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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICES COALITION

The Health and Human Services Disaster Recovery Services Coalition (DRSC) consists of representative stakeholders from health and human services provider agencies working in Pinellas County.

MISSION

The mission of the Health and Human Services Disaster Recovery Services Coalition is to ensure that health and human service delivery agencies are optimally prepared for a disaster by engaging in planning activities that focus on service delivery issues identified by the Coalition, working in concert and providing recommendations to the Disaster Recovery Leadership Network.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the DRSC are to:

1. Proactively identify and offer solutions for service specific delivery problems and issues that could result following a disaster.
2. Maintain active communication amongst members during all phase of a disaster.
3. Work with community partners and the DRLN to ensure Pinellas County residents have access to health and human services as quickly as possible following a disaster.

STRUCTURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Coalition is a self-organizing group, but has no official status as a stand alone organization. The Coalition elects its own officers, each to stand for a term of one-year, though either may serve for additional terms if agreed to by the Coalition membership. A nominating committee will be established prior to the last meeting of the current calendar year. Election of officers for the next calendar year will be conducted on or before the last meeting of the current calendar year.

The Coalition participates in the structure and activities of the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council for Pinellas County (HHSCC), specifically the DRLN. Both groups participate within the spirit of collaboration and mutual accountability.

The Coalition and its various committees are accountable to one another for the successful implementation of its objectives. As well, each of the members of the Coalition is responsible for his or her own disaster mandate(s) as assigned by their host organizations.

COALITION MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all health and human services agencies operating in Pinellas County.

MEETINGS

The Coalition meets quarterly. Meetings may be scheduled more often when the need dictates, such as during the months leading up to and including hurricane season.

TIME COMMITMENT

Coalition members are expected to attend all meetings as well as engage in work in between meetings, such as reviewing materials, participating in planning and implementation, and representing the Coalition when required to other groups and forums.

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