



Safe Kids – Maryland State Quarterly Meeting December 3rd , 2008

Minutes from December 3rd , 2008 Meeting

Attendees: Nancy Boyd; Cindy Bowers; Maggie Rauser; Teresa Crisman; Tracy Whitman; Sheila Johnson; David Wiseman; Tim Branning; Julie Brown; Angel Bivens; Rose Ann Soloway; Brenda Botchway; M. Ben Selassie; Scott Kaiser; Sandy Wilson; Diane Lee; Karen Waggoner; Tudy Schermerhorn; Charlotte Redman; Terri Taylor; Chris Owen; Linda Lee Cook; Terry Ober; Terri Dayney-Smith; Rebecca Martin; William Meyers; Beth Donovan; Karen Hardingham; Jewel Johnson; Emilie Crown; Sylvia Wright; Marty Parker; Debbie Sears; Mary Griffies; Neil Crouch; Rhonda Thomas; John Brandt; Sue Catterton; Cynthia Wright-Johnson; Pamela Homiak; Tim Richards

RSVPed unable to Attend:

Barbara Beckett; Myra Wieman; Patrick Zito; Anne Parlette; Colleen Driscoll; Del. Bill Bronrott; Stephanie Hancock; Amanda Wilcox; Anne May; Hugh Bean

9:45–10:00 AM Please be sure to sign in with Sue Catterton & updated your EMAIL

10:00 AM Welcome and self introductions

Cyndy Wright Johnson, Safe Kids Maryland state coalition chair/coordinator, opened the fourth quarterly meeting at 10:00 am on December 3rd 2008 with introductions around the room. Emergency exits and building facilities were reviewed. Sue Catterton, Management Associate at MIEMSS, was onsite to update the emailing list and hand out Safe Kids Maryland 2008 Information Forms. They can be returned to Sue at any Safe Kids meeting or through fax to EMSC Program office at **FAX: 410-706-3660**. MIEMSS is working on a new website domain name for Safe Kids Maryland with the goal of having a short and easy to remember “www. address”. MIEMSS will continue to host the site with the agency website – only making it easier to find.

Safe Kids Maryland will continue to send hard copies of information to those members who would prefer non electronic mailings. Please contact Cyndy and Sue at 410-706-1758 or fax at 410-706-3660 to be added to the US Postal hard copy mailing list.

Dates for 2009 meeting are: March 10th 2009, June 9th 2009, September 8th 2009, December 8th 2009 with the location to remain at MHSO on Connelly Road.

Injuries in Children: Prevalence, Play and Prevention

Part I – Kids do and say the darnedest things – Cyndy Wright Johnson

Part II – Poison Risks seen in Children & Youth – Angel Bivens

Part III – June 4th Meeting – Water Safety with Children & Youth – Julie Brown

Part IV– September 2nd Meeting – CPS and Fire Safety

Part V – December 3rd Meeting – Holiday Safety information from partner & early planning for Safe Kids Week.

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10:10 AM Update from Local Safe Kids Coalitions:

Baltimore City: The Baltimore City Coalition January meeting will feature presentations on Infant death, SID and Unsafe Sleeping with invitations to local day care centers & providers and health department personnel. The coalition continues to be very busy with their fire safety program in the schools.

Carroll County: The coalition is excited to have the fall activities over and have planning time for 2009. Maggie submits an article in the weekly column of the Carroll County Times in the Tuesday family section.

Frederick County: Through a DHMH grant, the coalition continues to provide CO (Carbon Monoxide) education and has distributed 150 monitors across the county. The November 2008 Gazette had an article on Child Passenger Safety from the coalition.

Howard County: The coalition has had many activities across the fall including fire safety, CPS checks and bike events. They attended the Buckle Up Grant part of the Safe Kids meeting and shared information on the Kids-N-Cars concerns about children that are left in cars unattended. The “baby alert monitor” (retails at \$65) was discussed with concerns that it too can become routine and is not the solution to best practice parenting. A new challenge faced by the county and the nation is the increase in car surfing by middle and high school youth – standing on a car that is moving to see how long the “surfer” can stay on the hood or roof. Specific prevention programs do not exist at this time but law enforcement and SK Howard County are working on educating youth and promoting common sense.

Lower Shore: Jennifer Johnson was introduced as the new Safe Kids Lower Shore coordinator sharing the coalition with Tammy Griffin who will now focus on CPS work of the coalition.

- ☺ The coalition has partnered with both Price Pontiac and Saturn on continued CPS prevention activities.
- ☺ Toy Safety press conference was held last week in Salisbury
- ☺ Safe Sleeping campaign will be one of the focuses for next year
- ☺ Crosswalk promotion campaign known as “Caught in the Crosswalk” is being lead by the Sheriff’s Office with coupons for free deserts given out to children observed crossing safely on major intersections.

Montgomery County:

- ☺ Walk to School Day, October 8th was a success ,31 schools participated, over 7000 students, FedEx volunteers 20,coalition volunteers 20 and a media event was held and school assembly at the host school Piney Branch ES. The students also got to see the SKBU van and had to answer some safety questions before being given bracelets with the “Always Buckle Up” message. Five Halloween safety events were held which included classroom presentations and displays in partnership with Suburban Hospital, 3 Montgomery County Public schools and one private school.
- ☺ Our distribution of voucher car seats for families in need has taken a dramatic increase this FY and we have also started a new partnership with the African American Health Initiative to distribute car seats. There has been an ongoing effort to train CWS county employees in the safe transportation of children in county vehicles.
- ☺ We hosted a preteen event during CPS week for children and their families at Fitzgerald AutoMall that was a great success.

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- ☺ Coordinators from Montgomery and Prince Georges attended the Montgomery Prince Georges Pediatric Society meeting to offer support for a Kids Safety Project – questionnaire. The questionnaire would be used in the physician’s office with parents. Dr. Eichelberger, Co-Founder & Director Safe Kids Worldwide was the guest speaker at the society meeting.
- ☺ A great website full of useful CPS information is www.carseat.org . NHTSA has also improved their website at www.nhtsa.gov . We have had great success dealing with the older children to pass along three important messages: Always Buckle Up, ride in the back seat and make sure that everybody else in the vehicle is buckled up before the vehicle moves.
- ☺ 2009 Meeting schedule-January 26, March 23, April 20, May 18, July 27, September 21, and November 16. Contact : Brenda Botchway or Emilie Crown for more details.

Prince George’s County:

The PG County Public Safety Agencies are working together on 4 holiday giving projects.

- ☺ **Public Safety Christmas Food Basket Assistance Program** - Our goal is to deliver 200 or more Christmas Dinners to needy families in Prince George’s County.
- ☺ **Louies Holiday Help Project-** The Fire/EMS Department is playing ball with the Bowie Baysox to ensure deserving families throughout the area are able to enjoy festivities during the holiday season.
- ☺ **Stuff-A-Truck Program** -Area firefighters and paramedics will participate in this worthwhile effort for non-perishable food products for the Capital Area Food Bank.
- ☺ **Toys for Tots** -The Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department will be accepting new and unwrapped toys at all of your local Fire/EMS Stations throughout the holiday season.
- ☺ **Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts** – outreach to both organizations on Safety Awareness
- ☺ **Spring plans for the coalition include Disaster Preparedness education with the before & after school programs using both the NFPA Risk Watch and the American Red Cross curricula**
- ☺ **There are 9 area pools that will be changing their drain covers before they open in the spring to comply with the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2007. Detailed information about this law can be found at www.safekids.org under pool safety.**

Washington County: The coalition will be hosting a CPS course for fire & hospital personnel in collaboration with KISS.

10:30: Update from Safe Kid USA and World Wide

The Safe Kids World Wide and USA conference was held in October 2008 in Washington DC with a wide variety of displays and course offerings.

The World Health Organization report on childhood injury is due out later this month – check the website for more information and a news release in mid December.

Safe Kids Week 2009 will be April 26 to May 3, 2009 with a theme: “Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time”. Nancy Boyd and Karen Hardingham participated in the Johnson & Johnson luncheon providing coalition input for the SK Week. While this coming year will involve few distribution of kits containing props – each coalition will be able to focus on the risk area or areas that are most relevant to their community. SKWW/USA will be releasing a report based upon research providing

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the backup / rationale for each of the injury prevention strategies that have evidence based practice. Media releases and education materials will target specific age ranges.

October 2009 – national conference in BALTIMORE MARYLAND

11:00 AM Water Safety Update – Julie Brown, Maryland Department Natural Resources

While the final numbers for 2008 are not in yet nor tabulated, current stats show a decrease in injuries & fatalities in Maryland from water related incidents. GOOD JOB!

Online resources at www.dnr.maryland.gov for year round water safety include:

- ☺ Boating safety courses – both classroom and online (\$35.00)
- ☺ Life Jacket regulations and resources
- ☺ Hypothermia prevention courses

11:10 AM Poison Safety Update- Angel Bivens & Rose Ann Soloway

- Harbor Hospital, Cumberland Pharmaceuticals, MPC and NCPC are teaming up for Train the Trainer for 60 people on December 11. Response for the program was overwhelming so another program will hopefully be done early 2009.
- November issue of Poison Prevention Press is available on the MPC website (www.mdpoison.com go to Publications). This issue is about Winter and Holiday Hazards. Cyndy will add a link on MSK website to get to the MPC page.
- MPC has hired a mapping specialist to look at our data and seek out trends. Look for some very impressive reports in the near future!
- MPC is looking for a nurse or pharmacist to join it's team of Specialists in Poison Information. Contact Angel if you would like further info.
- Rose Ann Soloway, NCPC education specialist, is retiring in April of 2009 –more information to follow about her plans and a tribute to her years of support for Maryland and the metropolitan area.
- NCPC will be conducting its annual Holiday Safety press release to media, child care provider, physician office, library and all local coalitions.
- In October, the NCPC sent out a mailing of sample teaching materials to all the Fire Departments in Montgomery, Prince Georges, DC and Northern Virginia.

Tips from 2008 for 2009 Injury Prevention & Advocacy:

- Make sure the telephone number for the poison center is posted near the phone or programmed into speed dials. Call the poison center as soon as a poisoning is suspected...do not wait for symptoms.
- Poisonings can happen to anyone of any age...reach out to everyone.
- Poison proof the home using checklists provided by the poison center
- Help increase awareness by celebrating Poison Prevention Week...March 15-21, 2009...contact your local poison center for info.

MARCH 15-21st 2009 is Poison Prevention Week – please order materials EARLY!



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11:20 AM EMS & EMSC Update – **Cyndy Wright Johnson, Jim Brown** MIEMSS

MIEMSS EMSC & Agency updates are posted on the web at www.miemss.org – look under EMS News and under EMSC - PEMAC meeting notes. Handout of updates was circulated with highlights below:

Right Care When It Counts & Star of Life forms are available onsite today and are posted on the website in both downloadable form for printing and online interactive form for typing. The form will still need to be printed and faxed or mailed in to MIEMSS. Awards are for events that occurred between January 1 2008 and December 31, 2008.

Awards ceremony will be May 17th 2009 at the conclusion of the Maryland EMS Symposium (formerly known as EMS Care) – the state EMS Conference.

EMS, EMSC and Prevention Education dates calendar is also posted online and circulated for information.

11:30 AM Child Passenger Safety:

Tracy & Claire – KISS Update:

- ☺ KISS is hoping to have new car seat loaner programs for Anne Arundel and Caroline counties in the new fiscal year.
- ☺ The group discussed the winter time advertisements for “Bundle Me” from JJ Coal with mixed input. There are a wide variety of product to keep children warm during cold months – the risk is that the harness straps can be pulled from their original and manufacturer designed position.
- ☺ CPS Board is meeting tomorrow to finalize the Display Board, Senior checker form and procedures for scholarship fund for training.

Tim Richards – MHSO Update: Tim will have more information in the OPTF meeting this afternoon but for the coalition update – new Law Cards with the 2008 CPS Law update are in production.

Pam Homiak – CPS & OP Healthcare Project Update: (full report handed out and available on at www.miemss.org click on EMSC and PEMAC Meeting notes for November08

2009 CPS Conference Call Series: Series of three conferences calls are planned for 2009 that will address various components of the four stages of child passenger safety (see www.nhtsa.org for the CPS planner on Four Stages). Conference calls will be 20 minutes each to allow busy providers the opportunity to call in (the combined series of three will offer one CPST CEU). The calls will focus on: 1) car seat testing for at-risk newborns, 2) promoting rear-facing for children as long as possible and updates on latest technology in rear-facing child safety seats, and 3) booster seat safety (in time for the one year anniversary of MD’s new booster law). Dates TBA, but invitations to call-in to be sent to hospital and primary care healthcare providers and CPS experts across the state and calls will be archived on the website

2009 Healthcare Provider Education Initiative: CPS & OP Project Coordinator will schedule visits and in-service educational sessions at hospitals across the state through 2009. Education sessions will target NICU and nursery staff, ED staff, and primary care providers to ensure that up-to-date, evidence-based information is being provided to parents and guardians. **CPS & OP Interactive Display** is scheduled to appear at a number of conferences for EMS and health care providers in the near future, including Winterfest in January, Miltenberger in March, ENA by the Bay in April, and Maryland EMS Symposium in May

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Child Passenger Safety Resources available upon request:

- o Prescription for Your Child's Safety pads (revised with enactment of MD's new CPS law June 30 2008)
- o Every Child Deserves a Safe Ride brochure (revised with the enactment of MD's new CPS law)
- o Car Safety Seats: A Guide for Families 2008 (AAP)
- o Car Safety Seat Check-Up 2008 (AAP)

Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances: Collaboration continues with the National Study Center on data available for ambulance crashes. Top 10 Safety Check concepts to be expanded in training and video materials and a new SECURE display has been ordered and website resources are under review

CPS information at www.miemss.org/EMSCwww/CPSHome.htm or email cps@miemss.org

11:40 AM Fire Safety – Jane Edwards, OSFM & Teresa Ann Crisman MSFA

As of November 30, 2008 – there were 57 fire deaths in Maryland, down from 82 in the same time period last year but there may be three more day once the intentionality is determined from the tragedy in Prince George's County. State Fire Marshal William E Barnard thanks everyone for their hard work.

Please help the fire service to win a grant for \$15,000 dollar by voting for the Visual Smoke Alarms for the deaf and hard of hearing community by going to www.allstateyourchoicecharity.com , click on Baltimore/ Annapolis community and then VOTE for the Governor's Committee for Visual Smoke Alarms.

Several new releases will be going out this month including: "Home Fire Safety for the Holidays – State Fire Marshal Safety Tips" and "Portable Space Heaters – Risk Remains". Contact Jane Edwards for more information or to receive copies of these materials at 410-260-6103.

11:50 AM Old Business –

Web design workgroup to meet– Volunteers needed and will met at 9:30 before the March 2009 Safe Kids Maryland meeting.

Pedestrian subcommittee & lead point person(s) – Jewel Johnson volunteered to lead this subcommittee.

Topics for 2009 coalition meeting with potential topics:

Pedestrian Safety, Walk this Way, Safe Routes to School

Falls – risks at different ages

Helmets – bike safety and wheeled sports

Safe Sleeping (December Child Fatality Review committee training focus)

11:55 AM New Business – none

12:00 Adjournment

Networking Lunch and transition to Occupant Protection Task Force

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