

Child Safety & Crisis Response Committee

Minutes – January 29, 2008

DEMHS, 25 Sigourney Street, 6th floor, Hartford, CT 06106

Attendees: Julie Bisi, DSS; Dave Brown, DEMHS; Patricia Estill, COC; Peggy Freidenfelt, DPH; Thomas Gavaghan, DEMHS; Bruce Lockwood, CEMA; Caroline Massad, Save the Children; Doug Pesce, DHS; Wayne Sandford, DEMHS; Scott Szalkiewicz, DPH; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; Tom Vannini, DEMHS; Barbara Wolf, OPM; and Elaine Zimmerman, COC.

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Deputy Commissioner Wayne Sandford at 1303 hours.
2. Report from DEMHS:
 - A. Deputy Commissioner Sandford spoke about requesting a non-lapsing fund from the Legislature for the School Security grant so it could become ongoing. The current grant packages will go out next week. Some of the projects included in the applications are for door locks, school ID systems, fencing, metal detectors, barriers, and video DVR to record entry ways. Tom Vannini discussed that all schools were required to have an Emergency Plan that had been exercised to be eligible for this grant.
3. Sub-Committee for Day Care Centers& Pre-School:
 - A. Scott Szalkiewicz advised that the flip chart for the Day Care centers is complete and ready to go to the printer. Elaine Zimmerman and Wayne Sandford spoke on the idea of a one hour presentation to the Legislative Branch to inform them of what has been accomplished so far, possible legislative Forum.
 - B. Discussion of the REDI program online. Also the FEMA Masters of Disaster program vs. the Eddie Spagetti program. Branford has volunteered to do a pilot program with their fourth graders.
 - C. Wayne Sandford broached the idea of having the Planning Unit do a SWAT Analysis to help determine what the group should work on next. The group agreed to this to set a direction and three to four goals for the future.
4. Save The Children Presentation: Caroline Massad
 - A. Plan available at www.savethechildren.org/usemergency
 - B. Disaster Preparedness Workshops for Children
 - C. Possible training for CT CERT Teams – Safe Spaces program
5. Items from Members:
 - A. Tom Gavaghan spoke about training and if there would be any more classes this year. The suggestion was made to hold them in the Eastern and Western areas of the State if more are conducted.
7. Next Meeting: SWAT Analysis to be done in March, date TBD. Next meeting will be April 29, 2008 at 1pm, Sigourney St., Conference Room B.