



Safe Kids – Maryland State Meeting Minutes: September 2, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Deborah Baer; Pamela Homiak; Diane Lee; Marcie Beachy; Rich Mioduszewski; William Meyers; Theresa Kelliher; Marty Parker; Lt. Carroll Roles; Melissa Darr; K.C. Bellin; Kira McGroaty; Teresa Ann Crisman; Ben Selassie; James Cathcart; Frank Underwood; Sally Wilson; Brenda Botchway; Angel Bivens; Beth Donovan; Mary Griffies; Rose Ann Soloway; Neil Crouch; Joe Coxon; Sylvia L. Wright; Holly Trego; Maggie Rauser; Nancy Boyd; Rhonda Thomas; Linda Betts; Terri Taylor; Charlotte Redman; Cindy Bowers; Jackie Richter; Ann Parlette; Sabrina Oglesby; Ron Fisher; Pam Fox; Jade Leary; Sheila Johnson; Nancy Kutz; Art Lawson; Scott Kaiser; Nancy Johnson; Bill Roberts; Hush Bean; Lesa Brenemann; Katie Taylor; Sue Catterton; Cyndy Wright-Johnson

RSVPed unable to Attend:

Beth Anne Nesselt, Jackie Beckman, Amanda Distefano, Barbara Becket, Stephanie Hancock

10:00 AM Welcome and self introductions

Prior to Introductions, Coalition members were asked to not only sign in for today but to met with Sue Catterton and double check their email address so that Coalition notices and website update notices can be sent out to the email list. MIEMSS and MHSO are moving to electronic notification for meetings and the website for Safe Kids Maryland will include subcommittee reports, Coalition minutes, meeting dates and locations, and links to local coalitions along with injury risk area resources. 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.

Cyndy Wright Johnson, Safe Kids Maryland state coalition chair/coordinator, opened the third quarterly meeting at 10:00 am on September 2nd 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**.

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



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Fire Education & Prevention

Teresa Ann Crisman & Jane Edwards presented an update on Fire and Life Safety issues. Teresa provided a handout of website with information, prevention activities and public information pieces. Jane provided a summary of the legislative issue from the 2008 session. Below is a brief summary:

- September 23, 2008 will be the Mid Atlantic Life Safety Conference held in Columbia at the JHApplied Physics Lab. Last year over 300 people attended and others were turned away to keep within the fire codes.
- October is Fire Prevention week and information is online from both NFPA www.nfpa.org and Home Safety Council www.homesafetycouncil.org
- Focus of October will again be Home Fire Safety – the leading cause of fire deaths for all ages national wide
- Fire Deaths for Maryland can be found on the OSFM website at www.firemarshal.state.md.us
- Also on this website are fire prevention resources and fire codes
- July 1 2008 – Maryland “Safe” Cigarette Law went into effect – it will take time for the current retail stock to be sold but we hope to see a decline in fires from this important legislation
- Maryland continues to focus on Fire Sprinkler legislation and local codes

Jane again thanked everyone for being part of the most valuable resource- NETWORKING with our partnership in Maryland. The citizens are the most important resource we have and their safety is a job we all take on together.

CPS Update & Best Practice - Tracy Whitman

Tracy and Claire provided overview of the revised Child Passenger Safety Law effective as of June 30, 2008 along with an hour update on CPS changes and activities for the summer and September. Below is a brief summary of the presentation, slides are available from the KISS office – contact Tracy at 1800-370-SEAT.

Upgraded law:

Beginning 6/30/08 in Maryland, all children up to age 8 must be restrained by a child safety or booster seat, unless the child is taller than 4’9” or over 65 lbs. Media coverage building up to the implementation of the law was great. It included two press conferences, over a dozen TV/Radio interviews and over a dozen print articles around the state. In addition, Tim worked on broadcasting a PSA, talking about the upgrade and safest practice.

Materials now available:

- 2-sided law flier (English and Spanish)
- Law cards (English and Spanish soon)
- Every Child Brochure (English and Spanish soon)
- Prescription pads (English and Spanish)

If you happen to stock KISS brochures, we have labels to place over the law information.

KISS projects:

- To help relieve some of the work on KISS staff and create a more timely response, KISS is working on using its Web site as a resource for both gathering information and displaying information.
- On-line benefit for loaner programs- a work request was submitted to its IT department to create an application that would allow LP coordinators to directly upload their quarterly reports on-line. An e-mail will still be sent to coordinators to remind of the report due dates but they will all be provided passwords/Ids to upload their information directly into the web site. This will save time and money.



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- On-line benefit for CPS Instructors- those instructors who are interested in posting trainings or CEU sessions on-line will be provided a password/ID to enter their information into a calendar section. It will list contact info, training info, whether it is an open or closed session/training and how to register.
- KISS is also going to forward instructions from Kerry that describes how instruction may post CEU events on the National CEU Calendar.
- Special Needs Training was held in July. In response, a special needs e-mail group is going to be created to update those who have gone through training and hopefully assist them with staying in contact with each other. The intent of the 7/07 and 7/08 trainings was to create a pool of potential special needs instructors. Interested technicians must mentor under Riley's Hospital staff. KISS was funded to bring Riley's staff out during FFY09.
- Additional trainings for FFY09: NICU training once released and possibly a School Bus training.

CPS Advisory Board:

- Display board-board phrasing has begun and initial photos have been submitted
- Scholarship funds-criteria have not been established yet but there will be enough to sponsor 50 certification/re-certification fees.
- Senior checkers-adopting an evaluation tool to further prepare technicians for the responsibilities of being a senior checker
- An instructor meeting was held in July to discuss curriculum suggestions developed to date and the "do's and don'ts" of the current training program. Also discussed was a state-wide training calendar, which will be mentioned in the OPTF meeting.

National CPS Week Plans:

- NHTSA is highlighting the 4 Steps. However, the Advisory Board decided to focus on continuing to promote the upgraded booster seat law. After a conference call, we put Tim's "SHA" name to work on finding some contacts/information for us. He believed that he has found a MVA contact for us to get the law cards put out and will arrange the deliveries from SHA.
- Tim appears to have successfully established a contact with CHART, the folks who put messages on the overhead highway message boards. The message will rotate a buckle up message with click it/ticket it message.
- The Advisory Board also discussed how to outreach to law enforcement personnel with the upgraded law information. Tim accessed his LE buddies and the general consensus is a pocket law card might be used by some. He has initiated the project with his design group, expects to have a draft for review soon and is awaiting the go-ahead to do the project. In the meantime, Claire found that one reason why many LE officials have not received information about the upgraded law is because most LE officials do not receive their new Traffic Code books until 10/1/08.
- Tim also sent a message to Millennium in hopes that they will ID community leaders who may be able to interpret and share the CPS message in their communities. Since the meeting, KISS has been in contact with Millennium and will set up a display for those in attendance.
- KISS is going to draft a press release, which will be sent out from our state office. The topic will focus on when to graduate kids out of boosters into seat belts-going beyond the law.
- KISS is also going to contact Donna Mysak, who heads school health. She initially sent the law fliers out for us to public schools. We are going to ask her to also promote it to private schools.



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11:00 AM Water Safety Update – Julie Brown, Maryland Department Natural Resources provided the group with updates on new and regional resources

*****New Kent Island DNR Phone Number: (410) 643-8502 ext. 2211** to reach Julie Brown, available Mon., Wed., and Friday. Website: www.dnr.md.gov***

- Contacts for information and displays should be made with the regional coordinators: Jeff White in western Md, Harry Ruell in AA County and Southern Maryland, Ronnie Drink in Baltimore Region. Contact Julie for their direct lines or go to the DNR website: www.dnr.maryland.gov
- Boat-MD Textbook can be ordered on-line \$30 to \$50, excellent and easy reading
- Julie has water safety coloring books available in her office – phone: (410) 643-8502 ext 2211
- Free materials are available year round and May / June safety event materials are on the National Safe Boating Council website: <http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>
- You must be 16 years of age to operate a personal watercraft

11:00 AM Update from Local Safe Kids Coalitions: Each coalition coordinator provided or sent an update summarized below:

Baltimore City – Karen Hardingham

- English prescription pads have arrived; Spanish being reviewed.
- Looking for funding for Inspection Detector Program which can come from a combination of sources.
- Next scheduled car seat check is on 09/19/2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 at Harbor Hospital

Carroll County – Maggie Rauser

- CPS Standardized course will be held in Winfield jointly with Frederick County Safe Kids
- Car Seat Check is scheduled for Sept 20th with AAA hosting
- School Bus Safety will be the focus on Octobers “Walk to School Safely” as children throughout the county ride buses and the pedestrian focus is getting on and off the bus safely.

Frederick County – Nancy Boyd & Cindy Bowers

- Information about the Maryland CPS law changes were broadcast across the county with press releases
- Safety and health fairs have featured booster seats and the new upgrade in the law

Howard County – Terri Taylor

- Over the summer, 130 car seat checks were conducted, 441 children educated at Bike Rodeos, and numerous health fair covered
- Coalition is working on revising TIPPS manual from Montgomery County DFR with specifics for Howard County. Once it is updated, Terri is very willing to share with other counties
- Health Fairs and Fire Safety events are forthcoming in the next two months
- Working with modular safety train garden for fall and winter
- Work on Walk to School, Halloween Safety and Buckle Up grants continue

Lower Shore – Tammy Griffin and Jennifer Johnson

Tammy Griffin sent in a report introducing Jennifer Johnson is the new coordinator with Tammy staying on the coalition and remaining very active in CPS activities. Jennifer has been running the



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Health Department's Poison Prevention, Pre-School Tobacco and Vision and Screening programs for the last eight years and has done a phenomenal job. She has been an active member of SKLSM for the last 2 years and since that time has become a certified child passenger safety technician, assisted in planning with Safe Kids Day and made significant contributions to the Coalition. She is an excellent educator and is wonderful at working with children.

The entire Safe Kids Maryland coalition extends a huge THANK YOU to Tammy Griffin for her many years as the coalition coordinator and sharing their resources with the entire state. We will miss you at meetings but congratulate you on your promotion and know you will continue to support the efforts to reduce unintentional injuries among children here in Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

Montgomery County – Brenda Botchway & Emilie Crown

- A questionnaire was sent to local Pediatricians about prevention and their desire to receive more information
- National Night Out 2008 is a joint project between Montgomery County and Prince George's County with bike, fire, CPS, and poison prevention materials available for families
- Car seat display will be at city building
- CPS technician courses, updates and seat checks are listed on the CPS website through SK USA or by contacting Emilie Crown
- Walk to school day being planned at over 30 locations across the county
- Pedestrian safety and CPS displays are currently in the county office building

Prince George's County – Teresa Ann Crisman

- Summer youth programs were held across the county in partnership with Fire & EMS and law enforcement
- National Harbor has just placed a fire boat in the new Fire Station and the membership there will be focusing on water safety for the community
- CPS: Certification classes scheduled for October or December; 2000 seat checks were done this past summer
- Walk This Way activities are scheduled for October 10th at the two elementary schools with the highest rate of student turn over
- 70 before and after schools have received Risk Watch training during the 2007-2008 schools year and this years focus will be on disaster preparedness in the home

Washington County – Amanda Distefano submitted a written report

- CPS: hosting a 4 day certification training in October (the 21st-24th); Seat Check Saturday event Sept. 20th, in Smithsburg MD-
- Bike rodeo will be held in Smithsburg at the same time
- Coalition is working with Maryland State Police Hagerstown Barrack to do a PSA with our local media concerning the CPS law changes
- Washington County Public Schools will be sending CPS Law information home to all elementary school aged children



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11:15 AM: Addition Information on Child Passenger Safety

KISS: Tracy Whitman's update is included in the above presentation.

MHSO: Tim Richards' Update will be done at the Occupant Protection meeting

CPS & OP Healthcare Project Update: Pam Homiak gave an overview of the report below

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY & OCCUPANT PROTECTION Hospital Project

Maryland NICU Educational Summit (Monday September 15, 2008)

- Focus on car seat safety for hospital discharge of high-risk infants
- Information on policies, procedures, and parameters of angle tolerance testing (car seat challenge) provided by national and local experts
- Demonstration of monitoring devices used during testing

New Child Passenger Safety Resources available upon request:

- Car Safety Seats: A Guide for Families 2008 (AAP)
- Prescription for Your Child's Safety pads (revised since the enactment of MD's new child passenger safety law)
- Car Safety Seat Check-Up 2008 (AAP)

CPS: Best Practice for Health Care Facilities resources (online and CD) are currently being updated. Key informants at MD hospitals are being interviewed for input about the resource update. Please contact the project staff if you are interested in serving as a reviewer or contribute your hospitals' policies and procedures – we are looking for new examples and templates that are working in NICUs, Pediatric Units and Emergency Departments.

Emergency Department CPS initiative:

- **ED Contacts** are continually being recruited to fill contact spots at MD hospitals
- **ENA Child Passenger Safety display** is sent to new and confirmed ED contacts at each hospital
- Informal evaluation of CPS displays shows they are being displayed in area EDs and materials are being distributed to parents

Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances:

- Collaboration with the National Study Center on data available for ambulance crashes
- Top 10 Safety Check concepts to be expanded in training and video materials
- New website of resources and a training summit are in the planning phases

2007 "Child Safety in and Around Cars", 2006 "Child Passenger Safety: Prescription for your Safety", and 2005 "Child Passenger Safety: Update on Maryland CPS Programs" PowerPoint slides with synchronized audio files have all been uploaded to the project website and are available for viewing.

11:20 AM Additional Information on Fire Safety

- Safe Kids online resources are available on line and were sent to all local coalitions with a growth chart for safety and 2009 Sparky Calendar
- Risk Watch materials and NFPA Fire Prevention Week are available to order online
- Home Safety Council Website has archived web casts and free materials for those registered as in the Expert Network –www.homesafetycouncil.org

11:30 AM Poison Safety Update- **Angel Bivens & Rose Ann Soloway**

Maryland PC Annual report is available at www.mdpoison.com for statistics

- There is a new poster, "Medicine Candy" that can be ordered from the web site
- September 1st the "On Line" store went live – order forms can still be faxed



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DC Poison Center has received funding to create 3 posters to Spanish

- Information can be found on the web site at www.poison.org
- New facts on Mushroom poisoning is also available
- Poison Prevention Instructor Training classes being planned at Harbor Hospital – more information to follow

11:35 AM EMS & EMSC Update – **Cyndy Wright Johnson, Jim Brown MIEMSS**

Due to the time constraints, update is posted on at www.miemss.org, look under EMSC and PEMAC for all the handouts and the current list of conferences. Below is a brief summary:

- 1. EMSC Performance Measures** – The federal EMSC Performance Measures are under revision with the possibility of BASIC and ADVANCED measures for the 2009-2011 grant cycle starting in March of 2009. This summer, Maryland has focused on two projects:
 - Updating the Transport & Back Transport forms
 - Converting the VAIP & SOCLAR inspection process to an electric and web based format for ambulance equipment
- 2. Pediatric EMS Data activities:** Pediatric Fact Sheets on ATV, Trauma and Burn statewide data are under final review
- 3. Pediatric EMS & Prevention Education - EMSC PM # 67**
 - The Atlantic EMSC Region plans to meet with the training coordinators this fall to discuss the new agenda / workforce reports in terms of the Pediatric CE requirement for both BLS & ALS 12/2007
 - November 5th will be the Injury Prevention Forum with a focus on TEEN DRIVING SAFETY

11: 40 AM NHTSA Federal Update – **Stephanie Hancock**

- Law Enforcement and training: 4-day child CPS class being planned
- Stephanie will provide the rest of her updates within the OPTF meeting.

11: 45 AM Safe Kids USA – update from national

- **Safe Kids WW Conference is October 15th – 18th 2008 in Washington DC**
- **Walk to School Day – October 8th 2008**
- **Fire Prevention Week – October 5th, 2008**

11:50 AM Old Business –

- 📎 Web design workgroup to meet– Volunteers are needed
- 📎 Dates for 2009 are pending room approval from MHSO
- 📎 Please email Cyndy with new ideas for topics for featured presentations

11:55 AM New Business – meeting adjourned for networking and OPTF meeting

Networking Lunch and transition to Occupant Protection Task Force