



## SART STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

USDA Farm Service Agency  
4440 NW 25th PL Suite 1,  
Gainesville, FL 32614-1030

### Meeting Minutes

#### **Steering Committee Members in Attendance:**

Hyatt Sudano – FDACS AES  
Brandi Phillips – UF Vets  
Dr. Peter Dittmar – UF/IFAS  
Alena Poulin – UF/IFAS  
Dr. Angie Lindsey – UF/IFAS  
Neil Richmond – FDACS AES  
Jessica Stempien – FDACS OAWP  
Dr. Matt Hersom – UF/IFAS  
Tammy Bauldree – FDACS OALE  
LeiAnna Tucker – FDACS DAI  
Nick Morrow – FDACS DAI  
Dr. Gregory Christy (On Phone)– FDACS DAI

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting minutes summary from the March 14, 2019, Steering Committee meeting were reviewed. Ms. Tucker and Ms. Rantuccio provided written corrections prior to the meeting. No other corrections were provided. A motion was made by Ms. Tucker and seconded by Dr. Hersom to approve the minutes with the corrections provided by Ms. Tucker and Ms. Rantuccio. The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Update:** Ms. Bauldree presented the budget via phone. The remaining funds from the website-communication portal on the FY2017 award will be moved and used for presenter and conference travel for the SART Planning Conference. Mental Health First Aid training invoices must be submitted by the end of fiscal year. Ms. Tucker discussed the FY2018 award. She stated that Apalachee Regional Planning Council's services helping to create the online pet friendly sheltering training will be continued until project completion. Money has been allocated from the Materials budget to go to FDACS Marketing for their help on the Online Pet-Friendly Sheltering training. Ms. Tucker asked Ms. Phillips about using the SynDavers from UF vets for a future K9 training with Florida National Guard at Camp Blanding. Ms. Phillips said she will follow up with Ms. Tucker

**In-Kind Partner Contribution Tracking:** A total value of \$44,000 was added to SART since the last Steering Committee meeting. The group discussed a simplification of the tracking spreadsheet. Ms. Tucker suggested only tracking employee and volunteer in-kind hours and number of employees/volunteers who contributed hours. Ms. Tucker explained that this document was used to justify domestic security funds but now that we no longer have those funds, we can simplify the document for our department's needs moving forward. The group agreed with the proposal to simplify the sheet.

**Mental Health First Aid Training:** Dr. Lindsey updated the group on the upcoming Mental Health First Aid Trainings. A training in Marion County is planned for next week. A training will be held in Charlotte County on June 19-20. A third training is scheduled for Pinellas county on June 4-5. A fourth training is scheduled for Osceola County on April 30 and May 1. Trainings in Jackson and Bay Counties are expected but not scheduled currently. Hernando county is willing to pay for their own training. Ms. Tucker stated Brevard County requested to host the training too. Ms. Tucker informed the group on how positive the feedback has been during the ESF17 Annual county meetings about the training. The counties are grateful that this training is being hosted.

**Online Pet-Friendly Sheltering Training:** Ms. Tucker updated the group on the progress of the Online Pet-Friendly sheltering training. Video testimonials about pet-friendly sheltering were recorded in Lee and Hernando Counties. Additional footage for the training was recorded at SARC's level 1 Awareness training. Ms. Tucker has been traveling with FDACS Marketing to record pet sheltering testimonials. Next week, Ms. Tucker is visiting Escambia, St Johns, and Brevard Counties to record additional pet sheltering testimonials. A third filming will be hosted at the SEOC during the Statewide Hurricane Exercise.

The May 9<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting is cancelled, and a SART Partners coordination call will be scheduled instead during the Statewide Hurricane Exercise on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**New SART Brochures:** Ms. Tucker presented the new SART brochures to the group.

**Organizational Declaration Workshops:** Ms. Stempien reminded the group about the Historical Scan Workshop Scheduled– July 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30-12:30. Dr. Christy determined that, if possible, the following people should attend the workshop: Tim Manning, Joan Dusky, Dr. Xin and Larry Arrington. Mr. Morrow stated that he will schedule DPI auditorium for July 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stempien will draft an invite message for those individuals that Dr. Christy suggested we invite.

Ms. Stempien says we will begin our historical scan in 2003. Then we will move on to 2004, and then go in five-year increments until 2020. When we catch up to current time, we will plan for how the group would like to see SART in three years (2023). When we scan each year or increment, we will review major milestones and events in SART's history including major activations in Florida and state-to-state deployments. Dr. Hersom suggests we look before 2004 to see why the need for SART was created.

**SART Planning Conference (May 29-31):** Ms. Tucker reviewed the preliminary program with the group. Ms. Tucker explained the registration process and how we've been managing the registrations. She stated the annual county ESF17 meetings have been helpful in soliciting registrations. Dr. Hersom suggested that we provide questions to dairy panelists before the conference, so they can prepare answers. Ms. Phillips will highlight equipment and techniques as well as providing the counties info on SART equipment caches that are available around the state.

#### **Roundtable Updates and General Discussion:**

Brandi Phillips (UF VETS) – The rope rescue training went well. The St. Johns County Animal Technical Rescue trainings were fantastic. Three ATR Operations classes are being held in June. Next week there will be an awareness level course being conducted in Jefferson County. A Swift and flood water rescue for animals training will possibly be held in October with Eric Thompson of Code 3. Ms. Phillips worked with Putnam County last week due to the discovery of a cockfighting ring. Since the last Steering meeting Ms. Phillips and UF Vets rescued a cow from a dry septic tank.

Dr. Hersom (UF/IFAS) – Dr. Hersom informed the group that last week 25 county agents trained on traceability and beef quality assurance. He also stated that the next LECALE training will be held in December.

Dr. Lindsey (UF/IFAS) – Dr. Lindsey is collecting lessons learned from agents involved in the responses to Irma and Michael. She is creating documents and videos to give to other agents based on those responders' experiences from these recent disasters. Dr. Lindsey informed the

group that EDEN is possibly writing a grant with other universities for east and west coast mental health first aid trainings.

Jessica Stempien (FDACS OAWP) – Ms. Stempien is working on a memorandum with SART to clearly outline how SART can utilize OAWP during a disaster. Ms. Stempien is also creating standard operating guideline (SOG) for her staff for disaster response.

**Approved 6/13/2019**