

Eldercare Strike Team

Meeting Minutes May 13, 2010

In attendance: Ben Kunkle, Barb Kopp, Kathleen Houseweart, Mike Day, Sherl Craft, Erin McLeod.

Meeting was held at the United Way 211 office, hosted by Ben Kunkle.

Plans for summer '10 meetings revolved around setting up field trips for the Strike Team members to learn more about disaster programs and processes already in place. Some of the potential locations for future meetings:

- EOC – Sarasota Ed McCrane had mentioned he would be glad to host
- SMH A large operation that logically links to this group
- Red Cross Scheduled for July 6 at 9am, hosted by Inaki Rizzola
- EOC – Manatee Mike Day will schedule a date and let us know

Ben spent some time explaining how UW 211 works. The primary role is that of information and referral, therefore anyone seeking health and human services assistance can call to access. They use a shared website listing a directory of services. www.uw211manasota.net

The importance of “key words” was discussed as agencies provide the verbiage and descriptors for their various services and programs. Kim Vorias is the Database Resource Manager and the group had the opportunity to meet Kim on the operational tour.

Each agency rep was encouraged to re-check their listings.

Although the online resources are great, the group discussed the remaining need for a printed version for seniors without access to a computer...possibly a downloadable guide that could be printed out. It was recommended that UW211 look into a grant to pay for re-printing of an updated “blue book,” a printed resource from the past that was very popular. Another thought was to provide online forms in .pdf format, especially for those seeking financial assistance, allowing an advance for completion of the forms to save time.

The topic of emergency shelters came up. EOC will open shelters in tiers and Strike Teams will be provided a list as that information comes available.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 6 at 9am**

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