

**Community Alliance of Sarasota County
Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

December 10, 2009 Meeting Summary

Present	Agency/Organization
Linda Johnson	DCF
Miriam Lacher	Sarasota Memorial Hospital/Bayside
Bill Little	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Ed McCrane	Sarasota County Emergency Management
Anne Miller	Sarasota County Emergency Management
Inaki Resola	American Red Cross
Marion Sortore	Florida VOAD
Stewart Stearns	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Dennis Stover	Friendship Volunteer Center
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Bruce Wismer	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Stewart Stearns welcomed the members and self introductions were made. He explained that this is an open forum to discuss the role of the Executive Committee if it has one at all.

It was suggested that the Executive Committee could be used to set the vision and goals for the COAD. Miriam Lacher mentioned that the use of an Executive Committee can be perceived as an exclusive group with all the decisions being made before going to the larger committee. Dennis Stover pointed out that there are already enough meetings considering all the strike team meetings as well as the monthly COAD meeting. The consensus was that the larger group can set the vision and goals of the COAD as they have done in the past.

Dennis suggested that the Executive Committee should continue as an ad hoc committee to be called upon when needed. The consensus was that the bylaws need to be revised to outline when the Executive Committee should be activated. The consensus included a suggested name change from Executive Committee to Leadership Committee/Team. It was also suggested that these meetings be advertised to the entire COAD so anyone who is interested can attend. The bylaws need to be amended to indicate that this committee/team would only meet if there is an event. The membership of the team could be the same or similar to that already outlined as the Executive Committee. Stewart Stearns suggested that a strategic plan for the entire COAD be developed to ensure a comprehensive response to any event.

The balance of the agenda was deferred for a future COAD meeting or meetings. Marion Sortore mentioned to Miriam Lacher that there has been some discussion in the Long-Term Recovery Committee that the Emotional and Spiritual Care portion should be assigned to the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strike Team. Stewart Stearns requested that Miriam take that back to her strike team for discussion and bring back a recommendation to the COAD. Miriam requested that Marion email some information to her regarding the Emotional and Spiritual Care Team so she can discuss it with the strike team. Marion offered to attend their next meeting to discuss it personally.

Bill Little suggested that Jim Ley may be interested in attending a COAD meeting, particularly during a goal setting session.