

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STRIKE TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2009

In attendance: Anna Day, Susannah Cripe, Hal Hedley, Carmen Hill, Barbara Kopp, Judith Martin, Liz Neff and Michelle Pilkington

Approval of Minutes: Liz Neff made a motion to approve the September 24, 2009 minutes. Barb Kopp seconded and the minutes were approved.

Strike Team Leader: Anna Day informed us that we can not continue with out a leader or co-leaders. Susannah Cripe volunteered to be a co-leader. We will make an appeal at the next general DD meeting on November 10 for a co-leader and to recruit more volunteers from a variety of agencies to attend the Strike Team meetings.

Special Needs Training: On October 8 and 9, the *“Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities”* course was provided at Sarasota County Health & Human Services. This was funded by FEMA and presented by West Va. University. The course addressed the need to incorporate special needs considerations into the development of emergency plans. Several team members attended and commented that it was an excellent training course. They circulated information gathered at the training.

Speakers: It was suggested that Bob Kosiba, the Regional Planning Consultant from DOH or Robert Day from -----come and speak to our group. Anna Day and Barb Kopp will make the arrangements for this.

Resource List: *'The Community Resources Directory of Homeless Services for Manatee County Residents 2009-2010'* is our base for resources. Susannah compiled a more concise version and we will continue to add to that and see if we can distribute to various venues in order to adequately reach our target population. **All members are encouraged to send Susannah information on resources for Sarasota County.**

Priorities: We discussed our priorities and agreed that we are indeed working on them. The resource booklet and gaining knowledge by having speakers present to the group are two issues. We still need to get clarification in writing from APD about the rules on over capacity and emergency payment procedures.

Meeting Dates: The frequency of our meetings was discussed and we decided we would have a meeting in November and then January 28, 2010. We will reevaluate our needs at that time.

Other Business:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 9:00 at the Sarasota Health Department.

Submitted by
Michelle Pilkington

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