

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

**February 9, 2009 Meeting Summary**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Agency/Organization</b>
Day, Anna	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
DeLoach, Nancy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Dennis, Kerry	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Desmond, Cindy	American Red Cross
Dunio, Donna	American Red Cross
Gallagher, Sandy	Catholic Charities
Goffard, Susan	Sarasota County Health Department
Gorelick, Phil	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Griffin, Michael	Sarasota County Health Department
Hernandez, Gricel	Volunteer
Jacobs, Joyce	Harry Chapin Food Bank
Kopp, Barbara	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Kunkel, Ben	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Lacher, Miriam	SMH/Bayside
LaFlame, Cheryl	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Levesque, Elaine	First Step of Sarasota
Mahadeo, Jamie	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
McKenzie, Jon	Sarasota County Government
McLeod, Erin	Senior Friendship Centers
Natiello, Lois	Department of Children and Families
Nevins, Pat	Harry Chapin Food Bank
Pope, Bryan	Salvation Army
Poswiatowski, Tammi	Sarasota County Health Department
Scott, Sylvia	Tidewell Hospice
Seville, Eleanor	AHCA
Shiple, Dianne	Sarasota County Health Department
Slater, Brenda	Department of Children and Families
Stover, Dennis	Senior Friendship Centers
Taylor, Chip	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Tracy, Pauline	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Vibbard, Justin	Adventist Community Services

Pauline Tracy welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made. The meeting summary for the December 8, 2008 meeting was approved without changes.

**ICS 100 Refresher**

Tammi Poswiatowski distributed the latest version of the ICS 207 Organization Charts for HHS Ops Response and Recovery for review by the committee. Michael Griffin presented a brief ICS 100 refresher course for the attendees.

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It was noted that no exercise has been scheduled yet for 2009. However, the County EM will be meeting with Tammi soon to discuss the topic.

**COAD Website**

Pauline went over the COAD website in detail and asked that anyone with ideas on what they would like to see on the website please send her an e-mail to that affect. It was suggested that a community calendar be developed. Pauline stated that Tapestry is developing such a calendar for everyone to post their events.

She asked whether the strike teams want to list the names and contact numbers of the entire strike team or just the strike team leaders. It was suggested that this be taken back to each strike team for input. It was requested that each strike team bring back their ideas for the website at the next COAD meeting.

The website shows the list of all individuals that receive e-mails regarding COAD meetings. It was suggested that the list of voting members be used instead of the e-mail listing.

**Strike Team/Committee Reports**

*Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strike Team:*

Miriam Lacher recognized the work of staff member Anna Day and thanked her for all her efforts. They have been working on an educational opportunity on compassion fatigue for first responders. There will be a program presented on Friday, March 20 for 2 hours; 10:00 to 12:00 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She mentioned that they will also be doing programs on other mental health issues at a later date.

*Elder Care Strike Team:*

Erin McLeod advised that their next meeting is this coming Thursday. The number of committee members has slowly declined as people leave their positions. The committee is working on identifying new members. They are looking for presenters for workshops on volunteer discharge planning, hospital's roles in SPnS shelters, Red Cross shelter site visits, etc. They will have their first topic ready to be presented in May. They will be sending an e-mail out inviting interested parties to the workshops.

Pauline advised that there is a new staff person assigned to the committee – Sherl Craft from the Partnership for Children's Mental Health.

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*Youth and Families Strike Team:*

Lois Natiello updated the group on the efforts being made to identify child care for individuals affected by a disaster. The Early Learning Coalition will be the resource for identifying slots at various day care centers for such children. They are also losing attendance at their meetings. They will be meeting less often but making an effort to ensure that all agencies are represented.

Pauline advised that there is a new staff person assigned to the committee – Emily Furst from the Partnership for Children’s Mental Health.

*Volunteers and Donations Strike Team:*

Pauline Tracy mentioned that their strike team is also having trouble with attendance, probably due to the lack of recent weather activity. They are working to revitalize the group and will be having bi-monthly meetings instead of monthly meetings in an effort to enhance attendance. They are planning a training session for Volunteer Reception Center volunteers. They also plan to do a drill for the VRCs. They will be doing a faith-based/neighborhood group welcome and informational brunch at the EOC to network with those groups outside the public/non-profit world who will also be partners in the event of a disaster. Discussion ensued regarding having background checks of volunteers done. Dennis advised that the school system has a system that we may be able to use to do checks. He will follow up with the school system on this.

*Long-Term Recovery Committee:*

Jamie reported that they are planning to train those agencies who want to provide case management after a disaster on the client case management forms that will be required by the LTRC for those clients who are seeking funding. Pauline asked that those case management agencies that are interested attend future meetings to give input and get more information on the process. Grisel Hernandez, who developed the draft forms, updated the group on the origin of the forms and how they were developed.

**Draft Mission Statement**

Pauline asked if anyone had any input on the draft mission statement. Dennis volunteered to re-work the statement and bring it back to the next meeting.

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**Next Meeting**

***Stewart has requested that at the next COAD meeting each strike team give a list of three things that the strike team would like to accomplish in the next year.***

The next meeting of the Sarasota COAD is scheduled for April 13, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota in the Auditorium.