

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

**November 12, 2009 Meeting Summary**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Agency/Organization</b>
Allen, Larry	Central Florida Behavioral Health Network
Day, Anna	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
DeLoach, Nancy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Drennon, Mike	Sarasota County Health Department
Gallagher, Sandy	Catholic Charities
Gorelick, Phil	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Johnson, Linda	Department of Children and Families
Levesque, Elaine	First Step of Sarasota
Little, Bill	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Mahadeo, Jamie	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
McCrane, Ed	Sarasota County Emergency Management
Pope, Bryan	Salvation Army
Rainey, Mary	Red Cross
Sortore, Marion	Florida VOAD
Stearns, Stewart	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Tracy, Pauline	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Vibbard, Justin	Adventist Community Services

Stewart Stearns welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made. The meeting summary for the October 8, 2009 meeting was approved without changes.

**Executive Committee Meetings**

Stewart announced that Bruce Wismer has asked to step down as First Vice Chair due to other commitments. Stewart has asked him to reconsider. A final decision will come at a later date.

Stewart suggested that in December, rather than having a regular COAD meeting, that the Executive Committee meet to discuss organizational issues and bylaws. The Executive Committee will bring any recommendations forward to the full COAD in January.

**Project Hope**

Larry Allen from the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network presented the services that would be available in Sarasota County after a disaster through Project Hope.

The contract for Project Hope in Sarasota comes from FEMA through the Department of Children and Families to the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network as a subcontractor. To engage services, Tallahassee DCF would call Larry Allen who would contact the local EOC for permission to enter the County for this purpose. The County has the right to refuse services.

Bill Little suggested that CFBHN would coordinate with ESF 8 and the Strike Teams to identify clients.

Larry noted that they try to use local providers for crisis support services if possible.

### **H1N1 Disaster Response Update**

Mike Drennon provided the latest data on H1N1 in Sarasota:

- There was a sharp increase in reports when school started
- Those age 0 to 19 are most affected
- Those over age 55 are least affected
- For the last week there has been no report of outbreaks in the school system
- The Health Department is doing vaccination clinics at schools. Last week they immunized 3,500 students.
- He noted that even if people think their child has had the flu, they still need to be vaccinated to be sure they are immune.
- The trendlines for Sarasota County are very similar to those of Florida and the United States as a whole.

### **Strike Team/Committee Reports**

#### *Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strike Team*

They will be having a presentation on Ethics and Pandemics on Friday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Sarasota Memorial Hospital Auditorium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

#### *Elder Care Strike Team*

No report provided

#### *Youth and Families Strike Team*

They have been reviewing data at a national level regarding protecting children in shelters. The most sensitive subject is that of how a shelter is to deal with sexual predators. This question is being debated on a state and national level.

*Volunteers and Donations Strike Team*

At their last meeting, John Phillips discussed Goodwill services that are available after a disaster. They are working on canned media messages and annual goals.

*Long-Term Recovery Committee*

The committee is working on streamlining the LTR document. Recommendations for changes will be forthcoming.

*Developmental Disabilities Strike Team*

An individual has volunteered to act as co-chair of the committee if another interested person can be recruited. They are working on that right now.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Sarasota COAD is scheduled for January 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota in the Auditorium.