective is to restore business activities post-disaster, involving key county government players like Chambers of Commerce and federal SBA in recovery efforts and economic planning.
 - j. Business Restoration, Retention, and Recruitment Subcommittee Phased Activities.
 - i. Partner selection for phased activities and long-term economic development strategies is crucial. County outreach campaigns should help local businesses understand disaster insurance limitations.
 - k. Employment and Workforce Support Subcommittee
 - i. The goal is to offer job placement and training resources to displaced individuals, collaborating with local government, non-profits, and private sectors to ensure job readiness.
 - l. Employment and Workforce Support Subcommittee Activities
 - i. September is National Preparedness Month, promoting discussions on Go Kits, employee awareness, and reviewing subcommittees' capabilities for disaster execution.
 - m. Business Recovery Centers Subcommittee
 - i. Include specialized industries within the county (i.e., farming, logging, power plants, etc.) to be involved in business recovery centers.
 - n. Business Recovery Centers Subcommittee Activities
 - i. The subcommittee is tasked with identifying organizations supporting business recovery centers and considering the integration of business elements for short- and long-term recovery.
 - o. Action Items
 - i. Think about how the annex can be modified to fit the needs of your county.
 - ii. Identify lead and support agencies and fill out one section by end of project.
 - iii. Meet with your partners to fill out sections.



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- p. Next workshop will be in November and will focus on Health and Social Services Committee.
 - q. Encouraged to invite those involved with Health and Social Services.
 - i. Identified key players as a suggestion to invite.
 - r. Questions
 - i. Christina provided links that are also on the Centralina Workshop.
 - ii. Christina informed the partnerships and collaboration is key to producing the Disaster Recovery Plan
- 4) Next Steps – Christina Danis
- a. Centralina Regional Road Trip to celebrate 55 years old.
 - i. Going to each county for an hour to learn from each other.
 - ii. Celebration will occur in October 2023.
 - iii. It matters for county leaders and EM for the road trip to build recovery planning roles and responsibilities.
 - iv. Opportunity to discuss TA needs and hazard mitigation.
 - b. Reviewed Action Items that Katie discussed during the Pre-Disaster Planning.
 - c. Next meeting is November 15th at 10 AM EST.
- 5) RRC Workgroup #1 – Jeanne Bunting
- a. Grant Application Technical Assistance Workshop
 - i. Jurisdictions should read over the NC Department of Public Safety NOFO FEMA's NOFO, including reviewing what should be included in the slides: partners, nature-based solutions and community wide benefits or affects to disadvantaged communities.
 - b. Workgroup – Q&A
 - Sara Scheirer (UNION) – Wants to make sure that what they would like to do can be funded through this grant. Is developing a THIRA covered by BRIC?
 - Jeanne – BRIC is for floodplain management; THIRA is probably not covered.
 - Sara - Wants to know how to phrase what the project should be and what amount to ask for?
 - Jeanne - Will provide assistance to counties for the LOI and application.
 - Jeanne – Asked what hazard the county is looking to mitigate?
 - Sara – Flooding is a recurring issue for Union County, but DOT has been involved in flooding response.
 - Jeanne - The “project scoping” project would be best to phrase on their needs for flooding issues.
 - Jeanne - will share Anson County's application development document with Union County.
 - Mark Howell (LINCOLN) – Still investing what the project will be for Lincoln County. Working with the Planning Director to make the determination.
 - Jeanne will continue to help with the project, if needed.
 - Benj- asked if there are others on the call who are interested in joining the Grant TA workgroup?
 - Jeanne to Iredell - For future projects during the contract period of performance, Jeanne will be available to support.
 - Christina - Kaine Riggan, NCEM Lead for BRIC, can assist Lincoln and Union in flood mitigation project scoping with a consultant for hazard mitigation actions.
 - c. Reviewed Grant TA Workgroup Action Items



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- i. For LOI assistance, recommends a minimum of one meeting with Jeanne.
 - ii. Fill out application forms

- 6) Next meeting on 11/15 will cover FEMAGO and Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan

- 7) Next steps – Christina Danis
 - a. IEM and Centralina are here to provide support if assistance is needed.
 - b. Any follow up inquires, reach out to Centralina or IEM.