

Child Safety & Crisis Response Committee

Minutes – May 10, 2007

Brainard Field, 269 Maxim Road, Hartford

Attendees: David Brown, Red Cross; Patricia Estill, COC; Peggy Freidenfelt, DPH; Thomas Gavaghan, DEMHS; Bruce Lockwood, CEMA; Doug Pesce, DHS; Wayne Sandford, DEMHS; Lee Toffey, DEMHS; and Barbara Wolf, OPM.

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Deputy Commissioner Wayne Sandford at 1337 hours.
2. Report from DEMHS: reported by Deputy Commissioner Sandford.
 - A. FY07 Application HLS funding – The Commissioner is reviewing the funding presentation. It is DEMHS' hope that the FY07 grant will have money to re-institute the READY program online. Possibly a few training dollars can be used to begin the training process. There has been money set aside from the FY06 grant to fund the School Safety Seminar in September.
 - B. Senate Bill #1110 – An Act Concerning School Safety – the draft form of this bill is currently in the house. As it stands now, DEMHS would handle a 10 million dollar grant for planning, training and exercise, and building improvements. This would be through a competitive process. It would require an inspection and evaluation prior to Jan. 2008 and every four years. There would be positions for two persons in the grant.
3. Sub-Committee for Day Care Centers: reported on by Pat Estill in Elaine Zimmerman's absence.
 - A. The subcommittee for Day Care centers and Pre-schools has come up with three priorities:
 - 1) Joining forces with DPH to mail procedure flip charts to all licensed and legally exempt entities. There are currently 11,000 total. DPH will be mailing to the licensed providers. Looking for resources to mail to the legally exempt (approx. 7,000). Deputy Commissioner Sandford has requested a budget showing printing and mailing costs for this project, as soon as possible.
 - 2) Develop a Train-the-Trainer curriculum on how to handle emergency situations. Cost is approximately \$250,000. Deputy Commissioner Sandford advised that HLS grant funding can not be used except for ODP approved courses and it currently takes 18 months to 2 years to get a curriculum through the ODP approval process.
 - 3) Implement & Evaluate Training. This can be tied into the existing licensing evaluation.Discussion ensued on all three topics and what may be possible for each.
 - B. Pat Estill advised that the Commission on Children Art and Writing Show will be May 15, 2007, at 10am at the LOB. All committee members were invited to attend.

- C. Tom Gavaghan advised that training will be held on Set 26, 2007 in Litchfield at the Learning Connection and again on May 27, 2007 in location in the east portion of the state, possibly Mohegan Sun Public Safety Building.
4. School Safety Seminar: Bruce Lockwood advised that a questionnaire is in process which will go to all the school districts, to assess what their needs are in preparation for the seminar. Tom Gavaghan asked what we could do in regards to emergency planning. Two workshops that were held were very successful. Discussion.
 5. Security Assessments:
 - A. See Section 2, B regarding Senate Bill # 1110.
 6. Items from Members:
 - A. See above, Sections 2 B & C.
 7. Future meetings: Per the group, the next meeting will be held in two months.

The meeting was adjourned at 1440 hours.

Next Meeting: July 25, 2007 at 1pm, Brainard Field