

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

April 13, 2009 Meeting Summary

Present	Agency/Organization
Conrad, Laura	Adventist Community Services
Day, Anna	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
DeLoach, Nancy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Dennis, Kerry	Jewish Family and Children's Services
DuPlantier, James	Friendship Volunteer Center
Glasser, Kay	Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center
Gorelick, Phil	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Hencye, Curtis	Calvary Chapel Relief
Kopp, Barbara	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Lacher, Miriam	Sarasota Memorial Hospital/Bayside
LaFlame, Cheryl	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Levesque, Elaine	First Step of Sarasota
Mahadeo, Jamie	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
McLeod, Erin	Senior Friendship Centers
Newton, John	Blood Bank
Ourednik, Jennifer	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Platt, Julie	Blood Bank
Poswiatowski, Tammi	Sarasota County Health Department
Reynolds, Patti	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Rezola, Inaki	American Red Cross
Scott, Sylvia	Tidewell Hospice
Sortore, Marion	Florida VOAD
Stearns, Stewart	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Stover, Dennis	Senior Friendship Centers
Tornabene, Davis	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Tracy, Pauline	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Webb, Philip	Blood Bank
Windom, Bob	Sarasota Memorial Hospital

Stewart Stearns welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made. The meeting summary for the February 9, 2009 meeting was approved without changes.

Pandemic Influenza Presentation

Patti Reynolds and Davis Tornabene made a presentation on the resources available to the community from Sarasota Memorial Hospital during a pandemic influenza outbreak or other health disaster. If you are interested in reviewing the presentation, the link follows:

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http://www.smh.com/sections/services-procedures/medlib/Disaster_Planning/Pandemic/Pandemic.html

Miriam noted that the COAD focuses on hurricane readiness. This presentation points out that we need to be ready year-round for any type of event, natural or man-made.

Stewart asked that a meeting be set aside to discuss our preparedness for an event like pan flu. Pauline Tracy suggested that the Health Department make a presentation to the COAD on their plans for addressing health-related disasters at the next COAD meeting.

Florida VOAD Hurricane Exercise

Inaki Rezola updated the group on the hurricane exercise that will occur May 28 through June 3. It follows the path of the 1926 hurricane which entered in Miami and exited south of Tampa. It is estimated in this scenario that the population impacted would be six million, three million would evacuate, eight hundred thousand would be in shelters, and four million homes would be damaged or destroyed. In today's cost, the loss would be one hundred sixty billion dollars. In comparison, Katrina cost eighty-one billion dollars.

A discussion needs to take place regarding how Sarasota County will handle the problems surrounding the influx of displaced persons into the county as a result of the storm. We need to identify what assets and resources we have in the community and what we would need help with to address the needs of an influx of thousands of people. Erin suggested that the strike teams be asked to review their plans identifying community resources and update the plans based on any new information.

Emergency Management has invited the COAD to participate in the scenario on June 2. It was agreed that COAD will follow the lead of EM with regard to the level of participation on that day.

Strike Team/Committee Reports

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strike Team:

Miriam Lacher advised that they had a presentation on March 20 on compassion fatigue that was well attended. They have submitted some recommendations for the website to include educational opportunities and Medical Reserve Corps information. They have been keeping their list of community resources up to date.

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Elder Care Strike Team:

Erin McLeod advised that they have added four new members. They have received some feedback on the website and will continue to solicit comments.

They will be providing more education and outreach to the community. Their first event will be on May 14 at Senior Friendship Centers when Jon McKenzie will address the group on Tapestry and the Information and Data Exchange Alliance of the Suncoast (IDEAS) group. The title of that topic will be 'Disasters Aren't Always Hurricanes.' They will have topics on special needs shelters and volunteers in disasters. They will have a special needs application assistance program to help people apply for slots in the special needs shelters.

They have come up with three issues that they need to work on in the next year: educating the community, addressing transportation and special needs application processes to make them more streamlined, continue to build the Elder Care Strike Team to best address the needs of individuals and their families after an event.

Youth and Families Strike Team:

Barbara Kopp reported that they are continuing to work on the resource list for children and youth.

Volunteers and Donations Strike Team:

Pauline Tracy reported that Justin Vibbard, Adventist Community Services, made a presentation at the last meeting regarding donations management on a large scale. They are working on a donations procedural guide to be reviewed by the group at their next meeting. The following trainings will be held:

- Faith Based Training/Orientation, May 19, 3:30 – 5:00 at the EOC
- Volunteer Reception Center Training, June 9, 6:00 – 7:30 at Bee Ridge Park
- Community Education Meeting, June 19, 1:00 – 5:00 at the Non-profit Resource Center

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Long-Term Recovery Committee:

Bruce Wismer reported that the committee continues to meet monthly to develop procedures and flesh out the five teams that comprise the long-term recovery process. At the next meeting they will be planning the process and activities of the Financial Resources Team and will be bringing recommendations to the next COAD meeting.

Developmental Disabilities Strike Team:

Anna Day reported that the first meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Strike Team was held. Representatives from six agencies participated in the meeting.

Draft Mission Statement

The proposed mission statement was presented by Dennis Stover. There was a motion and a second to adopt the statement. The motion passed unanimously. The following mission statement was adopted by the COAD:

The mission of the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery and coordination throughout the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sarasota COAD is scheduled for May 11, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota in the Auditorium.