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Date: 9/25/2015 10:41:42 AM

Subject: RE: wbtw request

Attachments: Memo - Refugee Resettlement Program - 9.25.2015.docx

Swati,

Attached is a two page document with answers to the 10 questions posed by NRH below. I would like to point out two items: 1) I slightly rephrased some of the questions in the document to more accurately reflect the program information, and 2) I was unable to find the specific reasons each refugee in SC initially fled their countries (per #3), so I instead listed the general definition of a refugee, for which each refugee would have had to meet.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

DMG

From: Patel, Swati

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 5:27 PM

To: Glaccum, David

Cc: Baker, Josh; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney; Pisarik, Holly

Subject: Re: wbtw request

Thanks David.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 23, 2015, at 5:07 PM, Glaccum, David <DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Swati,

We should be able to have this information together by Friday. State should have answers to most of these to me by tomorrow. I will work on the remaining issues.

DMG

From: Patel, Swati

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 4:28 PM

To: Glaccum, David; Baker, Josh; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney

Cc: Pisarik, Holly

Subject: RE: wbtw request

David and Holly – By Friday, the Governor would like to get a one-pager with all of the facts we have about the refugee resettlement program to include:

- (1) Number of refugees that have come into South Carolina over the last 3 years (5 if we have it)
- (2) Which countries they are from
- (3) What reasons those refugees fled those countries
- (4) Facts on SC's 2 refugee programs and DSS' role
- (5) What those programs do for refugees

- (6) Why types of accountability measures are in place to know what services are provided, whether they have jobs, any other accountability data?
- (7) Description of the vetting process done by the State Department
- (8) Criteria used by State Dept to accept a refugee
- (9) Are there limitations that a state can place on the number of refugees that may come to a state
- (10) Will states be notified prior to when refugees are placed; if so, how much notice do we get

I know y'all already have many of the answers to these questions. Let me know if you think you can't get this info by Friday.

Thank you!
Swati

From: Glaccum, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Patel, Swati; Baker, Josh; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney
Cc: Pisarik, Holly
Subject: RE: wbtw request

I am not sure how long the screening process takes. I will see if that information is contained in what they send over, and if not, I will follow up with them.

From: Patel, Swati
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 11:04 AM
To: Glaccum, David; Baker, Josh; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney
Cc: Pisarik, Holly
Subject: RE: wbtw request

Thanks David. What is the timeframe for when a refugee would be screened and ready for placement?

Please send a summary of the information after you get it from DHS.

From: Glaccum, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 10:58 AM
To: Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney
Cc: Pisarik, Holly
Subject: RE: wbtw request

Spoke with State Department this morning. Specific to the 15,000 increase, they do not know where those individuals will be placed or what countries they will come from. Those are just approved slots for refugees that make the cut in FY16. Placement decisions don't happen until after the refugee has passed screening and been approved by DHS for entry. In the meantime, State is going to send over some background information on the screening process, and on the specifics of how resettlement functions in states without a State's involvement (i.e., if a state decides not to submit a state plan).

From: Baker, Josh
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Glaccum, David
Subject: FW: wbtw request

From: Patel, Swati
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Baker, Josh; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney
Subject: RE: wbtw request

Josh - The Governor would like for us to reach out to DHS to get more facts about this new information from Sec. Kerry. Can David do this?

Thanks.

From: Baker, Josh
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 2:08 PM
To: Patel, Swati; Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney
Subject: RE: wbtw request

Same – we have not been contacted by State or the Federal Delegation regarding this announcement to increase US acceptance of refugees.

In terms of position –

The Governor's position on this issue is clear – our nation's role in international humanitarian aid is integral to maintaining our national security, promoting international commerce, and maintaining our moral obligation to aid those persecuted for religious or ethnic reasons. However, her first priority as Governor is the safety of our citizens and communities which is why she is so disappointed that the Obama Administration had not yet contacted her office to discuss South Carolina's role in this expanded refugee effort. Further, they have offered no assurances that the vetting process will remain effective under this expanded effort. Such assurances must be given to states if they are to be expected to further open our schools and homes to additional arrivals.

From: Patel, Swati
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 1:49 PM
To: Godfrey, Rob; Baker, Josh; Adams, Chaney
Subject: RE: wbtw request

I have not received any info from federal govt on this Kerry's announcement.

From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Adams, Chaney
Subject: RE: wbtw request

Not sure if this went through. Guidance?

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From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 12:08 PM
To: Baker, Josh; Patel, Swati; Adams, Chaney
Subject: FW: wbtw request

See the following questions below.

Guidance?

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From: Adams, Chaney
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 10:57 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Subject: FW: wbtw request

FYI

From: Webb, Ryan M. [<mailto:RWebb@wbtw.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2015 10:39 AM
To: Adams, Chaney
Subject: wbtw request

Good morning –

I saw over the weekend that Secretary of State John Kerry said the US would increase the number of refugees it accepts next year – from 70,000 to 85,000 – and some of them would be Syrian.

Has anyone from the federal government contacted the governor's office about hosting more refugees in South Carolina? Also, what is the governor's position on hosting refugees from the Syrian crisis? Massachusetts' governor has gone on the record saying he's open to accepting some of the refugees.

I'm working on a 3 p.m. deadline.

Thanks,
Ryan

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