

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STRIKE TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2009

In attendance: Anna Day, Susanna Cripe, Kayley Dennis, Barbara Kopp, Teresa Johnson, Liz Neff and Michelle Pilkington

Approval of Minutes: Barbara Kopp made a motion to approve the July 23, 2009 minutes. Michelle Pilkington seconded and minutes were approved.

Team Name: A brief discussion regarding the Strike Team's name followed. Teresa Johnson shared the view of the DD Committee and stated they did not want the name to be too broad so as to exclude anyone nor have individuals with less visible disabilities get lost in the shuffle. The Strike Team voiced the same concerns and stated that was exactly why we wanted a name change. We were informed that all changes need to go through COAD and since our name was never officially changed, we will remain the DD Strike Team.

We then discussed what a Special Needs Shelter was and the goals of our team. We need to educate families and help them develop a plan and encourage the regular shelters to be more equipped to handle the population we are serving. Both groups were in agreement.

Strike Team Leader: Tabled until next meeting.

ICS Trainings: Incident Command Systems-trainings are on line and members are encouraged to take them. This is a system that is in place around the country and is the same everywhere. The email address provided is

Training.fema.gov and go to independent study and the classes should be listed there.

New Members: It was noted that we should continually recruit new members for the Team. Teresa will encourage the DD committee members to send more individuals from the agencies and some parents.

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: We discussed meeting at a new time. All present agreed. We also discussed that volunteers need to be signed up and trained in order to help at the shelters.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 9:00 at the Sarasota Health Department.