

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STRIKE TEAM**  
**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**December 9, 2010**

In attendance: Carmela Gaudet, Anna Day, Judi Martin, Barbara Kopp, Linda Johnson and Judith Rotolo

**Activities:** The Strike Team previously decided to go on field trips in order to increase awareness of the available resources in the community and learn how they are involved with disaster planning, preparedness and recovery. On this date we visited the *American Red Cross* for a tour of their facility. We were treated to a very informative tour and also participated in a question and answer period as to how the Red Cross can help out the DD population as well as how the DD team can educate them on what the needs and concerns are. One of the topics discussed at length was the Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) guidance which provides state governments recommendations to help them provide emergency sheltering services that meet the needs of the community and that they comply with existing federal laws designed to prevent discrimination on a basis of disability. It was felt that the School Board needs to be more involved in being able to provide volunteers for shelters especially the one at Oak Park School since they are familiar with the needs of the population. This will be explored further.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Sarasota County Health Dept. room 227.

Respectfully Submitted by: Anna Day

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