

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

April 14, 2008 Meeting Summary

Present

Alexander, Claire
Berns, Bob
Blandford, Vicki
Day, Anna
Day, Michael
Dennis, Kerry
Ellis, Spencer
Glasser, Kay
Goffard, Susan
Griffin, Michael
Griffith, Christine
Hencye, Curtis
Jimison, Rik
Kopp, Barbara
LaFlame, Cheryl
Little, Bill
McCrane, Ed
McLeod, Erin
Natiello, Lois
Ourednik, Jennifer
Poswiatowski, Tammi
Pope, Bryan
Rezola, Inaki
Scott, Neil
Shiple, Dianne
Skivers, MJ
Smart, Kieran
Sorter, Marion
Stearns, Stewart
Stover, Dennis
Suarez, Alberto
Szafraniec, Kristin
Taylor, Chip
Tracy, Pauline

Agency/Organization

Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Volunteer
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Department of Children and Families
Jewish Family and Children's Services
Volunteer
Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Relief Ministries Calvary Chapel Sarasota
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Emergency Management
Senior Friendship Centers
Department of Children and Families
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Salvation Army
American Red Cross, Southwest FL Chapter
Volunteer
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Friendship Volunteer Center
Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Friendship Volunteer Center
United Way 2-1-1 of Manasota
Literacy Council
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services

Stewart Stearns welcomed the attendees. Self introductions were made. The meeting summary for the March 10, 2008 meeting was approved without changes.

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Long Term Recovery Committee Update

Marion Sortore discussed the work being done to develop the infrastructure for the long term recovery committee. Emergency Management has pledged to be a partner in long term recovery through all phases. The committee is reviewing all the different ways to utilize Tapestry to maximize the benefit. An unmet needs committee is being developed. It will report to the COAD. In the near future, a document will be made available with all the recommendations of the committee.

Tapestry

Chip Taylor updated the group on the Tapestry Project. They are awaiting the final statement of work from VisionLink. Staff met with the Board of the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness (SPEH) to encourage them to participate in the project; however, they are not ready to commit to the Tapestry Project this fiscal year.

On Tuesday, April 22, Manatee County Board of County Commissioners will consider their participation in the Tapestry software system by contributing \$12,000 to the project. They are particularly interested in the disaster module. An Interlocal Agreement between Manatee and Sarasota counties will be under consideration by Manatee County Board.

The funding for the first year has been secured. Staff has several strategies for looking at the second year. Chip will be meeting with County Administration this afternoon to obtain approval to proceed with the project.

Chip anticipates that they will have the 2-1-1 module and the disaster module up and running by September 1, 2008. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to develop protocols with the participating agencies.

Questions such as the timing of implementing the Tapestry system when local and state funders are in the process of making serious cuts to human services programs were addressed. It is believed that investing in a system that will maximize scarce resources will have positive effects in the long term.

The short term costs of the system have already been met. The long term costs are estimated to be \$80,000 to \$100,000 for Year 2 of the project depending on which modules will be utilized. Some of the benefits of the system are:

- Tapestry will be used by 2-1-1 to enhance their operations.
- The disaster module will be a totally new benefit that will enhance our capabilities to recover and provide health and human services

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after a disaster. This module will also include a volunteer and donations component.

- The replacement of the Service Point software system with the Tapestry software to support the Homeless Management Information System used by SPEH will be a benefit in the short and long term. Based on the cost of Service Point vs. Tapestry the savings can be substantial. The SPEH Board should make a decision on their interest in Tapestry at their next Board meeting.
- The connection between Tapestry and the Justice Analysis System (JAS) will allow judges to make more educated decisions when sentencing inmates based on which services the inmate has already received and the availability of community resources.
- There is a great deal of potential for additional uses for the Tapestry software system that have yet to be determined.

Operation North Port After Action Report

Tammi reviewed the Operation North Port Tabletop Exercise After Action Report. The report runs through the scenario and makes note of particular ideas and responses made by the attendees.

The committee discussed the development of a drill once the long term recovery committee issues their recommendations.

An extensive drill will be held by Emergency Management on June 5 to exercise those parts of the system that need to be exercised as decided by the member agencies/organizations. A planning meeting for that drill will be held on April 30. Each group that wants to participate in the June drill should submit their objectives and any support requirements to Tammi Poswiatowski to forward to Emergency Management.

Sarasota County EM 2008 Status and Upcoming Events

Ed McCrane discussed the upcoming hurricane season and the numbers of hurricanes anticipated. He reviewed some photos of Hurricane Katrina and discussed the need to be prepared for such a disaster.

Damage Assessment – He reviewed some photos of Hurricane Andrew and discussed damage assessment. He stressed the importance of doing a damage assessment correctly to avoid duplication of effort. They have created a Damage Assessment Team and have been working to get the

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major players in the community to support each other in obtaining the information FEMA needs.

A Damage Assessment Team consists of an assessor (determines damage costs), a safety person, and a scribe to record the information. The teams need to use the same reporting forms to assist FEMA in reimbursing costs on a timely basis. The Amanda software used by the County combined with the Geographical Information System (GIS) and the Rapid Assessment software combined with the Property Appraiser's data will allow real time reporting to the American Red Cross Disaster Assessment Headquarters.

Neighborhood Points of Distribution – County staff met with the cities that have volunteered to staff and operate NPODs in their locality. They have purchased equipment to support the sites. Over 270 people have been trained from all over the county. Faith-based groups, local volunteers and the Boy Scouts have volunteered to help as well.

Applying an emergency role to every county employee – He has instituted the emergency role registration process so all county employees will have a job to do in the event of a disaster. The advantage of this is that all employees will know what they are going to do and have been trained prior to an event.

Neighborhood disaster planning – Emergency Management with the assistance of Marion Sortore has developed a CD for neighborhood associations to use to develop a disaster plan. This is important since, typically, Emergency Management would not be able to respond on a neighborhood level for many days after an event. Contact Scott Montgomery for the CD. There are 93 neighborhoods out of 500 that have completed plans reviewed by Emergency Management. Another 109 are working on their plan. Every day they are getting more requests for this information.

Alternate EOC – There is a need to be able to move the EOC for any hurricane event over a Category 2. That will be part of the June 5 exercise to test the ability of staff to move and implement a working EOC at an alternate location. There is a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) that covers the roles and processes for this effort.

Discharge Planning

The Elder Care Strike Team has been advised by ACHA that they are going to be responsible for discharge planning in the county. The county will use local

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volunteers for discharge planning up until all the beds are full. At that point, an E-Constellation request will be put in to the state for assistance. There is a Discharge Planning Strike Team functioning at the state level that will come to assist if needed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters will be held on May 5, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, Room 226, at the Health and Human Services Business Center offices, 2200 Ringling, Sarasota.