

## **Eldercare Strike Team**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2009**

In attendance: Mike Day (DCF), Suzanne Wernicke, Erin McLeod (SFC), guest – Inaki Rizola (Red Cross)

Meeting turnout was low (Mike Day, Suzanne Wernicke and myself), but great conversation.

Inaki Rizola of Red Cross expressed his challenge with finding trained volunteers who were appropriate for the type of volunteering required in the shelters, especially when dealing with frailer (mental/physical) elders. We discussed the COAD exercise conducted in May 2009 and how that was a real eye-opener. We realized there needed to be more planning and discussion about the potential of how our community would handle evacuees from other regions of the state.

The Team also realized there needed to be more conversation about how the general shelters dealt with groups of seniors with dementia, especially if they don't have a caregiver.

Suzanne shared the information with Inaki about the Medicare and licensed home health requirement for staff to check a little box on their applications, making themselves available to respond in times of disaster. That information is monitored and checked by AHCA but nothing ever done with it. We actually discussed this with James DuPlantier and Pauline Tracy at our last meeting when we heard from the Volunteer and Donation Strike Team.

Inaki left with information to contact our Strike Team member Eleanor Seville at AHCA and he will follow up to see what he can find...in addition to the medical reserve corps.

### **Next meeting on Feb 11 at 8:30**

Inaki Rizola will present his findings to the larger group.