

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STRIKE TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

In attendance: Anna Day, Alma Cervantes, Susanna Cripe, Kayley Dennis, Hal Hedley, Carmen Hill, Kelly James, Barbara Kopp, Judith Martin, Liz Neff and Michelle Pilkington

Approval of Minutes: Judy Martin made a motion to approve the August 27, 2009 minutes. Susanna Cripe seconded and the minutes were approved.

Strike Team Leader: Tabled until next meeting but we will make an appeal at the next general DD meeting for more volunteers from a variety of agencies.

Special Needs Training: On October 8 and 9, the *“Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities”* course will be provided at Sarasota County Health & Human Services. This is funded by FEMA and presented by West Va. University. The course will address the need to incorporate special needs considerations into the development of emergency plans. It is **free** but there are prerequisite courses that are recommended.

New Members: It was noted that we should continually recruit new members for the Team. An appeal will be made at the general DD committee meeting next month to encourage more individuals from the agencies and some parents to attend.

Resource List: It has been discussed that we would ‘piggy back’ on the Whole Child Project resource booklet. Judi

Martin brought several copies to share with the members. The booklet is actually '*The Community Resources Directory of Homeless Services for Manatee County Residents 2009-2010*'. We will use this as a base and add to it. All members are to send Susanna information on resources for Sarasota County.

Priorities: Discussed our priorities and that the resource booklet was a good start. All members need to look over the information and add to it. As mentioned, they need to send to Susanna who will collate.

We brainstormed about other issues such as; how do we educate the population we are trying to reach, how do we reach them, can we put information in the Herald's Hurricane section next year, can we create and distribute a checklist to agencies to use at intake, is the resource booklet on line, how do we let volunteers with special abilities know that they must preregister in order to be allowed into the shelters, can we get clarification in writing from APD about the rules on over capacity and emergency payment procedures...

Other Business: SCIL is hosting '*Self Determination and Transition from High School*' on October 15 from 10a.m. to 3p.m. Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is hosting '*Improving Service Delivery to Late- Deafened Adults*' on October 7 from 1:30p.m. to 3:00p.m. Easter Seals is having a Fall Festival on October 9 from 10a.m. to 2p.m. They will also have a Job Fair in October 23. APD will host '*Paving the Way to Work, Live, and Succeed*' on October 3 from 9a.m. to 2p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2009 at 9:00 at the Sarasota Health Department.