

MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE STRIKE TEAM
MEETING MINUTES
March, 8, 2010

In attendance: Barbara Kopp, Kerry Dennis, Miriam Lacher, Cheryl la Flame, Brett Slocum , Tammi Poswiatowsky, Elaine Levesque, Anne Ferrier

Approval of minutes – motion: Miriam, 2nd: Kerry

Project Public Health Ready:

Tammi attended the meeting to learn more about the role and responsibilities of the Strike Team and what is already officially in place and documented. Sarasota County requires a written plan about the process, that our team will follow, in case of a disaster.

Miriam responded that over the years much attention has been given to which steps to take and that they have been documented in the Resources for Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Treatment in Sarasota County (see attached).

When an emergency is declared, Coastal will be contacted and they will call the other agencies on the list. The Strike Team will be contacted when they get flooded

Miriam and others will review and update this document and Tammi will draft the plan and send it to the Strike Team. Cheryl will email updated phone numbers to Tammi.

Miriam's concern is that Hospice and DCF have no representatives on our team and Red Cross doesn't always have representation. Tammi will reach out to Lynda Johnson from DCF and to Hospice and Red Cross.

There is not enough clarity about the Red Cross' approach, a meeting will be set up with Inaki to provide us with clear answers.

Brett Slocum discussed Florida's State Disaster Plan.

He shared that any team deployed will have to be credentialed to go into the shelters. Miriam raised the following questions: who will be in charge of credentialing and how will it be done. Brett responded that the Florida Crisis Consortium can answer these questions and that he will let us know who to contact. He will also find out more about privileging.

Dr. Nutter has joined the Strike Team.

MRC:

Susan Goffard shared that not enough people are willing to go through the credentialing process for MRC.

The next meeting will be on May,3 at 3.30 in room 2063.