PEMAC UPDATE: May 3, 2017
The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

Since the last PEMAC meeting the project coordinator:

- Assisted with teaching two CPS certification update courses: 4/4-5/17 in Laurel and 5/2/17 in Frederick.

- Conducted interactive displays on CPS for Miltenberger EMS Conference in Rocky Gap, EMS Cares in Ocean City, Hillcrest Elementary School, and an employee wellness fair at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. These four events reached approximately 1000 participants.

- Conducted five trainings on CPS over two days for nurses in the newborn and special care nursery at Western Maryland Health Service (WMHS), reaching 31 staff.

- Held a webinar titled, “Pediatric Biomechanics for CPS” with Dr. Aditya Belwadi of CHOP. Had 47 participants in this GoToWebinar. Evaluations were very positive.

- Assisted at the NICU recertification site visit at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Met with key maternal-child health staff to discuss policies including CPS and the car seat tolerance screen.

- Created two handouts about the new large temperature in cars display that can be borrowed by safety agencies. This helps educate about the danger of heatstroke to children left in cars. Held two displays using the temperature display: 4/26/17 at the Maryland State Highway Safety Plan Summit, and at EMS Cares 4/29/17. For both, the display promoted that this equipment is available for Maryland safety agencies to borrow for their community events. Three groups have requested the display thus far. Worked on additional materials on heatstroke prevention.

- Helped at four safety seat checks during this period: two for Safe Kids-Baltimore at Oldtown Fire Station, one at Jacksonville Fire Station and one at Woodlawn Fire Station.

- Continued to work on the CPS Rapid Educational Response Program with the draft materials sent to several EMS providers for their comments. This program should be ready for distribution in late Spring.

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