

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

**Emergency Operations Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota
August 11, 2009 Meeting Summary**

Present	Agency/Organization
Danhires, Ruth	Sarasota Adventist Community Services
Day, Rob	Sarasota County Emergency Management
Dennis, Kerry	Jewish Family and Children's Services
Double, Nicole	All Faiths Food Bank
Gallagher, Sandy	Catholic Charities
Griffin, Michael	Sarasota County Health Department
Griffith, Christine	Sarasota County Health Department
Johnson, Linda	Department of Children and Families
Kahn, Janet	Early Learning Coalition
Kopp, Barbara	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Levesque, Elaine	First Step of Sarasota
Long, Beth	Vamo United Methodist Church
Mahadeo, Jamie	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
McCrane, Ed	Sarasota County Emergency Management
McIntyre, Laura	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
McKenzie, Jon	IDEAS/Recover Suncoast
Miller, Anne	Sarasota County Emergency Management
Miller, Jinny	First Presbyterian Church
Ourednik, Jennifer	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Patterson, Bob	Vamo United Methodist Church
Patterson, Frances	Vamo United Methodist Church
Scott, Sylvia	Tidewell Hospice
Sortore, Jim	St. John's Methodist Church
Sortore, Marion	Florida VOAD
Stover, Dennis	Friendship Volunteer Center
Taylor, Chip	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Tracy, Pauline	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Ventimiglia, Jessica	United Way 211 of Manasota
Wisner, Bruce	Presbyterian Disaster Services

Pauline Tracy and Marion Sortore welcomed the attendees to the Emergency Operations Center. The meeting summary of the July 14 meeting was approved without changes.

Change Meeting Date

Pauline announced that future COAD meetings would be held on the second Thursday of the month with the exception of the September meeting. Jamie

Mahadeo will send out an email to the group to see if this date is convenient for the majority. The September meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month to accommodate the speaker's schedule.

EOC/ESF Presentation

Anne Miller reviewed the capabilities of the Emergency Operations Center with the group. She discussed the various Emergency Support Functions that are housed in the EOC. A handout was provided that detailed the duties of each ESF. Discussion ensued regarding the functioning of the EOC work order system, EISMAX, and how that will enhance communication within and between the ESFs.

During the latest exercise, it was mentioned that several strike teams were going to refer work orders that they did not know how to handle back to the EOC. Anne explained that any call received should be put into EISMAX. That way the EOC will see the work order at the same time as the strike team. In most cases, there is no reason to call the EOC because the work order will only be referred back to the strike team. There are some exceptions to this rule that will have to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Faith-Based CERT Training

Anne Miller updated the group on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training that is being proposed for the faith community. There will be 24 hours of training to teach members how to respond to an event that impacts their neighborhood. Sarasota County has been CERT training since 2004 with nearly 1,000 people being trained to date.

There is a grant available from the state to fund training for faith-based CERT initiatives. Anne is seeking feedback from the faith community regarding their desire to be CERT trained. Thus far the feedback has been good. Several groups have expressed an interest in being trained. Anne will communicate with the state to see what needs to be done next to accomplish this training.

H1N1 Flu Update

Chris Griffith provided an update on status of the H1N1 flu. This is a new virus that is affecting a different population than the seasonal flu. This is because those who were born prior to 1957 may already have antibodies to fight it. There is a two dose vaccine that is in clinical trials right now. They are expecting that the vaccine will be available to everyone in October. As a caution, if you receive the H1N1 vaccine or have had the swine flu, it does not provide immunity to the seasonal flu. There is a separate vaccine available for that. The two doses of the H1N1 vaccine need to be taken 28 days apart for it to be effective.

Jamie Mahadeo explained that they will be standing up ESF 15 for the distribution of the vaccine to help the Health Department with the paperwork and to work with the people who are waiting to be vaccinated. The Friendship Volunteer Center will be providing these volunteers. They are looking in particular for individuals who have administrative skills. They can sign up at friendshipvolunteer.com to volunteer. For those larger groups, Friendship Volunteer Center will make a presentation to them explaining the process.

Chris explained that the vaccine is given at no cost to the public. There may be an administration fee depending on where you receive the vaccine.

The Florida Department of Health has a full media campaign coming out to inform the public about the vaccine and how it will be administered. The local Health Department will be doing a public forum for businesses and the public to explain how this will be administered in the community.

Community Day

Marion Sortore explained that on September 26 from 10:00 to 4:00 there will be a Community Day at the Selby Library. The COAD will have a table with information to be provided to the public regarding the mission and purpose of the COAD. Emergency Management will provide a banner for the table. A draft COAD brochure was distributed. It was requested that any comments and suggestions on the brochure be directed to Tammi Poswiatowski.

Marion requested that anyone who has items to give away at the table please contact her. Ed McCrane volunteered to donate a weather radio.

Recover Suncoast

Jon McKenzie informed the group that Recover Suncoast is a new initiative that will take advantage of Tapestry to do case management for post-disaster clients. Recently a steering committee has been appointed. These people will meet individually with CEOs of approximately 25 targeted nonprofits to seek their participation in the effort.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sarasota COAD is scheduled for September 14, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota in the Auditorium.