

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

March 10, 2008 Meeting Summary

Present

Alexander, Claire
Arbe, Marion
Day, Anna
DeLoach, Nancy
Dennis, Kerry
Dunio, Donna
Glasser, Kay
Goffard, Susan
Hencye, Curtis
Knust, Alan
Lacher, Miriam
Little, Bill
Metheny, Deb
Minzey, Marlene
Poswiatowski, Tammi
Rezola, Inaki
Schoenbein, Don
Shiple, Dianne
Skivers, MJ
Smith, Dawn
Sorter, Marion
Stearns, Stewart
Stover, Dennis
Suarez, Alberto
Sullivan, Bill
Taylor, Chip
Tracy, Pauline
Wisner, Bruce

Agency/Organization

Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Friendship Volunteer Center
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Jewish Family and Children's Services
American Red Cross, Southwest FL Chapter
Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Relief Ministries Calvary Chapel Sarasota
Sarasota Family YMCA
Bayside/SMH
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County School Board
First Step of Sarasota
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
American Red Cross, Southwest FL Chapter
American Red Cross, Southwest FL Chapter
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care
Friendship Volunteer Center
Friendship Volunteer Center
Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Friendship Volunteer Center
United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
American Red Cross – DeSoto
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Stewart Stearns welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made. The meeting summary for the February 11, 2008 meeting was approved without changes.

Approval of Bylaws

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Bylaws for discussion. Stewart noted that on Page 4 there is a new reference to the Community Alliance of Sarasota County. This was not under consideration during the original review of this revision of the bylaws so it has never been sent out for the approval of the COAD. It is up to this group to decide if this clause stays or goes. Discussion ensued regarding different ways this clause could be stated. It was moved and approved that the clause "pending Sarasota COAD approval" be added to the sentence. The Bylaws were then approved with that change.

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It was brought forward that the “in the Sunshine” be changed to lower case and stated as “in the sunshine philosophy. This was approved by consensus

Long Term Recovery Committee

Marion Sortore noted that, if you haven't been through long term recovery, the issue is very difficult to conceptualize. However, a meeting has been held to develop a long term recovery committee. Another meeting is scheduled to further the conversation. They should have a recommendation to bring to the SCOAD at their next meeting.

Stewart noted that there will be a place for everyone at this table to be included in the long term recovery committee. He mentioned that issues such as coordinated case management, funding (i.e. use of funds for undocumented persons, etc), centralizing the flow of information via Tapestry (with United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota), etc. Discussion ensued addressing the issue of coordinating the response to unmet needs.

Marion will be writing it all up and getting it out to the COAD as soon as possible.

Chip noted that the Tapestry Project is close to completing its funding phase. The Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice has offered \$20,000 toward the purchase. The Pan Flu Grant will come through at \$24,000. The DOH funding has been secured. The Manatee County Commission is soon going to consider their portion of the funding.

Staff is awaiting a final statement of work from Vision Link in order to bring the project forward. The Board at the Suncoast Partnership is considering participating in the project. If they decide not to participate, it will not delay the progress of the project.

The target date for bringing up the disaster piece is July 1 in anticipation of the hurricane season.

AidMatrix Review

Marion advised that AidMatrix is a national donations in-kind management solution to deal with donations of goods at the state level. This would give the Sarasota COAD a path through the state virtual warehouse to the national virtual warehouse as well. This is still under development at the state level.

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Operation North Port

Tammi advised that there will a tabletop exercise at the EOC to talk about a scenario called Operation North Port. It will be a fire that displaces thousands of persons in North Port. Each ESF will develop their own plan in concert with other ESFs on how they would respond to such a situation. Tammi will bring back the After Action Report for the group to review at the next meeting.

Disaster Response Spring Training Camps

Curtis Hencye brought up two spring training camps that they will be doing; one in Sarasota and one in Manatee. There are some large relief agencies from around the nation coming to put this on. Curtis is helping to facilitate the effort. One camp will be held on March 29 (Sarasota) and one on April 12 (Manatee). An e-mail will be generated and forwarded to the Sarasota COAD regarding these events.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters will be held on April 14, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, Room 226, at the Health and Human Services Business Center offices, 2200 Ringling, Sarasota.