



## **Committee Members**

### **Not Present:**

Arch, Dee	Children's Medical Services
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
Jaffe, Pat	Medical Reserve Corps (SCHHS)
Johnson, Lee	YMCA of Sarasota
Kleckauskas, Aleda	Hospice of Southwest Florida
Knox, Al	Peace River Presbytery
Kutch, Kim	DCF – Suncoast Region
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
Porter, Mark	YMCA, VP of Youth and Family Services
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
Suarez, Alberto	United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Williams, Harold	Agency for Health Care Admin – Ft. Myers

The Sarasota Community Alliance Community Disaster Preparedness Committee (CDPC) met on Monday, June 12, 2006, at the Sarasota County Health Department, 2200 Ringling Blvd, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. Boban Pesic welcomed CDPC members, and introduction of the meeting participants followed. The May 15, 2006 CDPC Meeting Summary was agreed unanimously.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **Elder Care Strike Team**

Strike Team's procedures are in place. The subcommittee met on May 19 and will have its next meeting on June 29. Subcommittee is continuing to address staffing changes, and is are updating contact information. Bill Little presented the scenario of a major hurricane that resulted in special needs shelters being opened, and need to discharge planning when some or all clients had no home to return to. He asked if Strike Team has plans in place to address such an issue? Erin McLeod mentioned that among the member agencies, AAA (Area Agency on Aging that serves multi-county area) is a

participant. The strike team would rely on strike team members to find resources in neighboring counties. Also, the new AHCA ESS System will assist with updating information and identifying unmet needs. Mr. Little also identified the need for a tracking system as part of the discharge planning process in order to be able to provide follow up information on clients. Boban Pesic asked the group to review the discharge planning section of the annex.

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### **Youth and Families Strike Team**

No strike team member present; Boban Pesic will request written update from team and disseminate to the group.

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### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Strike Team**

The Strike Team met last week, Boban Pesic and Pam Meunier attended. The team has updated its contact list and SOPs. The Strike Team Leaders felt there was no longer a need for the Team to continue to meet this season. Several team members expressed concern that the lack of regular meetings may not be the best course of action. Pam Meunier is working on a letter to send out to all private practitioners to recruit involvement. Another issue that came up in the meeting was responder access county to county; the current system is a wrist band provided by EM once the responder shows a valid drivers license and institutional ID. County EM is working on a permanent ID system for responders.

A list of mental health resources has been developed and the Team needs to develop dissemination plan to reach out to faith based organizations.

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### **Volunteer Task Force**

Volunteer Task Force did not meet in the month of May. The task force hosted a training on May 31 for the Volunteer Reception Centers (VRCs), which consisted of a refresher course for current members and new recruitment. The training was well attended. The next meeting of the Task Force is scheduled for June 14, 2006, at 11:00 A.M. at the Salvation Army.

Four VRC's have been designated. The Task Force will use 861-5000 as a main number during an incident. Sarasota County Emergency Management will also disseminate

information on volunteering. Boban Pesic announced the Strike Team and Task Force Leaders are encouraged to attend an exercise that will be held July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Sarasota County Health Department. This will be a good opportunity to test current procedures, and communication protocols

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### **Public Awareness/Media**

Dianne Shipley has been collecting communication contacts for the various agencies. She asked CDPC members if changes have been made, they have to enter in the form faxed to Dianne Shipley. Dianne expects media interest to pick up since start of hurricane season.

To date no media releases have been sent out regarding CDPC; however, a meeting with Julie Ford, Community News Director for ABC 7 did take place. Question was raised as to how the residents will know how to access resources for needs in time of disaster. Bill Little stated that the County puts out 861-5000 (listed in hurricane guide, Access 19 TV station); but agrees that more publicity needs to be done.

James Schulz and Pauline Tracey attended and presented at the LOVN CHAT, and are continuing to go out and present to the community to get the word out.

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### **Sharing Client Information**

Discussing alternatives to University of South Florida data sharing system proposal. USF received questions from key agencies and created a checklist to determine common shared data elements. USF assigned a graduate student to design a demo database for the next meeting. This is a similar approach to the CAN system. American Red Cross does not have to follow HIPPA in emergency response, and may want to meet and discuss information sharing. Suggestion was made for the committee to meet more frequently than once a month in order to move the process along faster. Currently government agencies cannot access client information as part of the CAN system the need exists to develop a unique identifier in order to view pertinent information. County IT personnel were invited to attend the Client Information Sharing Workgroup, however they will not attend until the PSN (Persons With Special Needs) database has been finalized. Staff will be attending the CAN Symposium in Washington DC June 26-28, 2006, and will provide more information at the next meeting.

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

Have identified communication contacts the population at stake. Population groups appear to be very protective, and not always ready to share information due to fear or lack of information. Innovative approaches are needed to reach out to those populations. Boban Pesic will distribute email reminder for upcoming meeting dates.

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## **2006 Action Plan Update**

Communication issues: Boban Pesic encouraged CDPC members to purchase 800 MHz radios for their respective agencies, and link those radios to Health and Human Services channels. CHAC and Red Cross have already requested to be linked to HHS and are in the final stages of implementation.

Request was made for more detail on the action plan. The status column should provide more information as to what has been accomplished. Updates should be sent to Boban Pesic. The action plan will assist with media initiatives, and getting the word out about CDPC activities.

## **Health and Human Services Annex Update**

A draft annex has been sent to the group for review and commenting. The annex will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Next CDPC meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2006, 3:00 -5:00 PM at Sarasota County Health Department, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota. Recommendation was made that August 14 CDPC meeting be held in Venice.