

Safe Kids Savannah  
Coalition Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2010

**Attending:**

Janice Bentley, MUMC Trauma Services  
Jane Garrison, CCHD Retired  
Karen Martin, United Community Bank  
Sally Silbermann, Coastal Health District

Awraial Binns, Amerigroup  
Alison Gramza, CC Health Dept.  
Eve Seibert, Savannah Bicycle Campaign  
Donna Williams, Amerigroup

Steve Davidson, GA Division of Public Health  
Lisa Heusel, A.W.A.R.E. Training Services  
Misty Selph, CC Aquatic Center

**Welcome:** Chairman Donna Williams welcomed members. Everyone present knew each other so introductions were not necessary.

**DID YOU KNOW:**

**Georgia Child Injury Prevention and Control Policy Project:** Jane Garrison reported on a CDC grant that she will be working with through the Georgia Department of Community Health - Injury Prevention Program. She has not officially been hired on yet, but when she is she will be coordinating booster seat education for law enforcement in the entire Coastal Health District. She has a new email address to go along with this: [janecips@gmail.com](mailto:janecips@gmail.com)

**REPORTS:**

**Coordinator** Alison Gramza ([amgramza@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:amgramza@dhr.state.ga.us) 912.353.3148)

- **Safe Kids Georgia Leadership Conference:** Will be held January 25-26 at the Georgian Terrace Hotel in Atlanta. Alison stated that she can take up to 2 people with her. If you are interested in going please let her know. There is no cost to you if ride with her except for a couple of meals that are not provided by the conference.
- **Safe Kids Savannah Financial Report:** Alison stated that total funds to date are \$4,550.88. \$3443.92 is allocated for Safe Kids Buckle Up, \$554.23 is allocated for Safe Kids Walk This Way, \$49.59 is Other, \$402.96 is for Kids Don't Float, \$100.18 is money earned from fund raisers. Expenses this month included items for the Holiday Luncheon, the Christmas Parade, and purchase of bears from Plushland for a fund raiser. Once more bears are sold the total will go back up.

**Membership** Karen Martin ([karen\\_martin@ucbi.com](mailto:karen_martin@ucbi.com) 912.651.1132)

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**Resource Development** Lisa Heusel ([aware-services@comcast.net](mailto:aware-services@comcast.net) 912.353.9674)

- **Plushland Bear Sales** are still taking place. Members sold 50 bears at a table at the Saint Joseph/Candler Craft Fairs Dec 4 and 11. Approximately 40 bears were sold by Janice Bentley and Kristi Emerson at Memorial Hospital outside the cafeteria. If you know of other opportunities to sell bears please let Alison or Lisa know.
- **A Garage Sale Fundraiser** planning meeting was held at Lisa's house on 1/7/10. The committee decided to have the sale on March 19 and 20. After discussion at the meeting coalition members decided that it would be best to just hold it on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The sale will take place Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 8am-4pm. Volunteers are needed to sign up from 6am-5pm. Donations for the sale are needed so please start setting aside items. Volunteers are also needed to sign up as "truck drivers", anyone who has a truck/van/SUV and is willing to be "on call" to pick up items from people who are unable to drop off their items. Alison will be the contact for people who want to donate items. If someone is unable to drop something off themselves then she needs to have a list of people who are able to pick up items and deliver them to Lisa's house. Lisa will accept donations at her house (8832 Old Montgomery Rd.) March 15-19 from 10am-6pm and 7pm-9pm. Also needed are clothes racks. If you have a clothes rack that we can use for the sale please let Alison or Lisa know. Volunteers are also needed for pricing and sign-making on Thursday, March 18 any time from 10am-6pm and 7-9pm at Lisa's house, please stop by for an hour or two at a time that is convenient for you. Finally, any items that are left after the sale will be donated to charity. If you have a specific charity that you would like to take items to please let Alison or Lisa know, you will need to pick up stuff starting at 4pm on the day of the sale, March 20. Sally will be helping us with a Press Release and other media announcements.

**Public Relations** Sally Silbermann ([smsilbermann@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:smsilbermann@dhr.state.ga.us) 912.644.5217)

- Press release has been sent announcing Kids Don't Float donation locations for lifejackets.
- WSVH radio station is currently running a PSA about the KDF lifejacket donation locations.
- Will be coordinating media for the Garage Sale Fundraiser.

**Advocacy** Carlatrena Walker ([carlatrena.walker@madd.org](mailto:carlatrena.walker@madd.org) 912.234.2522)

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**Water Safety** Misty Selph for Jennifer White ([Jennifer.white@starfishaquatics.org](mailto:Jennifer.white@starfishaquatics.org) 912.657.2280)

- Jennifer temporarily has a new email address: [starfishswimming@aol.com](mailto:starfishswimming@aol.com)
- Planning is currently taking place for the Annual Water Safety Day event to be held May 15, 2010 from 1-5pm. Event will take up to 100 children.
- Misty and Jennifer are currently working on some grants from Wal-Mart, Sam's Club and others.
- Next Water Safety Committee meeting will be January 21, 2010 at 9:15 at the Chatham County Aquatic Center.

Sports/Falls Mike Stubbs ([Jason.stubbs@sccpss.com](mailto:Jason.stubbs@sccpss.com) 912.395.5531)

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Poison/Choking VACANT

Pedestrian Safety Alison Gramza reporting for Jane Love ([love.j@thempc.org](mailto:love.j@thempc.org) 912.651.1443)

- The next Webinar from the Safe Routes Coaching Action Network will take place on January 26, 2010 from 2-3pm you can sign up at [www.americawalks.org](http://www.americawalks.org) if you are interested.

Occupant Alison Gramza reporting for Linda Denhardt ([nannyrn@aol.com](mailto:nannyrn@aol.com) 912.748.4374)

- Car seat check events for 2010 are being planned as follows:
  - February - date not set, to be held at either Candler or Memorial hospital
  - April 9<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm at HAAF Child Development Center in conjunction with Month of the Military Child
  - September 25<sup>th</sup>, time not set, in conjunction with National Seat Check Saturday and Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week (Sept. 19-15) - to be held at either Candler or Memorial hospital
  - November 19, time and location not set, in conjunction with the National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician training being held November 16-19 in Savannah conducted by the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute
- A regular Car Seat Safety Fitting Station continues to take place at the Safe Kids Savannah office (420 Mall Blvd.) every Wednesday by appointment from 8:45am-4:30pm.

Home Safety VACANT

Fire Safety Mark Keller ([mark\\_keller@savannahga.gov](mailto:mark_keller@savannahga.gov) 912.238.2144)

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Bike Safety Eve Seibert ([seiberteve@yahoo.com](mailto:seiberteve@yahoo.com) 912.238.2144)

- A League of American Bicyclists Traffic Skills 101 Course will be held in Savannah January 23 (9am-4pm) and January 24 (12-4pm). There is a \$10 fee for the book that is required for the course and non-Savannah Bicycle Campaign members are asked to consider joining SBC for \$25 or making a donation. Contact Eve for more information.
- A League of American Bicyclists League Cycling Instructor Certification Course will take place February 19-21 in Savannah. Participants must be a member of the League of American Bicyclists and have take the TS101 course. The \$200.00 registration will be paid for by the City of Savannah as long as you agree to teach 3 classes over the next 3 years. Contact Eve for more information.

#### Announcements

- Youth Futures Authority is holding a Youth Tobacco-Free Policy Summit on March 6, 2010 from 7:30am-6pm at the St. Pius X Family resource Center. The summit is open to youth in grades 8-12 who are interested in helping their school be 100% tobacco-free. Interested youth must fill out an application by February 24, 2010. For more information contact Christina Bolton at [cbolton@chr.state.ga.us](mailto:cbolton@chr.state.ga.us) or Cristina Gibson at [cpgibson@chr.state.ga.us](mailto:cpgibson@chr.state.ga.us)
- A Sporting Clays Event is being held at the Forest City Gun Club on January 29, 2010 to benefit the Bethesda Home for Boys. For more information call the Bethesda Home for Boys at 912.351.2061
- The 2010 Life Savers Conference - a national conference on highway safety priorities - is being held April 11-13 in Philadelphia, PA. For more information go to [www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)
- The Early Start Child Care Resource and Referral training calendar for January-June 2010 is now available. For more information go to [www.ccrrofsoutheastga.org](http://www.ccrrofsoutheastga.org)
- Amerigroup is planning it's annual Ultimate Baby Shower for October 23 from 11am-2pm at the Savannah Mall. For more information contact Donna Williams - [dwill11@amerigroupcorp.com](mailto:dwill11@amerigroupcorp.com) or 912.235.4470 x74493

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Southside Fire Department - Station #1 Community Room  
10703 White Bluff Road  
Savannah, GA 31406

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