

Safe Kids Savannah

Minutes

October 13, 2009

Attending:

Janice Bentley, Memorial Health Trauma Ser.	Jimmy Brown, City of Tybee Island
Awraial Binns, Amerigroup	Jane Garrison, Chatham Co. Health Dept.
Alison Gramza, Chatham Co. Health Dept.	Cord Hershey, Chatham Co. Aquatic Center
Lisa Heusel, A.W.A.R.E. Training Services	Karen Martin, United Community Bank
Deanna Morgan, Childcare Network, Inc.	Johnnye Rogers, CCR&R
Patti Sistrunk, GDOT SRTS	Sally Silberman, Coastal Health District
Jennifer White, Starfish Aquatics	Donna Williams, Amerigroup
Sharon Williamson, Amerigroup	

Welcome: Chairman Donna Williams welcomed new members and introductions were made. Patti Sistrunk was introduced. She is the coordinator for the Coastal Region under Georgia DOT and will be the local contact for the Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center. You may contact her at 1-877-gdotw2s (1-877-436-8927).

Did you Know:

Safe Routes to School: Mrs. Sistrunk explained and discussed the new Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center. This is part of the Federal funds for non-infrastructure requirements of 'Safe Routes to School' for each state. Schools with grades k-8 partner with the Resource Center for resources and then are eligible to apply for infrastructure funds for their school. See the web site at www.saferoutega.org for more details.

The Healing Field: The R.O.C.K. Group will be setting up the Healing Field for November 6-15. Flags are sold and displayed to represent each report of child abuse and neglect in Chatham County. There will be 1,665 flags. Flags may be purchased for \$35 and picked up after November 15. See the web site www.healingfield.org/savannah for more information or call Penny Maggioni at 912 356-8404.

Old Business

- Amerigroup hosted the *Safety Palooza* on Saturday September 12 from 9am -12pm at Daffin Park to coincide with the opening game of youth football. It was a success and the City of Savannah Leisure Services plans to hold the event again next year. Donna Williams is interested in any feedback about the event. Call her at 912 912-220-7571.

New Business

- December:** Members discussed options for the December meeting to include a covered dish luncheon. Alison Gramza asked members for feedback on a holiday project as in past years.
- Holiday parade:** Members had a short discussion on participation in the parade to be held December 5. More information will be provided at the November meeting.

REPORTS

Coordinator

Alison Gramza

- Safe Kids funds:** Alison stated that total funds to date are \$5,843.77. This combines the account at Safe Kids of Georgia and the account at Chatham County Health Department. Funds are designated for specific projects. Contact Alison for complete details for projects.

Membership

Karen Martin

- Karen has contacted potential new members and will be mailing letters to them. Contact her with any new names.
- Remember to sign in as you enter the door. Complete a 'contact' sheet if you have not already done so.

Resource Development

Lisa Heusel

- Check out the web at www.safekidssavannah.org in the upper right corner to connect for information on the Marine Corps Marathon team fund raiser. We need your support. This is an opportunity to raise awareness and funds for injury prevention.
- We will sell bears again for the holiday season.
- Annual Hockey Classic January 15-16 at the Civic Center and sponsored by Savannah Tire may be an opportunity to sell college logo bears. Members are contacting sponsors to determine if this is a possibility. If so volunteers will be needed to man a table.

Public Relations**Sally Silberman**

- Good coverage on Walk to School Day by WSAV and WTOC.
- Alison will be on Mid-Morning WTOC Oct 30 to discuss Halloween safety. The GOHS grant will also be announced during that segment and a pitch for the Halloween event at the Aquatic Center.
- Press release will be sent announcing Kids Don't Float donation locations for lifejackets.
- WJCL/Fox continues to tape and air SKIP Tips. Dr. Oschner, Trauma Services Memorial, taped six segments for the fall season pedestrian safety and child occupant safety.

Water Safety**Jennifer White**

- Spooky Splash will be held on October 31 from 4-6pm for ages 3-12, \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Safe Kids Halloween materials are requested.
- Next Water Safety Committee meeting Thursday November 3 at 9:15 AM at the Chatham County Aquatic Center. Call Jennifer White at 657-2280 for more information.
- Progress on objectives;
 - Five signs (for life jacket donation drop-off locations) were printed and posted at Habersham YMCA, Islands YMCA, and Tybee YMCA, Chatham County Aquatic Center, and American Red Cross office. Jennifer hopes to post another on at the JEA.
 - Water safety brochures are being printed for \$379. These are expensive due to the amount of color required. Cost will be shared by several agencies and amounts to be determined.

Sports**Mike Stubbs**

No Report

Fire Safety**Mark Keller**

No Report

Bike Safety**Eve Seibert**

No Report

PACE**Jane Love reported by Alison Gramza**

- Walk to School Day October 7 was a success at Juliette Lowe Elementary School with thanks to Dr. Michelle Hartzell, Director of Health and PE. FedEx continues to support the event with volunteers and safety materials. Each of the 600 students at the school received a goody bag of safety materials including reflective zipper pulls, pencils, and booklets. paint sheets and bingo games. A book on pedestrian safety was donated to the media center.
- Halloween safety materials were available and distributed to members at the meeting. Contact Alison at 353-3148 or amgramza@dhr.state.ga.us for additional materials to be used at member agencies.

Occupant**Linda Denhardt and Kristie Emerson**

- A car seat check event was held September 12 as part of the Safety Palooza during Child Passenger Awareness Week. Nine car seats were checked. Although there were hundreds of families at the event, this may not have been the format for the car seat check, as families were drawn to their children playing football.
- Child Passenger Safety Technician certification will be held November 17-20 in Statesboro. Contact Alison at 912 353-3148 or amgramza@dhr.state.ga.us for more information. You can register for the class at www.ridesafegeorgia.org.

Announcements

- Art contest for children regarding flu. See Healthy Georgia art contest for entry forms at http://georgiahealthinfo.gov/cms/files/pdf/Shoo_Flu_%20Rules_Web_%20Content.pdf
- University of Georgia Extension Services has display opportunities at the annual fair, October 29- November 8. You receive \$100 to participate and the opportunity to receive winner cash prizes for your agency. Registration is due October 14. Set-up is Saturday Oct 24 from 10AM - 2PM, Monday Oct 26 from 3 to 6PM and Tuesday, October 27 from 3 to 6PM. Contact Lisa Jordan at 912 652-7981.
- Amerigroup is holding The Ultimate Baby Shower on Saturday, October 24 at Savannah Mall. A fashion show with The Gap is part of the public event. Contact Donna Williams at 912 229-7571 if you would like to participate with a display table.
- Savannah Sunrise Rotary Club will be hosting the annual Trick or Trot Fall Annual Classic 5k and 10k. This begins at May Howard Elementary School on Wilmington Island. See web site www.SavannahSunriseRotary.org for more information.

NEXT MEETING**Tuesday, November 10, 2009**

Brown Bag Lunch on your own, Drinks provided
Community Room South Side Fire Department
10703 White Bluff Road
Savannah, GA 31406

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