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APPLICATION FOR JEFFERSON PARISH Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, 1/30/08

The meeting was held at the Yenni Bldg., Room 208, Jefferson, LA 70123, at 9 am. Mr. Nolan Guidry, Safety Director for Jefferson Parish, opened the meeting and welcomed the group. The following were present:

Ms. Peggy Branan, RN, Jefferson Parish Government, pbranan@jeffparish.net, 736-6558
Mr. Louis Breaux, Zatarains, lbreaux@zatarain.com, 212-2389
Mr. Richard Chauvin, City of Kenner, rchauvin@kenner.la.us, 465-1480
Dr. Peggy Chehardy, Tulane School of Medicine, pchehar@tulane.edu, 988-2212
Mr. Nick Danos, Broadmoor, ndanos@broadmoorllc.com, 885-5400
Ms. Bridget Gardner, RN, LSU Interim Hospital, bjardn@lsuhsc.edu, 903-3181
Mr. Nolan Guidry, Jefferson Parish Government, nguidry@jeffparish.net, 736-6129
Ms. Beth Inbau, National Safety Council, South LA Chapter, beth@metrosafety.org, 888-7618
Officer Kelly Kieffer, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office, kieffer_kb@jpsso.com, 465-1480
Mr. David Marquardt, Coca-Cola, dmarquardt@cokeccc.com, 818-7495
Mr. Rene' Nieto, Trane-Gulf South, rnieto@trane.com, 733-6789
Mr. Alex Novas, USDOL/OSHA, novas.alexander@dol.gov, 225-298-5458 x104
Ms. Deborah O'Quinn, NSC, South LA Chapter, lpndeborah@cox.net, 888-7618
Mr. Jay Rupp, McCormick, jay_rupp@mccormick.com, 410-527-6297
Mr. Henry Saacks, Imperial Trading Company, hsaacks@imperialtrading.com, 736-4024
Mr. Elvin Thibodeaux, Cox Communications, elvin.thibodeaux@cox.com, 417-2251

Ms. Inbau explained Safe Communities America and Jefferson Parish's application process.

Attendees were given a sample of the information that will be collected (categories identified by WHO): name and type of program, target population, total population served, number & type of injuries & deaths, summary of program, method & frequency program is evaluated for effectiveness.

Dr. Chehardy & Ms. Gardner suggested the survey of information be submitted to International Review Board (IRB) for approval. Such approval would allow the research to be published. They agreed to investigate the requirements. Ms. Inbau agreed to ask the National Safety Council headquarters if such approval has already been sought.

There were several invited agencies and companies not present today, perhaps since this meeting was so close to the Mardi Gras holiday. Mr. Guidry scheduled the 2nd floor Council Chambers for a second meeting on Monday, February 18, 2008, at 1 pm. We will repeat today's agenda to solicit more involvement.

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The group identified the following to invite to the next meeting: Agenda for Children, J.P. School (nurse coordinators), Elmwood Business Association, Harvey Canal Business Association, faith-based groups, Department of Health & Hospitals, DARE, Safe & Drug Free Schools, East & West Jefferson Hospitals, Ochsner Hospital, Mackie Shilstone (EJGH).

Attendees were given a form to use to identify other injury prevention programs in Jefferson Parish. The form can be faxed to Ms. O'Quinn at 504-888-7612 or emailed to info@metrosafety.org. She will contact each leads and obtain the information needed for the application. (It is not necessary to use the form. Any form of communication will be appreciated.) Remember, leads can be private companies, public or governmental agencies, hospitals, clinics, schools, faith-based groups. Cities of Gretna, Harahan, Kenner, Westwego, Lafitte & Grand Isle are included.

Dr. Chehardy suggested including statistics for before and after Hurricane Katrina, along with other information about the new challenges for Jefferson Parish and the region after the storm.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 am.

The following volunteered to assist on the steering committee: Dr. Peggy Chehardy, Ms. Bridget Gardner, Mr. Rene' Nieto, Ms. Peggy Branan, Ms. Deborah O'Quinn & Ms. Beth Inbau. They stayed after the meeting to discuss further actions. A copy of the Springfield, MO Application for Designation was distributed to each for review. They also asked that a master list of companies and agencies that were invited to the meeting be compiled. Ms. Inbau agreed to do that. Their group adjourned at about 11 am.

Submitted by: Deborah O'Quinn

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