

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

July 9, 2007 Meeting Summary

Present

Berns, Bob
Blandford, Vicki
Day, Anna
DeLoach, Nancy
Dennis, Kerry
Dunio, Donna
Gorelick, Phil
Griffin, Michael
Kutch, Kim
Levesque, Elaine
McFarland, Herald
Nieskes, Gary
Shipley, Dianne
Sortore, Marion
Stover, Dennis
Suarez, Alberto
Taylor, Chip
Tracy, Pauline
Wisner, Bruce
Young, Alex

Agency/Organization

Volunteer
Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Jewish Family and Children's Services
American Red Cross
Jewish Family and Children's Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
DCF – Suncoast Region
First Step of Sarasota
American Red Cross
Lions Club
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Friendship Volunteer Center
Friendship Volunteer Center
United Way 2-1-1
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Sarasota County Health and Human Services
Pine Shores Presbyterian
United Way

Staff Present

Mahadeo, Jamie
Poswiatowsky, Tammi

Agency/Organization

Sarasota County Health and Human Services
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Self introductions were made. Alex asked if there were any changes to the minutes that were e-mailed out to everyone. Hearing no changes, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Tammi will be attending a meeting of each Strike Team to discuss the FDENS system currently in place. Each Strike Team was asked to e-mail the next date of their meeting to Tammi so she can accommodate them in her schedule. She is already scheduled to attend the next meeting of the Volunteer and Donations Strike Team at the end of the month.

Volunteer and Donations Strike Team

Dennis discussed the presentation Leslie Remali made at the last VDST meeting. The team had a more in depth discussion of long-term recovery than the discussion that was held at the last SCOAD meeting. It is evident that we have a long way to go to implement a long-term recovery organization and to develop a plan to support it.

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There is an ABC 7 Hurricane Expo this weekend. The SCOAD will have an exhibit at the Expo. Friendship Volunteer Center will also have a booth there to register volunteers.

FEMA has been having meetings to engage faith-based groups. Dennis and Marion have been participating in these groups and have made presentations.

On August 16 from 3:00 to 5:00, Dennis will be meeting at the EOC with members of the faith-based community to give them a tour and discuss the events that take place during and after a disaster. He invited anyone that is interested to attend. Marion will send the announcement to Tammi for distribution to the SCOAD.

Communications

There was no report from the Communications Committee. They will have a SCOAD exhibit at the Hurricane Expo, but will not man a table due to the strain on Diane's calendar and the lack of materials to hand out. Alberto offered to answer any questions arising from the SCOAD exhibit since he will be there at the United Way 2-1-1 exhibit.

Coordinated Assistance Network Update

Chip reported that we are still waiting to hear from CAN whether or not we have been chosen as a pilot site. He suggested that CAN be given two more weeks to respond. If we don't hear about our formal status by then, he suggested that the major agencies meet that need to share information. They can decide which information needs to be shared and how to do it without the software platform offered by CAN. Alberto contacted Lisa Hrivnak to set up a demonstration of the CAN system.

Training needs for 2007

Tammi advised that Erin has requested that we do an exercise where we stand up the HHS Ops center. This will bring the necessary parties together to go over EISMax and discuss other coordination activities. The exercise is tentatively planned for mid to late August. Pauline asked that we enact a VRC activation in coordination with it. Tammi will take the lead on that. Pauline, Jamie, Dennis and Marion offered to assist Tammi in planning the event.

VOAD status

Pauline advised that they have e-mailed the draft bylaws. They were also distributed at last SCOAD meeting. She has received no requests for changes.

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Alberto made a motion and Bruce seconded to approve the bylaws. The bylaws were approved unanimously. Alex requested that the bylaws be posted on the disaster page of the Community Alliance website.

Long term recovery

Pauline briefly discussed Leslie Remali's presentation where she advised what each of the faith-based organizations would provide in the event of a disaster. Leslie has offered to come back to do an exercise. She would also bring with her the Region IV FEMA representative. The exercise will take 4 hours. Dennis requested that the SCOAD add a long-term recovery subcommittee to keep pushing the idea forward. It was decided to do our exercise in late August and invite Leslie to come back by the end of September. Marion will be taking the lead on the Leslie Remali piece.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Sarasota Community Organizations Active in Disasters will be held on August 13 at 4:00 p.m. It will be held in the auditorium at the Health Department, 2200 Ringling Boulevard, 2nd floor.