Hoarding Task Force Summit

October 14, 2010/ Granite Reef Senior Center/ Scottsdale

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Anthony Kern, code Enforcement from City of El Mirage, began the meeting by having attendees introduce themselves and share their reasons for participating o the task force.

**REVIEW MINUTES**

Mr. Kern asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes. There were none.

**DAVID ROSENTHAL- CASE PRESENTATION**

David presented a case that was brought to him by staff from CASS. Individual that began coming to the facility claimed storage issues and was given more than the usual 2 bins for his belongings. Possessions quickly outgrew the bins. Main collectibles consisted of papers and books, but food and plastic bottles became health issues. He was eventually asked to leave the facility due to possession of scissors and unlabeled meds. Will be allowed to return under mental health counseling and regular monitoring

Group suggestions:

* Diagnosis and treatment through Magellan or other agencies
* Need to find out if he wants services
* Find out if the family exists
* Southwest Behavioral Health Homeless Outreach Program

**BREAK INTO WORK GROUPS**

Anthony Kern asked that work groups meet for approximately 15 minutes to discuss progress of the groups.

* Organization
* Animal Hoarding
* Behavioral Health
* Resources
* Self Help
* Participants
* Website Development

**WORK GROUP PRESENTATIONS**

**Organization** Important to organize for credibility. Make decisions by vote. Leadership format recommendation for the task force would chairperson, vice-chair, and secretary with terms of office for one year.

**Animal Hoarding** The committeewants to work on legislation that will assist.

**Behavioral Health** The committee is working to build products to help with assessment. They created a matrix of how to help accomplish Voluntary and Involuntary treatment. Will provide a snapshot of the agencies involved in the task force. Hoping to encourage support group development.

Devora Entin from JFCS reported on the progress of the Time Out workshop on hoarding being planned for May. She presented an outline of a 3 hour presentation by Mark Odham for input from the group. The afternoon session would be devoted to resources in the community perhaps involving a panel discussion.

**Self Help** The committeesuggests placing a saver’s survey tool from the OCD Foundation on the website and list of what family members can do to help. They also want to provide a list of OCD Support groups on the site and encourage the development of support groups for hoarders. They would also provide a list of books, and various publications on hoarding. Step-by-step instructions on how to de-clutter along with suggestions for donation sources, professional organizers, and extreme cleaning/biohazard specialists would be listed.

**Participants** No report

**Website** No report

**Resources** Group suggested a resource list for the person affected and another for family members. The Elder Resources guide

**WEBSITE UPDATE** Group was asked to take a look at the website at [www.azhoarding.com](http://www.azhoarding.com) and provide input to Mary Dickson, Code Enforcement for the City of El Mirage.

**TELECONFERENCE DISCUSSION**

It was agreed that there would be teleconferencing capability at the meetings so that persons unable to attend meetings could have access.

**NEXT MEETING – DECEMBER 9TH @ 2:00 P.M. Rm 7 at Granite Reef Senior Center**