

Community Alliance of Sarasota County Community Disaster Preparedness Committee

July 10, 2006, 3:00-5:00 P.M.
Sarasota County Health Department
2200 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL

Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Glasser, Kay
Gorelick, Phil
Grognet, Ron
Jaffe, Pat
Kutch, Kim
McLeod, Erin
Natiello, Lois
Porter, Mark
Sortore, Marion
Stover, Dennis
Suarez, Alberto
Young, Alex

Agency/Organization

Human Services Advisory Council
Jewish Family and Children's Services
Red Cross
Medical Reserve Corps (SCHHS)
DCF – Suncoast Region
Senior Friendship Centers
DCF – Suncoast Region
YMCA, VP of Youth and Family Services
FL Conference of the United Methodist Church
Friendship Volunteer Center
United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
United Way of Sarasota, Committee Chair

Others Present:

Farabee, Kathy
Hikmet, Neset

FIND
University of South Florida

Staff Present:

DeLoach, Nancy
Little, Bill
Pesic, S. Boban
Poswiatowsky, Tammi
Shiple, Dianne
Taylor, Chip

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Committee Members

Not Present:

Arch, Dee	Children's Medical Services
Berns, Bob	Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters
Bigner, Mike	Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice
Carter, Bob	Senior Friendship Centers
Dunio, Donna	Southwest Florida American Red Cross
Giles, Tom	Senior Friendship Center
Gorman, Sarah	Healthy Start Coalition of Sarasota County, Inc.
Heath, Mary	TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care
Johnson, Lee	YMCA of Sarasota
Kleckauskas, Aleda	Hospice of Southwest Florida
Knox, Al	Peace River Presbytery
Lacher, Miriam	Bayside Center – Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Lehman, Cindy	Agency for Health Care Administration
Mahadeo, Jamie	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
McCormick, Joe	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
Nieskes, Gary	Lions Club
Pfaff, Tom	Goodwill Industries
Pope, Bryan	Salvation Army – Sarasota Corps
Rezola, Inaki	Southwest Florida American Red Cross
Shoemaker, Nancy	Catholic Charities
Stearns, Stewart	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Stephens, Carl	Friendship Volunteer Center
Stewart, Chris	First Step of Sarasota
Stone, David	Pastor, First Brethren Church
Tanner, Bert	Salvation Army
Tracy, Pauline	Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Williams, Harold	Agency for Health Care Admin – Ft. Myers
Wisner, Bruce	Pine Shores Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The Sarasota Community Alliance Community Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC) met on Monday, July 10, 2006, at the Sarasota County Health Department, 2200 Ringling Blvd, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. Alex Young welcomed CDPC members, and introduction of the meeting participants followed. The June 12, 2006 CDPC Meeting Summary was agreed unanimously.

Subcommittee Reports

Elder Care Strike Team

Cher McGuirk attended the June meeting and offered update on Persons with Special Needs Shelters and discharge planning. Cher provided forms and applications to the Team, and the Team understands how clients are being processed and criteria for shelter assignments. The Team reviewed their discharge plan, are amending process based on information from Cher. With the help of the Alzheimer's Association, the Team is

developing an assisted living facility response form to identify partnering opportunities to assist with discharge planning. Members of the Strike Team are planning on attending the ICS 200 training/exercise on the 25th; and also attending North Port training.

For more information contact Erin McLeod, (941) 556-3243, emcleod@seniorfriendship.com, or Pam Meunier, (941) 861-2578, Pam_Meunier@doh.state.fl.us

Youth and Families Strike Team

Strike Team has been networking with the Department of Juvenile Justice, and is working with Janet Kahn on bringing daycare facilities into the planning process. A meeting scheduled for later in the week.

For more information contact Lee Johnson, (941) 951-2916 x1007, lhjohnson@sarasota-ymca.org or Pam Meunier, (941) 861-2578, Pam_Meunier@doh.state.fl.us

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strike Team

Letter was mailed out soliciting participants to attend training on mental health issues. Of the 290+ letters mailed, 5 responses have been received. Interest has been shown from Manatee County for a similar program.

For more information contact (941) 373-7070, sarah.gorman@healthystartsarasota.org, or Pam Meunier, (941) 861-2578, Pam_Meunier@doh.state.fl.us

Volunteer Task Force

Last meeting focused on updating contact information. Also updated is the matrix of Task Force members' responsibilities. Documents are listed in CDPC 2006 Action Plan. Mutual Aid Agreement is posted on web site, and shows how the Task Force would aid neighboring communities if volunteer reception centers are needed.

For more information contact Dennis Stover, (941) 953-5965, dstover@seniorfriendship.com, or Pauline Tracy, Pauline_Tracy@doh.state.fl.us

Public Awareness/Media

Subcommittee Action Plan has been developed. Access 19 is currently airing program taped in May with Cathy Emmet and Ed McCrane. A CD of the broadcast has been developed, and is available on Doctor's Hospital web site. An update on the newspapers that have contacted SCHHS, is located in the CDPC 2006 Action Plan. Media efforts are reaching further south to include North Port and other southern communities. CDPC has been invited to the Hurricane Expo this weekend, and the exhibit board is on display for review. Access 19 is willing to have CDPC meeting in the studio, and is willing to tape meetings, trainings and programs. Question was raised in the event of a local disaster if key contact information can be stored online on a server, not locally.

For more information contact Dianne Shipley, (941) 861-2852, Dianne_Shipley@doh.state.fl.us or Boban Pesic, (941) 861-2759, Slobodan_Pesic@doh.state.fl.us

Sharing Client Information

Bill Little, Chip Taylor, Boban Pesic, and Marion Sortore attended the CAN Symposium in Washington, DC., June 27-28, 2006. Sarasota was 1 of 11 national sites invited to attend. Six cities were chosen to develop an information system for communicating between agencies in disaster response and recovery. Local agreements are needed regarding information use and sharing, including disclosure forms signed by patients that will enable Sarasota County Health and Human Services to utilize the system. The CAN Symposium was an effective and encouraging interaction with executives from key national relief agencies regarding client information-sharing issues.

All stakeholders are aware these issues need to be addressed both at the federal and local level. Next steps include access to the CAN for all CDPC members.

The group also learned of benefits of becoming the VOAD/COAD member as previously thought since no federal funding or greater access to grant funding is available through this channel.

For more information contact Alberto Suarez, (941) 345- 5804, asuarez@uw211manasota.net or Boban Pesic, (941) 861-2759, Slobodan_Pesic@doh.state.fl.us

Identifying Additional Partners/Vulnerable Populations (Developmentally Disabled, Homeless, Hearing/Vision Impaired, and Non-English Speaking).

SCHHS has a student intern able to assist with this effort, and the Subcommittee is beginning to define the population. The Subcommittee will work on developing a database of population groups, and will work with other agencies in the community. Next meeting is July 21 at 9:00 am in room 2063 at SCHHS.

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2006 Action Plan Update

Updated 2006 CDPC Action Plan was sent via email to the members. The update includes attached reports from Strike Team, Task Force and 2006 Subcommittees. Action Plan will be posted to the Community Alliance web site, and a notice will be sent out to the Alliance members notifying them the plan is available for review.

Other Issues

CDPC members in need of 800 MHz radios can be added to SCHHS radio Fleet Map. Sarasota County Emergency Management does have the capability to deploy radios in a disaster. However, these radios will be on the EM Fleet Map, and in an emergency, only a limited number of radios will be available. It is possible that funding can be obtained from local foundations. Boban will be working on grant availability information, and will coordinate the process.

Next Meeting

Next CDPC meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2006, 3:00 -5:00 PM at Venice Chamber of Commerce.