

**Howard County-Fort George G. Meade Fort Meade Growth/BRAC Task Force
(HC-BRAC-TF)**

Task Force Memorandum 2007-16

Subject: Task Force Update

Date: 30 September 2007

Originator: Kent Menser, Task Force Chairman

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide our Task Force Members and our Fort Meade Growth constituency with the most current information available on this important action. The next two months make up the most important time in the short history of the BRAC Task Force. Committee members we need your help to accomplish our objectives. Attend meetings and contribute in every way you can.

Committees	Co-Chair	Co-Chair
<i>Work Force Housing</i>	Tom Ballentine	Stacey Spann
<i>Public Safety</i>	Joseph Herr, William McMahon	
<i>Education</i>	Bob Price	Roger Plunkett
<i>Transportation</i>	Ron Meliker	Carl Balser
<i>Infrastructure</i>	Wayne Wilhelm	Bob Beringer
<i>Health and Human Services</i>	Vidia Dhanraj	Lois Mikkila
<i>Workforce Development</i>	Francine Trout	Patty Keeton
Lessons Learned Committee	Don Darnell	Dwight Hollenbach
Plans and Analysis Team	Anwer Hassan	Jean Friedberg
Executive Committee	Sam Seymour	

1. Key Points:

- a. Task Force Level Meetings:
 - **The 10 October Task Force Meeting which would have been held at 3:30 PM is cancelled.** The next Task Force Meeting will be held on 11 November at 3:30 PM. As we have discussed before, we want to devote maximum amount of time to Committee level work between now and the end of the year.
- b. County Executive's In Progress Review (IPR): During the first week in December of 2007, the Howard County BRAC Task Force will give two progress updates on two separate dates to the County Executive. These IPR's mark the first of a series that will take place between now and September of 2011. The objectives of these actions may include; Provide status of Task Force work, Brief findings and/or observations, Make recommendations and Receive guidance. The committee presentation schedule is as follows:
 - 4 December 2007 (10-11 AM)
 1. Plans and Analysis Committee

2. Transportation Committee
 3. Workforce Development Committee
 4. Housing Committee
- 6 December 2007 (10-11 AM)
 1. Public Safety Committee
 2. Education Committee
 3. Health and Human Services Committee
 4. Infrastructure Committee

c. IPR Preparation:

- Within these IPR's each committee will have 10 minutes to make their individual presentation. This does not include question or discussion time. Additionally, there will be a standard presentation format for all committees which will be distributed next week.
- In order to insure committee standardization, alignment and alignment with appropriate county staff elements, committee co-chairs and, if possible, their committee members will meet with the Task Force Chairman and appropriate county staff leadership two times before the IPR. The proposed schedule for these meetings is listed below. If any co-chair has any questions or wants to adjust the times of these meeting, he/she should get with Kent Menser NLT 5 October 2007. The complete Task Force Schedule for the remainder of the year, to include the presentation meetings, task force meetings and co-chair meetings is listed below.

OCTOBER

- 10/15 @ 3:30pm - **Public Safety** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/16 @ 3:30pm - **Housing** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/18 @ 7:30am - **HHS** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/19 @ 7:30am - **Workforce Development** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/23 @ 7:30am - **Education** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/25 @ 7:30am - **Infrastructure** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/26 @ 7:30am - **Transportation** Presentation Meeting #1
- 10/29 @ 3:30pm - **Public Safety** Presentation Meeting #2
- 10/30 @ 3:30pm - **Housing** Presentation Meeting #2

NOVEMBER

- 11/01 @ 7:30am - **HHS** Presentation Meeting #2
- 11/02 @ 7:30am - **Workforce Development** Presentation Meeting #2
- 11/06 @ 7:30am - **Education Presentation Meeting #2**
- 11/08 @ 7:30am - **Infrastructure** Presentation Meeting #2
- 11/09 @ 7:30am - **Transportation** Presentation Meeting #2
- 11/10 @ 3:30am - **HC BRAC Task Force Meeting**

DECEMBER

- 12/04 @ 10:00am - County Executive IPR
- 12/06 @ 10:00am - County Executive IPR
- 12/12 @ 3:30pm - **HC BRAC Task Force Meeting/Holiday Event**

2. Additional BRAC Actions:

- a. The Lt. Governor's Maryland BRAC Sub-Cabinet has empowered a Local Government Subcommittee (LGS) to prepare recommendations on the impact and opportunities of BRAC on the State. The subcommittee is made up of representatives from each of the 9 counties that are most effected by BRAC and the City of Baltimore. The LGS is made up of 4 committees; Transportation, Education and Workforce development, Infrastructure and Public Safety. These organizations are currently developing a report for the Lt. Governor which will ultimately provide the basis for a report to the Governor in early December 2007. Kent Menser is the co-chair of the Transportation Committee. Jean Friedberg and the HC BRAC TF Transportation Committee have been assisting in this action.
- b. The Fort George G. Meade Growth Management Committee is the regional BRAC organization. It is made up of the cities of Baltimore and Laurel and the following counties; Anne Arundel, Howard, Prince George, Carroll, Montgomery and Baltimore. This Committee has met three times over the past 5 months. Its primary purpose is to collectively work through regional actions that effect its members. Because of the current level of state planning requirements on the subject counties, this regional group is going to "throttle back" between now and January of 2008. Ultimately, we believe this will be the key BRAC organization in the region and some its work may supplant selected county level actions. The Coordinator of this committee is Bob Leib of AA County and the Deputy Coordinator is Kent Menser of HC.
- c. The Final Draft of the Fort Meade BRAC/EUL Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now out. I sent the website out to all of you last week. If you have any questions on it, give me call.

Next Steps:

- a. The time between now and the IPR's in the first week in December is critical to the success of committee level work. Please support your Co-chairs!
- b. Have questions? Call Kent Menser at 410-313-6521 or email me at kmenser@howardcountymd.gov.