

Community Alliance of Sarasota County

Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

April 9, 2007, 4:00-5:00 P.M.
Sarasota County Health Department
2200 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL

Meeting Summary

Members Present:

Berns, Bob
Blandford, Vicki
Dunio, Donna
Glasser, Kay
Kutch, Kim
Lacher, Miriam
Lehman, Cindy
McCrane, Ed
McLeod, Erin
Sortore, Marion
Stover, Dennis
Wismer, Bruce
Young, Alex

Agency/Organization:

VOAD
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care
Southwest FL American Red Cross
Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Svcs Center
Department of Children and Families
Bayside Center, SMH
AHCA
Sarasota County Emergency Management
Senior Friendship Centers
Friendship Volunteer Center
Friendship Volunteer Center
Presbyterian Disaster Services
United Way of Sarasota

Staff Present:

Little, Bill
Taylor, Chip
Tracy, Pauline

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Others Present:

Benson, Doreen
Calkins, Susan
DeLoach, Nancy
Griffin, Michael
Lagley, Nina
Mahadeo, Jamie
Poswiatowsky, Tammi
Shipley, Dianne

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The Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disaster Committee (COAD) met on Monday, April 9, 2007, at Sarasota County Health and Human Services, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, Room 226, from 4:00-5:00 P.M.

The March minutes were approved.

Information Sharing

Group acknowledge Miriam Lacher for her recent outstanding employee award from Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Still awaiting the results of the EMPA grant submission; rankings are to be posted online May 8th.

2007 Sarasota COAD Workplan

With regard to the SCOAD work process (action plan), please note that all items completed for 2006 have been removed; current action plan reflects 2007 items only. The normal process is to transfer completed items to Human Services Annex. Due to staffing there has not been any work been done on the annex due; we are looking to the subcommittee leaders to maintain records of work completed. Please let tammi know if items have been removed that should not have been.

Michael Griffin was announced as the new committee chair of the Sharing Client Information subcommittee; Mike Bannar will provide support.

Health and Human Services communications plan currently being developed. The plan will discuss how HHS communicates with Emergency Management during an activation (i.e. EISMAX, 800 Mhz radios, etc). The plan will also detail annual training for each of these devices. A training calendar will be provided at the next meeting.

Public Awareness and Media – There are three upcoming events to be aware of:
Newtown Hurricane Expo, May 5
ABC 7 Hurricane Expo, June 7
Hispanic Health Fairs, June 23

The Newtown Hurricane Expo and Hispanic Health Fairs events are designed to reach vulnerable populations and will be a good opportunity to identify partners.

Speakers bureau is an ongoing task; please submit your presentations to Dianne.

Vulnerable Populations – This task force has been reconvened and has a new committee chair (Marion Sortore). There is a Hispanic committee report which says disaster preparedness is difficult to do within the Hispanic community.

Ed McCrane, Emergency Management, met with the council on the blind today, 4/9; this group meets regularly and the majority of attendees include the elderly and vision impaired. All the attendees were aware of the PSN registry although none were registered. EM will research through Lighthouse for the Blind a way to develop a cassette containing information on preparedness. Most had sighted volunteer drivers. Grants in aid program funds Lighthouse for the Blind; Ed and Chip Taylor (Health and Human Services) will meet to discuss. One possibility is to contact the

Seminole county volunteer center, which has developed similar tapes; Dennis Stover will relay contact information to Ed.

Volunteer/Donations Task Force – members of the task force will attend the Newtown Hurricane Expo on May 5; they have a Vista worker coordinating the effort. Members of the task force have asked for an exercise of the Volunteer Reception Center(s). Further discussion needs to include: where will volunteers from out of county sleep/eat, etc?; who will prepare/disseminate message to avoid influx of volunteers. Task force will add the issue of deployment to the workplan.

Met with local foundations regarding the infrastructure for receipt and disbursement of monetary donations. Need further conversations regarding discretionary dollars/recipients to include members from Gulf Coast/United Way/ARC/Salvation Army/and HHS; task force will coordinate. Note: Salvation Army's new Major is Major Murphy.

Material donations to be discussed further; need a plan for the items received. Task force suggested reaching out to Goodwill Industries for assistance (Goodwill has not been invited to join SCOAD). Alex Young, United Way, will be included in the planning process. Another possible contact is All Faith Food banks; they might be able to provide guidance/assistance with coordinating trucking efforts. Canned messages need to be developed of what donated goods are wanted and NOT wanted.

Group requested N-POD (Neighborhood Points of Distribution) information at a future SCOAD meeting. There are currently 19 (primary/alternate) N-POD locations identified. Determining which locations to stand up will depend on the event location. County will direct state trucks directly to the identified N-POD sites. City/county N-PODS are staffed by volunteers and county employees. Need to confirm no overlaps with N-PODS and VRC's. Scott Montgomery, Emergency Management, is the point of contact for N-POD logistics. State is prepared to run N-PODS for the first 24 hours; the county's goal is to self-run.

Elder Care Strike Team – strike team did not meet in March. Next meeting scheduled for Friday, April 13; will provide update at next SCOAD meeting.

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Strike Team– strike team does not meet regularly; strike team leader communicates with group by email on anything pertinent.

Youth and Families Strike Team –strike team will meet in May; will provide update at next meeting.

VOAD Application:

Still waiting on status of VOAD application. By-laws have been drafted in preparation for application approval. A committee will be formed to review and complete by-laws for review by SCOAD.

Mission statement is ok with group as drafted; follows sample provided in template.

Membership was written to include partner and associate level members. Both have full voting rights at the table. Need further discussion/clarification on Section C – application for membership. Section D – membership responsibilities needs reviewed.

Information sharing:

Non-profit ready for disaster? Disaster 101 (all hazards) training is scheduled for April 19 and May 3; both days training is 9am-12pm. The course is geared for non-profits and small businesses. There is a \$10 donation for materials.

There is a risk communication course being offered May 25; an announcement will be emailed.