

DISABILITIES STRIKE TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2009

In attendance: Anna Day, Susanna Cripe, Carmen Hill, Barbara Kopp, Judi Martin and Michelle Pilkington

Approval of Minutes: Barbara Kopp made a motion to approve the May 28, 2009 minutes. Michelle Pilkington seconded and minutes were approved.

Mission Statement: Previous mission statement was amended to exclude the term 'developmentally' disabled. Michelle Pilkington motioned to accept the following statement and Judi Martin seconded.

"To provide access to information regarding response and recovery resources after disaster events to individuals with disabilities and their families."

Strike Team Leader: Tabled until next meeting.

June 2 Exercise Recap: There were three participants plus Anna Day that took part in the hurricane exercise. They were given a scenario and asked to solve it. They received positive feedback from COAD and were asked to compile a list of unresolved issues and gaps. Some issues on the list dealt with access to meds in a shelter if you did not bring your own, registration of behaviorists and payment for services over routine contracted amount.

Objectives/Priorities: Anna Day reviewed the objectives discussed at the May 28 meeting. Everyone present felt that they were relevant to our group and would remain the same. (See 052009 minutes for list of priorities/objectives.)

New Members: It was noted that we should continually recruit new members for the Team.

Resource List: It was discussed that we would 'piggy back' on the Whole Child Project resource booklet. Judi Martin will obtain a copy when it is completed so the Team can make additions.

Contact List: Anna Day gathered the new members' business cards that were present and a brief discussion followed regarding whom else to invite to the meetings.

Other Business: Friendship Volunteer Center would like the team to review their intake form and check list and make suggestions based on our populations' needs. We will ask them to add behaviorists to the list of volunteer positions.

A discussion followed about changing the name of the Strike Team to ***Disabilities Strike Team*** and dropping the Developmental from the name. This would present a clearer picture regarding the individuals we hope to serve, will broaden our scope and be more in line with our Mission Statement. All members present agreed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 10:00 at the Sarasota Health Department.