

Minutes from Annual Planning Retreat
June 9, 2009
Tybee Island

Attending:

Janice Bentley, Memorial Trauma Services
Cathy Cribbs, ENA
Yolanda Fontaine, HAS
Alison Gramza, CCHD
Susan King, Babies R Us
Jannett Mathis, CCR & R
Sharon Short, MedStar
Donna Williams, Amerigroup

Sharon Carson, DFCS
Linda Denhardt, ENA
Jane Garrison, CCHD
Jennifer Hammond Montesano, YFA
Karen Martin, United Community Bank
Misty Selph, CC Aquatic Center
Janet Ward, Safe Shelter

Donna Williams, Chairman 2010, welcomed members to the annual planning retreat.

Alison Gramza led a power point presentation developed by Safe Kids USA, called "Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time". Group discussion followed related to programs that relate to each age level. It was noted that the power point did not include water safety points, although other areas were covered in detail. The presentation gave new direction to thinking about age-related programming.

Todd Horne, Director of Tybee Ocean Water Rescue, gave a presentation on that program. See www.safekidssavannah.org for an article written by Janice Bentley about the Ocean Water Rescue.

Alison Gramza and Jane Garrison reviewed the three-year plan 2007-2010. Also discussed By-laws were explained, requirements of Safe Kids USA, structure of committees and our relationship to Safe Kids Georgia and the Chatham County Health Department.

Members were divided into team and dispersed to 3 locations (Tybee Pier, Back River, and Lazaretta Creek boat ramp) to conduct PDF (personal flotation device) surveys.

Results

Tybee Pier: Observed several hundred people in the water. One family had 3 children in pfd's, but none others observed.

Lazaretto Creek: 6 boats, 29 people observed. No adults wore pfd's. 7 children Wore pfd's. One boat observed had visible pfd's available, but 5 other boats did Did not.

Back River: 3 boats, 13 people, no pfd's observed on people. One boat riders were drinking alcohol. One of the 3 boats was unoccupied and pfd's were visible.

After returning to the meeting room, members broke into five groups to discuss each of the five objectives and committees of the three year plan. Members reported back with assessment of the plan. Changes will be made and copies of the edited plan will be provided members before the August meeting. All were thanked for their participation and for the good work as a result of the retreat.