

Multi-state Grassroots Insurance Work Group Meeting

April 1, 2016 – Biloxi

1) **Attendance:**

In room: **Angell**, Charles (Alabama DOI); **Avilla**, Roberta, (Steps Coalition, south Mississippi); **Campo**, Wes (Alliance Institute, New Orleans); **Gauthe**, Sharon & David & another Sharon (BISCO, south Louisiana); **Hanson**, Dan (GCEC/HHII); **Harper**, Rev Fred (Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport); **Janssen**, Earl (GECE/HHII); **Kennedy**, Truvander (FDIC); **Kurtz**, Michelle (GCEC/HHII); **Dixie** (MAIWC, Mississippi); **Janet** (MAIWC, Mississippi);

Phone attendance: **Doughty**, Jerry (HHII, Alabama); **Faust**, Joe (Alabama State Representative); **Kasimos**, George (StopFEMAnow, New Jersey and other states); **Kelly**, Willo (NC-20, North Carolina), **Leggett**, AC (HHII, Alabama); **Relfe**, Mitch (Congressman Byrne staff);

Grassroots who attended the March 31 meeting: **Birnbaum** (Center for Economic Justice); **Morse** (New Orleans Homebuilders Association); **Shultz** (New Orleans Realtors); **Smith** (TWIA, Texas), **Ragas** (NOMAR, director)

Sponsorship Attendance: **Bach**, Amy (United Policyholders)

2) **Frameworks Presentation & Discussion by Charles Angell & Dan Hanson**

- a. Summary of Frameworks proposed by Angell
- b. Summary of other proposals by Hanson
- c. Discussion of Inclinations of the Grassroots Group – which assented to Frameworks B, C and D above.

3) **Discussion of Multi-state Grassroots Networking**

- a. Different state groups will build relationship with their Departments of Insurance and state and federal representatives;
- b. Different state groups will learn about legislative and policy obstacles to multi-state solutions that are unique to their state;
- c. Briefly discussed funding to bring in and educate local leaders in other states;
- d. Agreed to focus Grassroots work initially on Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, but welcome organizations from all states;
- e. Set next meeting date for _____
- f. Set the next Conference Call date for _____