

# Community Alliance of Sarasota County Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster

## January 12, 2012 Meeting Summary

Present	Agency/Organization
John Annis	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Anna Day	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Nancy DeLoach	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Nicole Double	All Faiths Food Bank
James DuPlantier	Volunteer Community Connections
Sandra Hanna	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Curtis Hencye	Calvary Chapel Relief Ministries
Lynette Herbert	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Janet Kahn	Early Learning Coalition
Barbara Kopp	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Elaine Levesque	First Step of Sarasota
Jamie Mahadeo	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Laura McIntyre	Family Safety Alliance/Health and Human Services
Kevin McKenney	Sarasota YMCA
Erin McLeod	Senior Friendship Centers
Rod Myers	Sarasota County Fire Department
Bryan Pope	Salvation Army
Mary Rainey	Red Cross of Southwest Florida
Vince Riva	Sarasota Sheriff's Office
Sarah Shumaker	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Brena Slater	Department of Children and Families
Marion Sortore	United Methodist Church
Tina Steele	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness
Pauline Tracy	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Kim Vorias	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Myron White	Manasota Adventist Community Services
Bruce Wismer	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Sunie Wood	Sarasota County Health and Human Services

### Welcome

- Stewart Stearns welcomed the group.
- Self introductions were made.

### Strike Team Reports

- **Homeless Strike Team** – *Tina Steele*
  - The COAD's new Homeless Strike Team has been made a part of the Ten-Year Plan being developed by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness.

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- Tina asked if the COAD had taken into consideration during their planning process how they will deal with individuals who will not leave their homes because they don't have anywhere to shelter with their animals. Staff advised that there is a separate Emergency Support Function that deals with animals. However, they will not address the issue of individuals refusing to take shelter because of a pet.
- There is also an issue of the homeless who have pets that also refuse shelter unless their pets can come along.
- Sarah Shumaker updated the group on the ten-year plan meetings currently being held. She may be contacted for additional information.
- Discussed getting weather radios out to the camps in all areas of the county.
  
- **Elder Care Strike Team – Erin McLeod**
  - Their last meeting was a conversation with Emergency Management and the Health Department with several of the other strike teams also represented to discuss sheltering of vulnerable populations.
  - This discussion will be ongoing into future meetings.
  - They are working on their matrix update for the strategic plan.
  
- **Mental Health/Substance Abuse Strike Team – Lynette Herbert**
  - They reviewed their priorities for the upcoming year and decided to keep the same priorities as last year.
  - They updated their contact list and community resource list.
  - They are talking about developing disaster scenarios to provide to Emergency Management.
  
- **Volunteers and Donations Strike Team – Jamie Mahadeo**
  - Working on a communications plan both internal and for external to the strike team.
  - The COAD will be requesting that Ben Kunkel meet with VDST and COAD to talk about the capabilities of Tapestry to develop some method for our community partners to use to update their contact information to ensure an uninterrupted flow of information in the event of a disaster.
  - They are currently working on several community preparedness training workshops that are done each year prior to hurricane season.
  - Several COAD members will be meeting with the County Communications Director and Emergency Management to talk about the potential for the COAD to use social media.

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### **South County Outreach**

- There will be a January 18 meeting (3:00 p.m. in Room 2063) to discuss south county outreach. All COAD members are welcome.

### **Bylaws Revision/Leadership Team**

- Discussion ensued regarding whether or not the COAD still needs a Second Vice-Chair position. If no one objects, the bylaws will be re-drafted to eliminate this section.
- Jamie asked everyone to review the bylaws to see if anything else needs to be changed.
- Stewart introduced John Annis who took Wendy Hopkins role at the Community Foundation. The COAD Leadership Team roster will be revised to reflect this change.
- Discussed the need to develop additional strike teams to address other vulnerable populations like non-English speaking populations, etc.
- Chaplain Myers mentioned that we may be overlooking the tremendous resources being brought to the table by the faith community after a disaster. Some - but not all - faith organizations have a unit dedicated to gathering and distributing these resources. It would be helpful if the COAD had contact with these groups to coordinate resources after a disaster.
- Marion mentioned that Ed McCrane has previously stated what an advantage it would be to have those churches who are interested in developing a disaster ministry announce their ministry type (food, shelter, etc.) and be written into the official EM disaster plans to facilitate effective coordination of resources and efficient delivery of goods/services to those in need.
- Nicole Double mentioned that the contract All Faiths Food Bank has with each site includes a disaster clause that may be a starting point for developing a list of feeding and/or food distribution sites.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Sarasota COAD is scheduled for February 9, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at the Health and Human Services Building, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota in the Auditorium.