

**Approved May 27, 2009**

**FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Program Local Board  
DeKalb County Local Board  
Special Appeal Hearing  
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Ramp, Joe Gastiger, Dawn Littlefield, Micki Emmett, Aimee Norton, and Mary Supple representing Ray Bockman

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Melissa Garman, Joslyn Turner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jess Collins, Alex Norton, and Candice Tyler

The meeting was held at the DeKalb County Health Department building Multi-Purpose Room, Right Side. Mary Ramp called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Introductions were made. The minutes were presented and Mary Supple made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2009, seconded by Dawn Littlefield, motion approved. Joe Gastiger made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Micki Emmett, motion approved.

**THE SALVATION ARMY APPEAL HEARING:** Mary Ramp explained the purpose of the meeting and gave The Salvation Army time to state their appeal. Aimee Norton proceeded to appeal their case. She pointed out issues with the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes regarding the allocation for NICE food pantry receiving an allocation even though their application was received one day late. The board acknowledged The Salvation Army efforts to get their application in on time, but reminded them that the NICE allocation is not relevant to this hearing. The Salvation Army questioned portions of the DeKalb County Community Services Phase XXVII application. Discussion then followed regarding these issues. Alex Norton explained the need for FEMA/EFSP funding in context of the families reaching out to them for assistance saying when people have a crisis the first place they think of is The Salvation Army. Candice stated The Salvation Army served 3,095 families with rent and utilities last year for a total of 11,000 individuals served. Aimee then handed out a listing of County agencies they work with who support their programs. A discussion followed. Mary Ramp asked The Salvation Army to explain the \$4,120.16 in compliance exceptions for last year's allocation. Aimee stated that all the exceptions were minor and the corrected documentation has been sent to the National Board. She agreed to share that documentation with Community Services Department.

The Board then had to decide whether to uphold the ruling or not. The Board wanted to make sure families are not going un-served if The Salvation Army had no FEMA/EFSP funds. Joe Gastiger made a motion to keep the allocations as they are with reimbursement to The Salvation Army for rent and utility assistance. Motion died for lack of a second. Aimee Norton made a motion to re-allocate The Salvation Army \$12,000 from DeKalb County Community Services' allocation, seconded by Dawn Littlefield. Mary Ramp again brought up the issue of the compliance exceptions. Mary Supple amended the motion to re-allocate \$10,000 making sure The Salvation Army sends fax report updates to DeKalb County Community Services in a timely manner. Amended motion approved.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Having no further business Dawn Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Micki Emmett. The motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the DeKalb County Health Facility Multi-Purpose Room, right side. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.