

Youth and Families Strike Team

Minutes

July 13, 2009

Welcome and Introductions: Linda Johnson, Chairperson, Janet Kahn Co-Chairperson, Lynne Johnston, Barbara Kopp, Kim Findley

Items of Discussion:

Review of where we are and who is on the committee

Linda Johnson will be contacting Jim Purdy from the Sarasota YMCA, Kevin McKenney from the Sarasota YMCA, Deborah Dunn from the Jewish Family and Children Services, Phil Gorelick from Jewish Family and Children Services, Virginia Donovan from the Department of Juvenile Justice to see if they still plan on participating with the Youth and Families Strike Team. If they are unable to attend, obtain information on who will be their replacement.

Linda Johnson will also obtain a copy of each Agencies (DCF, DJJ, JFCS and Sarasota YMCA) Disaster Preparedness Plan and who to contact in case of such a disaster.

What we learned from the Hurricane Drill on June 2, 2009

Scenario “what if 100 kids were drop off in Sarasota without any parents” “Where would the children go.” Department of Children and Families already has funding in place such as a waiver to increase foster homes capacity to be able to take in more foster children than they are licensed for.

Where do we go from here?

FEMA funding could possibly pay for generators for sites deemed appropriate for shelters.

Need to find out from the Sarasota YMCA about their closed buildings. Would we be able to have access to them in case of emergency? They could possibly be used as a shelter.

Assignments

Kim to work on spreadsheet from the survey that was sent out by Karen Bagues and add information to the Resources for Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Treatment for Sarasota County.

Send minutes to Khall@scgov.net after minutes have been approved at the next meeting to be held on August 10th at 2:30 p.m. The Strike Team will meet every month from June through September and then bi-monthly there after.

Everyone to work on a new mission statement for Youth and Families Strike Team.