

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

February 11, 2008 Meeting Summary

Present

Berns, Bob
Day, Anna
Day, Michael
DeLoach, Nancy
Dennis, Kerry
Dunio, Donna
Griffin, Michael
Hoffman, Dan
Jimison, Rik
Kopp, Barbara
LaFlame, Cheryl
Mahadeo, Jamie
McLeod, Erin
Meunier, Pam
Ourednik, Jennifer
Sawyer, James
Skivers, MJ
Sortore, Marion
Stearns, Stewart
Stover, Dennis
Suarez, Alberto
Sullivan, Bill
Szafraniec, Kristin
Taylor, Chip
Tracy, Pauline
Young, Alex

Agency/Organization

Volunteer
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Department of Children and Families
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Jewish Family and Children's Services
American Red Cross
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Friendship Volunteer Center
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Senior Friendship Centers
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care
Friendship Volunteer Center
Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Friendship Volunteer Center
United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
American Red Cross – DeSoto
Literacy Council
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
United Way of Sarasota

Stewart Stearns welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made. The meeting summary for the October 8, 2007 meeting was approved without changes.

Review of Draft Bylaws

Stewart explained that the bylaws are being reviewed in order to implement its processes and procedures and to clarify and correct any areas that are unclear or simplify language. These draft bylaws cannot be adopted at this time because a two week notice is required. They will be brought back to the committee for adoption at the next regular meeting.

The categories of membership have been renamed and simplified to voting and non-voting partners. There is one vote per voting member. Voting members are organizations, not individuals.

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Stewart reviewed the handout that listed the organizations that have been regularly coming to the meetings. To start, these would be grandfathered in as voting members. This list is open for change.

It was the consensus of the committee that “nonvoting members” of the Executive Committee be changed to “at-large members” and that they represent the voting membership. These individuals will be named at the discretion of the committee. There may be 0 up to 3 at-large members at any time.

Stewart asked for names of those individuals that would be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. He will chair the committee. Marion Sortore, Alex Young, and Pauline Tracy will be on the nominating committee.

Long-Term Recovery Committee

Leslie Remali is now working with FEMA, but is still interested in leading a workshop on long-term recovery with Sarasota County. Marion Sortore is our connection to her.

Stewart recommended that we begin naming individuals to the long-term recovery committee for human services. He asked Marion to put together a recommendation for a model that is working elsewhere that we can adopt on an interim basis. He asked that an ad hoc committee consisting of Marion Sortore (as chair), Bill Sullivan, Stewart Stearns, Pauline Tracy, and Bruce Wismer be initiated to recommend a model. Marion noted that it is most important to make sure the various long-term recovery committees in the county work closely together when planning service delivery. For example, in DeSoto County, one long-term recovery committee helped a homeowner rebuild. Another long-term recovery committee (from the city) came along and mandated that the porch on the home be demolished since it was not up to code.

Tapestry Project

Pauline explained that the Tapestry Project is a system that can be used year around as well as post disaster to coordinate services. The county has called references for Tapestry. The agencies that have implemented Tapestry already are very satisfied with the results.

Some funding has been secured for the first year of this local project. SAMHSA (Sarasota Partnership for Children’s Mental Health) will be paying for half of the System Administrator’s position. The state has applied for a grant from the Gulfcoast Community Foundation of Venice for \$20,000 for Tapestry. The Department of Health has offered \$50,000 for the system as long as it is spent by June 30, 2008. The Health Department has offered \$12,000 of their Pan Flu

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funds for this cause. They are short only \$39,700 to date. They are also approaching Manatee County to participate in the program and pay part of the costs.

After Action Report

Jamie Mahadeo highlighted the latest changes to the After Action Report from the September 2007 exercise. The major change was the section referring to the responsible party. This section has been changed to reflect the name of the strike team responsible for corrective action. Jamie requested that the strike team leaders take this document back to their committees at their next meeting and report to Tammi Poswiatowski the corrective action taken or the plan to take corrective action on each item.

COAD Action Plan Update

Jamie advised the group that this was the last time they would see the action plan in this format. As it is, the document is only used on a limited basis. She will be meeting with Tammi and Dianne Shipley to develop a more user friendly format to communicate this information to the COAD.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters will be held on March 10, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Cross facility, 2001 Cantu Court, Sarasota.