

Howard County- Fort Meade Growth/BRAC Task Force (HC-BRAC-TF)

Task Force Memorandum 2007-16

To: Task Force Members

Subject: Task Force Update

Date: 1 October 2007

Originator: Kent Menser, Task Force Chairman

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide our BRAC TF members and our BRAC constituency with information on the key actions that will be taking place between now and the end of 2007. This is a critical period of for members of the Howard County BRAC Task Force. We ask each of you to support the actions of your respective committees in achieving our Task Force goals.

Committees	Co-Chair	Co-Chair
<i>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 has been canceled.** The next Task Force Meeting will be held on 14 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 Progress Review (PR): 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 PRs mark the first of a series that will take place regularly over the next 4 years as BRAC unfolds at Fort Meade. The objectives of these actions are threefold; (1) Provide status of Task Force work; (2) Brief findings and/or observations; (3) 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. PR Preparation:

- Within these PRs each committee will have 10 minutes to make its individual presentation, plus question and discussion time. A standard presentation format for all committees will be distributed next week.
- To insure committee standardization and alignment with county policy, committee co-chairs will meet with the Task Force Chairman and appropriate county staff leadership two times before the PR to rehearse and finalize the PRs. The proposed schedule for these meetings is listed below (“Presentation Meetings”). Please call Kent no later than 10/5 to adjust the times of these meetings. The complete Task Force Schedule for the remainder of the year – including presentation meetings, task force meetings and co-chair meetings – is also listed below.

OCTOBER

- 10/10 @ 7:30am – **TF Co-Chair meeting**
- 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**
- 11/07 @ 7:30am – **TF Co-Chair Meeting**
- 11/08 @ 7:30am - **Infrastructure** Presentation Meeting #2
- 11/09 @ 7:30am - **Transportation** Presentation Meeting #2
- 11/14 @ 3:30pm – **HC BRAC Task Force Meeting**
- 11/21 @ 7:30am -- **TF Co-Chair Meeting**

DECEMBER

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

2. Additional BRAC Activities:

- a.** The Lt. Governor's Maryland BRAC Sub-Cabinet has established a Local Government Subcommittee (LGS) to prepare recommendations on the impact and opportunities of BRAC on the State. The LGS is made up of representatives from each of the 9 counties that are most affected by BRAC and the City of Baltimore. The LGS is further subdivided into 4 committees; Transportation, Education and Workforce Development, Infrastructure, and Public Safety. These committees are developing a report for the Lt. Governor which will provide the basis for a final 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 Regional Growth Management Committee is the regional BRAC organization. It is composed of the cities of Baltimore and Laurel and the following counties; Anne Arundel, Howard, Prince George's, Carroll, Montgomery and Baltimore. The Committee has met three times over the past 5 months. Its primary purpose is to address regional issues and concerns, and to coordinate cross-jurisdictional Fort Meade implementation matters. Because of the activities of the LGS, this regional group is going to "throttle back" between now and January, 2008. Ultimately, we believe this will be the key BRAC organization in the region and some of its work will likely affect selected county level policies and programs. 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 URL 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 PRs in the first week in December is critical to the success of committee level work. Please support your Co-chairs!
- b.** Have questions? Call me at 410-313-6521 or email me at kmenser@howardcountymd.gov.