

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE STRIKE TEAM  
MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2009

In attendance: Barbara Kopp, Miriam Lacher, Anna Day, Kerry Dennis, Elaine Levesque, Kristie Skoglund, Kevin Chinault, Anne Ferrier

Approval of Minutes – Motion Elaine Levesque, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kerry Dennis

Compassion Fatigue Workshop

The workshop, conducted by Michael Barnes, was held on March 20, 2009 in the Sarasota Memorial Hospital auditorium. 73 individuals actually signed in to participate but the estimate of the total attendance was closer to 90.

Positive feedback was provided by attendees and this strike team decided to continue to offer educational opportunities.

A topic that was mentioned for a possible future workshop is related to pandemics and the ethical dilemmas of treatment, limited resources etc. Miriam suggested having this at the hospital auditorium again for this was a good venue for all. Possible presenters would be Davis Tornabene and Patti Reynolds of the hospital as well as a representative from the Health Department. Elaine Levesque mentioned that she knows a professor that could possibly be a presenter and she will follow up on this.

The target date for the workshop would be for late August/early September.

Statewide Hurricane Exercise

The next exercise is scheduled for June 2, 2009 and the COAD has been asked to participate. Details on the exercise will be forthcoming. Team members have been asked to be available by phone for this exercise.

Scenarios

At the last meeting it was suggested by Inaki Rezolo that this team do their own exercises for disasters. He had volunteered to bring an exercise to this meeting. Since he was not able to attend, this will be tabled until next meeting.

Other Business:

Discussion ensued regarding now meeting monthly since hurricane season will be upon us. There were differing views as to if this team should meet this often or keep the meetings at every other month. It was decided that the next meeting would be in 1 month so the team could debrief about the statewide hurricane exercise. This meeting will be held after the exercise. It will be decided then how often the team should meet.

Elaine Levesque had asked how many people had ordered the brochures from SAMHSA and suggested that everyone order more so they could be available to be passed out during the teams' educational sessions as well as if they are needed for this summer's hurricane season.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2009 at 3:00 in room 2063.