



Safe Kids – Maryland

State Quarterly Meeting December 8th, 2009

Meeting Location: Judicial Education & Conference Center in Annapolis

Meeting Minutes for December 8th, 2009

In Attendance: Pam Homiak; Leesa Radja; Cynthia James; Sylvia Wright; Rhonda Thomas; Jackie Beckman; Ben Selassie; Rennie Ferguson; Rodney Morris; Scott Kaiser; Theresa Kelliher; Tim Branning; Teresa Ann Crisman; Emilie Crown; Eunice Brown; Terri Dayney-Smith; Beth Rosborough; Rich Mioduszezski; Linda Cook; Claire Myer; Angel Bivens; Capt. Jay Gribbin; Det. Stacey Gaegler; Maggie Rauser; Ashley Holden; Laurie Thompson; Eric White; Terri Taylor; Lt. Carroll Roles; Cpl. Mary Parker; Jane Edwards; Sabrina Pirtle; Nancy Kutz; Arthur Lawson; Vickie Quimby; Ed Schreier; Darlene Brown; Astrina Calame; Jewel Johnson; Tudy Schermerhon; Karen Waggoner; Erin Hill; Jo Ann Urso; Cyndy Wright-Johnson

RSVPed Regrets: Garrett County, Frederick County, Lower Shore, Karen Hardingham from Baltimore City.

10:00 AM Welcome and self introductions – Cyndy Wright Johnson opened meeting.

- **Conference call-in line** for Garrett and Frederick Counties is being trialed with the technology at the Conference Center here in Annapolis. No one was able to participate today and we will explore both conference phones and Go To Meetings in the 2010 year.
- **Handouts that are available were reviewed:**
 - 2010 Safe Kids & OPTF Meeting Schedule
 - Coalition Coordinator & Chapter contact information (available on safekidsmd.org website)
 - Minutes for 2009 & 2008 meetings have been posted to website
 - Many resources and programs available on state & national websites are available to review
 - Burn and Scald safety education material are available on the side table

10:10 AM Local Safe Kids Coalitions & Chapters Updates & Plans for 2010

- **Baltimore City – Jewel Johnson presented an update for Karen Hardingham and the city coalition:**
 - Seat checks scheduled into the spring at Baltimore City Fire Department
 - Successful Safe Walk to School Day at Charles Elementary School with the procession lead by police on horseback
 - Continuing monthly seat checks at Baltimore City Fire Department by appointment
- **Carroll County – Maggie Rowser presented an update for their coalition:**
 - FedEx partnership for Safe Walk to School Day (no walking in Carroll County) – celebrate School Safety Day with a focus on bus safety. AAA brought out Otto the Auto.
 - Halloween grant program completed this year.
 - Injury grant – focus: poison prevention and home visits from nurses in health department
 - H1N1 surveillance and vaccinations have taken priority for the health department staff. Prevention handouts are available at these clinics where there is a captive audience.

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- **Frederick County – Cyndy presented an update from Nancy Boyd & Cindy Bowers on their coalition. Angel Bivens attended the last meeting and provided updates also:**
 - Successful 4 day CPS course with Carroll County
 - No December meeting – doing gift wrap with local organization
 - 2010 dates have been set up with locations
 - Fire prevention house is open at safety events.
 - Adopt a pharmacist program – partner school and pharmacist for presentation on poison prevention. The best time to talk to children about poison prevention has been identified as in the first grade classrooms. Pharmacists are trained who adopt schools and will cover a poison prevention lesson with first graders. So far they have trained 10 -15 pharmacists with provided curriculum. The program's goal is to use local pharmacists within each school district. Potentially another training to be planned in 2010. The scheduling of lessons are based on schools' schedule & first grade curriculum. The national Poison Prevention Week - March time frame is bad for schools because of MSA administration so Frederick County is working with schools' schedules. Small classroom sized is preferred because program is interactive. There are multiple occurrences of lessons to accommodate class size and include visual aids created by Cindy Bowers. The goal is for each session to have 20 to 30 minute lesson and send- home information for parents. So far the team is not sure how this will be evaluated because schools will not allow access to children's home information.
 - Poison prevention workgroup will have an adult focus and a special focus on senior adult's safety around medications.
- **Garrett County - Diane Lee's local chapter report was given by Cyndy Wright Johnson**
 - Child Safety education and seat checks have been built into WIC clinics, also a captive audience that is eager to learn.
 - Successful standardized CPS class was held in summer with another class being scheduled for 2010 – dates TBA
 - Halloween event for state coalition using Safe Kids materials (bags, zipper pulls and other handouts) that reached over 150 families. According to Safe Kids USA – each coalition or chapter must do a Walk to School Day event to do Halloween event. The Halloween evaluation is online.
 - Garrett County included pedestrian safety initiatives, winter safety information and poison prevention information. The activities were held at two locations in lieu of trick or treating and held on Halloween (received info, bags and pulls at prior events)
 - Bike Safety activities are ongoing until the snow starts
 - Balance of focus in based on grants they've received – one of these focuses is Safe Routes to School
- **Howard County – Terry Taylor presented an update for their coalition:**
 - SK Howard County has been invited to Child Fatality Review Board
 - CPS Checks continue on a monthly scheduled basis.
- **Lower Shore – Update presented by Cyndy Wright Johnson for Tammy Griffin and Jennifer Johnson:**

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- Don't Be A Turkey Buckle Up project with Safe Kids Lower Shore and Wicomico Sheriff's office (sample sent around to meeting participants). A program was held at 4 local schools – reminder cards distributed at pick up and drop off. They found that at one school - 90% of children were not in appropriate restraints. The team has been asked to return in spring for similar program
- Toy Press Conference was held at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in November that included an interview regarding crib recall
- Fall newsletter (website information on Safe Kids contact information)
- Coalition is considering development of Facebook page, there is a National Facebook page for Safe Kids
- April 2010 the coalition will host an Upcoming 32 CPS hours course
- Technician update scheduled with fire department the day before the 4 day course

- **Montgomery County – presented by Cyndy Wright Johnson with additional information from Emilie Crown added at the end of the meeting.**
 - Emily Crown received the Buckle Up Award from National Safe Kids for the most accurate CPS Seat Check forms in the nation this Standards of Excellence award was presented in Montgomery County by Safe Kids World Wide staff. A celebration was held at Fitzgerald Automotive.
 - Seat checks and other outreach events continue on a scheduled basis.
 - Walk to School and Halloween events were held at schools including one with the Lt Governor and many elected officials.
 - CPS certification classes and renewal classes are posted online – everyone welcome
 - County's facing a lot of budget issues and anticipates that 2010 will be a difficult year.

- **Queen Anne's County – Vicky Quimby presented an update for their chapter:**
 - Used portion of CDC/ MCHB State Injury grant is used to supplement salary for seat checks/inspections. No additional scheduled events but she is available Monday through Friday. Health Department prefers appointments but will not refuse walk ins. Sheriff's office & State Police refer folks to health department for these checks
 - Still work with Terry Ober CPST for Queen Anne's) with the class, "Seniors on the Move" – Vicky does the Occupant Protection portion of the class. They have completed 3 with another one scheduled for January 2010
 - Job realignment occurring in Queen Anne's
 - Saturday Seat check completed in September include:
 - Migrant population in Sudlersville (more rural)
 - Grant for \$1000 to purchase seats for families
 - Concentrated on booster seats for this population
 - 12 convertible seats available
 - Total of 19 inspected and installed

- **Prince George's County – Teresa Ann Crisman**
 - Participated in Walk This Way and Halloween events. The Halloween event was at Cactus Willie's with about 75 children in attendance. City of Laurel and the Fire Department were the key contacts.

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- New station 816 will have an education room – everyone welcome to come see it when it opens.
- Toys for Tots next Saturday, 12/12/09 – handing out Safe Kids materials
- Teresa Ann Crisman now Fire Inspector that includes monitoring foster care programs for code compliance and she will include Safe Kids materials
- **St Mary's County – Jackie Beckman presented an update from their chapter:**
 - Halloween bags from AAA distributed through local fast food restaurants and Sheriff's office at their open house that contained many injury prevention educational materials.
 - Seat checks by appointment are held only twice per month at two of the volunteer rescue squads through a partnership with Health Connections (an outreach of the hospital), Sheriff's office, State Police and DOD still have certified technicians
 - Working with loaner program with KISS, funding is limited and they are receiving more calls for seats.
 - Participated in Special Needs training with KISS and information taken back to ARC
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- **Washington County – provided by Cyndy Wright Johnson**
 - Amanda is currently on maternity leave.
 - Coalition did participate in International Walk to School Day.
 - CPS Course was held over the summer and 2010 dates are not yet available
 - Poison Prevention Week poster contest for Maryland will occur in Washington County this year collaborating with Angel Bivens and the Maryland Poison Center.

10:45: Update from National Organizations:

- **AAP** – information available on website. The Maryland chapter has the ability to use blast e-mails and faxes through AAP. Combination of fax and e-mails provide info to pediatricians and to patients. This works well to get the information to the office manager for distribution.
- **NHTSA – Data system is still in development to collect information on injuries to children in and around cars.**
- **NFPA – no update at this time.**
- **Safe Kids USA ran a fundraiser through Marine Corp marathon – final results not yet available.**
 - Strong commitment from FedEx for 2010 and beyond – grant application process for engineering in the community as well as a pedestrian research team are available to coalitions on line.
 - Continue to work with Homeland Security and NFPA to put out printed materials. Home Heating Safe Month in January will include fire prevention material.
 - Safe Kids week event date has yet to be announced – do not anticipate having funding for this event
 - Raising Kids Safely One Stage at a Time focus continuing within Maryland. A display board is available through MIEMSS.
 - May Buckle Up, Safe Kids, EMS weeks – laminated handouts can be made but no additional information anticipated

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- Working to convert large documents to fact sheets that can be posted on the website.
- CPAT date – February 5 per Maggie Rouser, Maggie offered help with preparing if anyone should need it
- 2010 Safe Kids Conference planned for October 2010. A \$350 flat rate has been estimated with all travel costs borne by attendees. Cyndy proposed December 2010 SK Maryland meeting to focus on reports from various safety and prevention conferences from the fall. The Coalition members were supportive of this forum for December.
- Two conferences in 2010 have been scheduled to date:
 - April 10 – Public Safety by MFRI – Focus: Safe Community Building
 - Mid Atlantic Life Safety on September 28 201 at APL in Howard County
 - ∞ Tracks: Fire Code Enforcement, Community Outreach and Education, and Industry
- Safe Kids Annual Conference in Delaware – one day – as information becomes available it will be passed on, especially for those on Eastern Shore.

11:00 Update from State Agencies: Partnership for a Safer Maryland

- Overarching name, steering committee and board are the outgrowth of a 5 year CDC grant for infrastructure building (previously Maryland Injury Prevention). They are looking at other funding grants to allow it to continue with or without federal funding. Current one being pursued is falls workgroup that is focusing on senior adults. The group is interested in looking at falls in children as a phase two.
- November/December Holiday Safety Newsletter as well as monthly newsletter
- Website still up and running with all the news letters.
- Next event is in April – information will be posted when available and will be a half day on injury prevention lead by faculty from CDC.
- June/July seminar planning has started.
- Committed to November joint meeting for 2010 hosted at MIEMSS
- To participate in Mid Atlantic Life Safety meeting

Injury Prevention Topic Focus: Holiday Safety In & Around the House

- Toy safety brochures were available at meeting and can be found on line at SK USA
- Holiday Safety US Fire Administration handout also available that focused on Holiday Decoration safety handout. Homeland Security and Fire Safety handouts also available
- Candle safety handouts (and others) put out by NFPA - this year's poster is Get Out and Stay Out
- Home Safety Council – Winter Safety program includes:
 - Family preparation training curriculum available through Risk Watch (in addition to earthquakes, tornadoes, floods and other natural disasters)
 - Cyndy has resources and available through NFPA and circulated the text for one of the age groups. This is part of the Natural Disasters curricula. American Red Cross also has similar content program - PG and Montgomery using American Red Cross due to grant funding opportunity.

11:30 Written & Verbal Updates on Injury Risk Areas

- **Child Passenger Safety: Tracy Whitman, Claire Myers, DuJuan Artis – KISS Update**

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- KISS was invited to staff a booth at flu clinic in October which has proven to be a great opportunity to reach people; great interaction to share information on community based organization. Suggestion is to coordinate with health departments to be present at their clinics and encouraged other coordinators to participate in similar events. In Howard County, Maggie Rauser confirmed value of exposure at clinics.
- Child Passenger Safety – recall list dated 11/18/09 was distributed with the latest recall of an EvenFlo seat with a labeling issue. October recall involving car seat – recommended discontinue use and return
 - CPS Courses that are upcoming:
 - ∞ 6 hour update on Monday
 - ∞ 4 day course at Fitzgerald Auto Mall was held in Annapolis with 13 techs completed training and 14 techs completed update. Claire shared that Pam Homiak was an instructor candidate at this course and very successfully completed the preceptorship. Welcome to Pam as the newest CPS Instructor in Maryland.
 - CPS Updates will be held in Howard and PG County in January for 2 CEUS – information will be emailed as it becomes available.
 - Tech update courses in April and May in Baltimore County, full CPS courses are being planned for Howard County in March, Western Maryland in the summer.

Pam Homiak – CPS & OP Healthcare Project Update

- August 13, CPS conference call focused on higher weight harness options – available online (1) CPST CEU available for this (need to fill out evaluation and submit it to Pam).
- CPS & Occupant Protection educational materials and display have been displayed at various EMS and health care provider conferences
- Healthcare provider presentations have been updated with new information and offered to hospitals and health care associations. Please contact Pam for more information, she presented to ED & trauma nurses at Sinai Hospital back in September.
- New poster available – “Rear Facing Car Seats Save Lives” is printed and available, Booster seat right fit poster is in final production.
- Project now has DVD available – Infant Carseat Challenge - educational for providers in the healthcare setting that do the car seat challenge and/or angle tolerance test. Pam has order forms available for healthcare providers and each Hospital CPS liaison will receive a copy sent directly to each hospital.
- The MIEMSS CPS & OP Project has developed a new “Buckle Up” poster (available at the meeting) that is designed to go with the SECURE poster distributed previously. This poster was sent to over 700 fire, EMS & Rescue stations as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign to support Law Enforcement efforts. Part of this new initiative includes having outside signs at Fire & EMS stations in November and December focusing on Buckle Up with the phrase – “Seat Belts Save Lives – BUCKLE UP”. There is a potential to repeat program in spring with May campaign. Not all locations have outside sign access – may be able to make a horizontal sign with grommets for posting.
- **Fire Safety – Jane Edwards, OSFM & Teresa Ann Crisman, MSFA**
 - Safer lighter legislation – final language being reviewed this week for January session. New Jersey has passed similar legislation. National Safe Kids has information available online. Those who wish to send letters of support should contact their legislator’s office.

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- Fire Deaths – 67 year to date (13% increase over same time last year) with Baltimore City, Baltimore County and PG County combined account for 65% of these deaths.
- International Codes Council Conference held in Baltimore, October 28 with a focus on residential fire sprinklers. New sprinkler codes were passed by a majority vote. There was a great show of support to keep it in code (basically for new construction not for retro-fitting but for future construction. Local jurisdictions can adopt more stringent codes if desired. In Tennessee in a bill involving environmental issue it was included and ended up removing it from state law – we must be vigilant in Maryland to keep laws consistent with national standards.
- New Maryland building performance standards in 2010 and state Fire Prevention Code will come out in January 2010, they are listed on Fire Marshal's website.
- News releases on Home Fire Safety for the holidays, portable space heater safety (this will be released this week). "A Season Requires It" news release regarding safety exits in the event of fire that targets owners and managers of facilities and includes crowd management training, indicating exits with large gatherings, exit signs are easily seen and maintained.
- **Poison Safety Update- Angel Bivens, Maryland Poison Center and Rennie Ferguson from National Capital Poison Center**
 - Angel Bivens shared the Holiday tips that are covered in 2008 Poison Prevention Press release – back issue available on website, recent release just done on inhalants (back information available on website).
 - Poison Prevention week March 14 – 20, 2010 with Washington County Safe Kids and schools doing poster contest for 2010. Partnership for a Safer Maryland – will also work on poison in addition to fall prevention efforts that focus on adults and medication safety issues.
 - GIS person to be working on mapping to look at where materials go as compared to where calls come from with the hope to have report in 2010 to share.
 - Maryland Poison Center will phase out purple and green materials (Mr. Yuk) and introduce the red and black materials used nationally. Please continue to use what you have it will just not be replaced. Several factors have influenced decision to transition: cost, literacy level, and consistency across the nation. Please look for added downloadable information on website.
 - Rennie Ferguson has taken over the position from Rose Anne Soloway at the National Capital Poison Center serving Montgomery, Prince George's, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia. Poison Prevention information was mailed to 150 pediatricians in October. In January the mailing will be sending daycares. Presentations and attending health fairs continues along with speaking to parent groups.
 - Newsletter from the NCPC is sent out 4 times per year through email.
- **Water Safety Update – Julie Brown, Maryland Department Natural Resources**
 - Annual reminder – continue boater safety and note thin ice concerns
 - January 30 – Polar Bear Plunge at Sandy Spring state park is a fund raising effort for Special Olympics, there are 20 -30 Polar Bear teams already 30 listed. Information available on their website. There is also a Polar Bear plunge in Deep Creek Lake at end of February – also fund raiser for Special Olympics.

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11:50 AM Old Business –NONE

11:55 AM New Business – dates for 2010 meetings

- Dates for 2010 Meetings – Important Dates to include in planning
- 2009 June and September minutes are available on the website at www.safekidsmd.org – look under meeting agendas and minutes link on the right margin.
- We continue to need input and updates on the website of specific resource and would like to have some standardized or template PowerPoint presentations on website that can be adapted to local communities.
- Expert and speaker on Gun safety issue needs to be identified for a future meeting. d
- 2010 Life Savers conference will be in Philadelphia with Early registration discount available online
- KIM conference will be over the summer in Ft. Worth with early registration discounts posted on their website.
- Rail safety issues regarding pedestrian safety were made available at meeting and both Officer Arthur Lawson from Amtrak and Lt. Carroll Roles from Howard County volunteered to bring more materials to the March meeting with a focus on training. Truths & Realities handout on rail safety is available for distribution. Nationally, over 1100 people killed annually by trains.
- Teresa Ann Crisman has 10 Safe Rail kits from Safe Kids USA available – contact her if you would like one. All materials from Safe Kids area available on the website.
- October is National Rail Safety month for Amtrak, nationwide

12:00 Noon Adjournment to Networking Lunch

Next meeting March 9, 2010 at this Annapolis Location.

Have a Safe Holiday Season !

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