

Eldercare Strike Team

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2009

In attendance: Karen Lutz (JFCS), Sylvia Scott (TideWell), Erin Moretti (SMH-Case Mgr), Colleen Ryan (SMH – Case Mgr), Jean Clearwater (SFC-Social Services Mgr), Barb Kopp (SRQ Co. HHS), Kathleen Houseweart (SMH – Memory Disorder Clinic), Sue Fox (Alz Assn), Mike Day (DCF), Eleanor Seville (AHCA), Erin McLeod (SFC)

Kathleen invited Erin Moretti and Colleen Ryan from SMH to share the purpose and focus of the EST. We explained that we are a group of community reps from various agencies and organizations, meeting year-round to prepare for short-term/long-term disaster response as it relates specifically to our area seniors. We explained that we will be the group that mobilizes in the aftermath of a hurricane or other disaster and makes sure our elders have safe shelter and the resources they need, working through special needs shelters and other modes.

One of our objectives this year is to provide outreach and education to all the entities who should know about our existence. We are part of the County's COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster).