

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM BOARD (FEMA)

2016 County Government Representative

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Bylaws: Created through the Homeless Assistance Act P.L. 100-77 of 1987, reauthorized under P.L. 100-628 signed into law November 1988

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Meet: Quarterly or Semi-annually

Membership: The local Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Board is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is to have representation from County Government and from a variety of organizations specified by the National Board and representative of the local population (i.e. United Way, Salvation Army, Jewish Federation, Church Community, County Government, City Government, Diocese of Saginaw, American Red Cross, homeless person or representative, Native American, etc.) appointed by the Board Chair.

Purpose: The EFSP was created in 1983 to supplement and expand the work of local social services agencies, both nonprofit and governmental, in an effort to help people with economic (non-disaster-related) emergencies. This supplemental fund is open to all organizations helping hungry and homeless people. EFSP funds must supplement feeding, sheltering (including transitional sheltering) and rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts only.

EFSP is governed by a National Board that selects jurisdictions for funding. Local boards are convened in those qualifying jurisdictions to determine the highest need and best use of funds and to select Local Recipient Organizations that will provide emergency food and shelter services. Each year, needs are to be assessed in an effort to adapt to particular community needs.

Per Diem: None

Terms: Commissioner - one year

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